

Fayetteville High School Band Booster Meeting

August 23, 2010

President Dana Ciaravino called the meeting to order. Secretary Mary Lynn Mantooth read the minutes from the May meeting, which were approved. Rick Hall presented the treasurer's report which was also approved. Dana introduced the incoming officers.

Band Director Barry Harper introduced the band staff, and shared expectations for the coming school year. He said the band is a bit smaller this year – just under 200 members – because of the smallest sophomore class in 15 years. Mr. Harper also shared a Power Point presentation outlining the differences between FHS' band program and others that we regularly compete with. Many of them have staggering band fees which we do not because of our active Band Boosters. He then presented a plan for students to raise money for the band, and for their upcoming trips. The requirements will be as follows:

Each student must work 12 hours for the band, either parking cars in football and basketball season or working cleanup during Bikes, Blues, and BBQ – at least 4 of those hours must come during basketball season. The students would earn \$5 an hour for each worker they provide during these events. If a student doesn't have time or chooses not to work these events, they have the option of paying a \$200 band fee.

Mr. Harper then shared the fall event calendar:

Saturday, October 2, Tulsa Union Renegade Review marching contest. (FHS band made the finals and placed 8th at this event).

Saturday, October 24, Greater St. Louis Marching Contest; this is a 3-day, 2-night trip with a visit to Six Flags on Friday afternoon. The band should return home by 4pm Sunday, October 25.

Mr. Harper hopes to make the announcement for the "Big Trip" to be taken during the 2011-2012 school year sometime in September.

Parent Benita Harper is handling the band merchandise this year, and she showcased the available items for sale, and told of upcoming order dates.

Vice President Michelle Yocum shared a report on the seatback install in Razorback Stadium. Over 150 workers installed approximately 6500 chairs in just under 3 hours. More chairs will be installed before the first game.

Parents Steve Caraway, Count Darling, and Wayne Cowan are in charge of the volunteers manning the parking lots for Razorback games. They explained that we lost 300 spots this year because of the ongoing construction at FHS. We therefore have raised our rates in our cash lots from \$10 a car to \$15 a car. They need a minimum of 25 people per shift to work parking. New this year is the availability of 2 of the pavilions by the senior lot at FHS for tailgating rentals - \$75. We have already received advanced reservations for the Alabama game on September 25. They also reminded us that the Ole Miss game falls on the same weekend as the St. Louis band trip. We will need parents and siblings to work parking that weekend as the band and staff will be out of town.

Parent Monica Hall is the Uniform queen, and she had the drum majors demonstrate check out and check in for the parents. She needs several parents per game to help with this process before and after. She is also asking for a parent to shadow her this year as this will be her last year as a band parent.

Parent Tim Kring is in charge of volunteers for BBBQ cleanup. He needs volunteers to clean up Dickson Street on Sunday morning, October 3 at 7am. He needs 2 supervisors who will earn \$7.50 an hour, and many workers to earn \$5 an hour toward their trip account. He needs a minimum of 80 workers. He is also asking for some parents to be "trash blowers" each evening Wednesday through Saturday at 2am to keep the trash in check throughout the week.

Dana Ciaravino adjourned the meeting by asking that the many parents present please visit the array of sign-up sheets and to volunteer for the many upcoming events.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lynn Mantooh

Secretary