

Thursday, July 7, 2015

Our meeting was called to order by President Lee Hughes with 19 people in attendance. (Sign in Sheet attached).

Secretary's Report: Approved as read by motion of the President.

Treasurer's Report: Connie Larimer had an emergency at home and had to leave prior to the beginning of the meeting. She gave President Hughes an account balance figure of \$5,163.92 to share with the group. An official report wasn't presented since the timing of the meeting was prior to receiving the latest bank statement.

Old Business:

Washington Trip: In response to questions from the June meeting regarding the possibility of parents driving themselves and whether siblings would be allowed to attend, Cliff Hurter said that parents were welcome to do this, but they would not be allowed to take part in any of the functions associated with the trip. All tours and meals will be paid for in advance, in a sum that is combined with the cost of the bus. This is controlled by the tour company that is associated with the parade. Mrs. Hurter added that siblings are welcome to come on the bus, as long as their trip is paid for at the trip rate and they are well behaved and kept under control. A parent asked which hotel they would be using so that someone who wanted to drive themselves might go ahead and make an early reservation and stay at the same location. Mr. Hurter said they had requested a four star hotel to ensure a full breakfast would be served each morning, but that no name had been provided yet. He will let us know as soon as he hears anything.

June 27th Car Wash at Advance Auto Parts: It ended early because of rain, but went well. The students did all the work, many people dropped by and gave donations instead, and \$291 was raised, averaging out to around \$19 per student for only about 2 ½ hours work. They even got to wash an ambulance!

The next car wash will be at Jones Hardware on Saturday July 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. No supplies are needed and volunteers can sign up at uchsbandoosters.org.

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser: Order forms due tonight. Delivery will be Saturday, July 11th, with the time to be posted on the website.

Pancake Breakfast: It must be rescheduled at a different location. The Masonic Lodge in Unicoi has offered their facility. UCHS is also an option, but we would have to pay a cafeteria worker to be there. All we have to do is pick a date and decide on a location. At either of these venues, we could do it on a Saturday, instead of being confined to a Monday morning. It was suggested that we use UCHS first and then have another breakfast later at the Masonic Lodge, and we could sell tickets for a suggested donation of \$7.00 per meal.

Text Alerts: Parents and students were encouraged to sign up for text alerts from Mrs. Hurter. Parents should text code @uchsbandoosters1 to # 81010. Students should text code @e9e59 to #81010.

Dr. Enuf will not be sold at the concession stand after all, due to Coke holding the complete contract with UCHS; however, we can do a fundraiser at some point. A question arose regarding selling Dr. Enuf during the Apple Festival. Since students will not be able to park cars anymore, having a booth might be a good idea. We could also do ice tea slushies, have a bake sale, make snow cones and popcorn, and even sell some of the candy that students sell at lunch during the school year. It was stated that the price of a booth varies depending upon location. Tonya Lane said that she could approach Liberty Lumber about setting up there.

Pool Party: July 30th at 6:15 p.m.

Pre-Band Camp/Uniforms/Band Camp Volunteers: A reminder that volunteers can still sign up was given. Our volunteer sheet was passed around again, and volunteers may also sign up on the website.

Posters: The idea of selling band posters to local businesses like the ones the cheerleaders sell was discussed again, and it seems like a good idea.

New Business:

General Fund/DC Trip Fund: Even though we're in the process of raising funds for the trip, President Hughes pointed out that we still need to make sure the general fund isn't neglected. The band has doubled in size, which will increase need during the 2015-16 school year.

DC Trip Account: We are in the process of deciding whether the trip funds will be deposited into a separate band booster account or be funneled through the school accounts. Mrs. Shealy will have to be consulted and the legalities of both methods must be considered. Whatever is decided, individual student contributions will be tracked, and members will be kept informed.

Fundraisers:

Arby's Tent for the August Races at Bristol (August 12-22): Volunteers can sign up on the website. Four people will be needed to man the tent on Wednesday until the truck race is over. At least 15 volunteers will be needed on both Friday and Saturday from 2:00 p.m. until the end of the races. This is especially important on Friday, since the band will be at an away game that evening and will be unable to provide help. This money will go to the general fund. At least \$1,000.00 is guaranteed. Volunteers can wear their band t-shirts and tip jars can be set up. \$1,500 - \$2,000 is the average take away. All kids can participate.

Grants: In addition to the \$250.00 community service donation Wal Mart gives to the charity of choice of a volunteering employee, they also offer up to \$2,500.00 through their Community Grant Program. Leane Robinette will work on that application. Food Lion and Niswonger also have funds available. Tammy Bailer and Lee Hughes volunteered to work on these respectively.

Upcoming Events:

Chick-fil-A in Elizabethton is hosting their first spirit night for us on September 14th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Students must wipe tables and generally keep the place clean during the event. Volunteers may sign up online.

Pizza Hut of Erwin will give us 20% of their sales between 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. on August 17th. No volunteers are needed, but everyone is encouraged to attend.

Fundraiser Chair's Report:

- Myron and Lisa Edwards are working on the Ford Drive 4 UR School fundraiser or some other type of donation from Erwin Motors.
- They are actively asking for meal cards and other donations that could be added to the raffle the Country Scrub Board has committed to doing. These items can also be used for other raffles we can hold throughout the year. We'll need to find out if the pot can be split if a raffle is held at a UCHS ballgame.
- They will need a copy of our 501(c) tax-exempt nonprofit organization status paperwork for donations from Dollywood among others.
- They asked for ideas and received the following suggestions:
 - Setting up donation jars at the concession stands.
 - Get the newspaper to do an article. (Mrs. Hurter said they usually do an article about band camp and that she would talk to them about the trip at that time.)
 - Get the radio station involved.
 - Use facebook and other tools to get the word out.
- President Hughes mentioned that our constitution and by-laws specify a number of standing committees we are supposed to have set up. There were very few participating members over the last few years, so this was dispensed with, but now that more people are attending, setting up some of the committees would help in the delegation of work to be done, such as the publicity committee.

Membership Dues: To be accepted in August. Membership is \$5.00 per family and grandparents and other family members are encouraged to buy memberships as well. Membership cards will be supplied and a roster is needed. Mr. Hurter needs to be supplied with the email addresses of band alumni for requesting membership fees. We'd like to have an alumni night sometime during the season and approaching them about becoming band boosters is a good step toward making that a successful endeavor.

Pre-Camp/Band Camp: Fees are \$75.00 per student, with no extra charge for pre-camp, and are due by the beginning of camp. This fee also covers the cost of each participant's t-shirt.

Uniform fittings will be done during pre-camp and someone will be available to help show the ropes on how the fittings should proceed. Volunteers will be needed for water.

Mrs. Hurter's Remarks:

This year's show is titled Somebody and contains music with the word Somebody in the title (Love Somebody, Somebody to Love, I Wanna Dance with Somebody, and Somebody I Used to Know) and will include several props. All the logistics haven't been worked out yet, but the vision is to have 3 black panels and a heart that can be pulled apart to signify a broken heart. Some band members may dance, or some volunteers may be accepted to do this since we don't have a color guard. Percussion will be placed across the field. The music and the props must be paid for, but she writes the drills.

Some fees we may want to consider that other programs charge:

- Uniform Fees
- Stick Fees for percussionists
- Instrument Rental Fees – maybe \$25.00 per Semester
- Transportation Fees

She would like to have representation from band alumni at an alumni night and some of the parades, especially at the 4th of July Parade.

Last year, 8th grade band members helped with equipment during games. She'd like to see this continue and possibly carry over to away games if transportation can be worked out. They can also play every Friday night and for basketball pep games as well. They must be taught to march, and Mrs. Goad will be working with them on this. They will be fitted for uniforms in the spring. Kristen Foster is the 8th grade band liaison.

Capstone hours can be earned in band. Participating in ballgame parades can provide 2 service hours and taking part in the Christmas Parade nets 8 service hours. Helping Mrs. Goad with the Middle School band earns 2 hours. Students could also volunteer to work in the music library, and there may be other ways they could be useful. Interested students can speak with Mrs. Hurter.

Blue T-Shirts for students are being sponsored by the Corner Grill. Parents should pay if they want to order one for themselves. Connie can get a price from Laura.

The show shirt is black with a cracked heart and a list of the songs being used in this year's show. They are \$10 per shirt or \$12 for XXL sizes. It is good for students to have a variety of shirts for rotation purposes. Shirts can be ordered on the website. Parents can order shirts too.

Parent chaperones are needed on the Washington trip. Only 2 have signed up so far. Chaperones will not have to stay in student rooms. Security will be provided at night.

Myron Edwards raised questions about the band trailer. It has been sitting out in the weather and shows wear, and he thinks he could get a new paint job donated and discussed replacing the stickers. He also suggested that logo stickers for businesses that donate might be added. He even offered to house it in a covered area during off times. Omar Awnings will provide a quote for the cost of the stickers.

Mrs. Hurter mentioned that there may be a need for a second trailer this year. The size of the band has nearly doubled.

Accolades were expressed for Mrs. Goad's success with the middle school band. Both she and Mrs. Hurter are to be soundly congratulated on the success we're seeing in the growth of the band.

A parent expressed concern that none of the checks she'd been sending to pay for her child's Washington trip had been cashed yet. It was explained that we're still in the process of deciding what to do to keep this money separate from the general fund, but that this would be taken care of soon. Dawn Bennett (treasurer in training) suggested providing receipts.

President Hughes mentioned that the bylaws say that meetings will be held on Mondays. Mrs. Hurter said that they had moved those to Thursdays since that was a day the students practice, and we'd be there anyway. It was decided that this would be noted in the bylaws by lining through the reference to Mondays and initialing the change.

The date for the next Band Boosters Meeting was set for August 13th at 5:30 p.m., and Myron Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Kristen Foster.