

FHS Band Booster Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2012

President Michelle Yocum called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. She introduced the current officers:

Vice President Kristie Williams, Treasurer Kim Hadley, and Secretary Mary Lynn Mantooth.

Mr. Harper took the floor and presented his report on the state of the band, and coming events for the year.

- A “tour” of the band room was given – explaining the various features and pointing out storage units and offices
- The show trailer was shown, and can be seen on the band website at www.fayettevilleband.com by clicking on the Aerosmith logo on the bottom right hand side of the home page.
- Introduced the band staff present at the meeting: Brett Lawson, Trey Antonetti, Caleb Pond, and David Hutter
- Listed the ways to stay connected to the band for information: website at www.fayettevilleband.com; through the listserv (a link to join can be found on the website); two Facebook pages, and Twitter.
- Showed a comparison of band fees and hours between FHS and similar sized bands which we regularly compete against.
- Reminded the parents that the reason that FHS band has no band fees is that we have access to very lucrative fundraising efforts like parking for Razorback football and basketball games and working Bikes, Blues, and BBQ clean-up.
- All students are required to work a minimum of 12 hours at these fundraisers during the school year, and 4 must come during basketball season. If a student chooses not to work these hours, they have the option of paying a \$200 band fee. The students earn \$5/hour toward their trip accounts for every person that works on their behalf.
- The first fundraising opportunity comes this Saturday, August 25, 2012. The band installs the seatbacks in Razorback Stadium each year. Michelle Yocum will lead a team of workers beginning at 7am to install over 7000 seatbacks. If you wish to help, please email her promptly at michelle.yocum@gmail.com. All money raised at this event goes directly to students’ trip accounts.
- There will also be parking opportunities at football games, beginning with the first game on September 1. Vice President Kristie Williams is in charge of parking – please contact her directly, if you wish to help, at kristie.williamsfhs@yahoo.com There will be at least 2 shifts of 4 hours each.
- Crews will also work clean-up in the parking lots on Sunday following home Razorback games. We are need of someone willing to supervise this effort (that person will earn \$7.50 per hour toward a student trip account).
- Band members also work men’s’ and women’s’ Razorback basketball games later in the fall and winter. These will be 2 hour shifts before each game. Please contact Michelle if you wish to help with working, supervising, or scheduling.
- Two marching contests are currently scheduled – Owasso Invitational in Owasso, Oklahoma (north of Tulsa) on September 29. There is an admission fee for this one, but parents are highly encouraged to attend as 3 of the top 9 high school bands in the country will be there. The band will also be competing in the Ozarko Marching Band Contest at Missouri State in Springfield on October 20. More information about this one can be found on the Missouri State website.
- Originally, the band was scheduled to play at the Greater St. Louis Marching Contest in October. Because of scheduling conflicts, the contest was cancelled. Mr. Harper is currently trying to schedule a second semester “mid-size” trip. He hopes to finalize the trip later in the fall, and will announce it as soon as all of the details can be worked out. He estimates the trip will cost around \$500-600 per student. Because of past problems with students not paying for their entire trip, deposit deadlines will be FIRM this year. In order to make the trip, each

student MUST have at least \$300 in their trip account by Monday, November 4; and a total of \$600 in their trip account by January 14.

- FHS Spirit Night is scheduled for Friday, August 24, 2012 at Harmon Field from 6:30 – 7:30pm. The FHS Band, Spirit Squads, and all fall sports teams from FHS and both junior highs will be introduced. The FHS band kids should wear a white t-shirt and jeans or shorts. Old band t-shirts are acceptable.
- The first FHS football game (and performance by the FHS band) will be Thursday, August 30 at 8:00pm in Razorback Stadium as a part of the Hooten's Fall Classic. Tickets are \$10, and can be purchased from Michelle Yocum, Band Booster President (if you buy from her \$5 of the ticket price will go to the band general fund), or for \$10 at the gate.
- Band Fee Forms were taken up at the meeting. These include orders for socks, shorts, shirts, etc. The uniform maintenance fee included on these covers the cost of cleaning, alterations, and repairs to the uniforms. These forms must be filled out and returned to the office by next week.
- The band had a good summer rehearsal and the show is progressing nicely. The directors are watching long-term weather forecasts to plan for rain plans for games.
- Mr. Harper fielded questions about the trip (see earlier notes), and account balances (soon, parents will be able to access this information from the band website).

President Michelle Yocum took the floor again, and reiterated a desperate need for more workers at the seatback install on Saturday, August 25. She reminded workers that they MUST wear closed-toe shoes (if you show up in sandals, you will be asked to leave) for safety, and suggested bringing work gloves. She also asked that if workers own a 9/16 wrench or socket to bring it along. The workers will be fed pizza for lunch, and water.

Michelle reminded parents of sign-up sheets on a table for parking, rehearsal popsicles, pit crew (helping front ensemble with equipment before/after games), and halftime refreshment crew. She also reminded parents that she was taking up money for band merchandise (an order form can be found on the band website), and said that she will place an order on September 4. If you wish to purchase anything, please do so before that date.

President Michelle Yocum adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lynn Mantooth

FHS Band Booster Secretary 2012-2013