

Thursday, August 13, 2015

Our meeting was called to order with a welcome by President Lee Hughes with 15 people in attendance. (Sign in Sheet attached).

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

Treasurer's Report: Connie Larimer explained that quite a bit of the reported balance of \$11,271.26 (report attached) is actually due to deposits for the Washington trip and that the actual balance in the general fund is \$2,216.26. The report was approved as read by motion of the President.

Old Business:

Washington Trip: The first installment to the tour company is due by September 1st (\$50 per person going). As things stand, there are now 8 chaperones going. There are five spots left for students if we take only one bus. This could drop the current per person trip cost by \$100 - \$125, but as there are several 8th graders who want to go who haven't signed up yet and possibly some high school students as well, we may be taking two buses after all. Mr. Hurter says we won't know which hotel will be used until closer to the time of the trip.

Pancake Breakfast: The Masonic Lodge in Unicoi won't be available to us until November or after. If we want to do one earlier, we can use the cafeteria at UCHS. Tammy Bailer wasn't in attendance, but will be notified.

Pre-Camp/Band Camp was a huge success, and thanks were expressed for all those who donated water and volunteered, as well as to the parents for getting their children to and from camp. Kristen Foster was applauded for her work in fitting the uniforms.

Posters: Connie Larimer spoke with Cheryl White White, who said that a hundred 11 X 17 posters would be \$17.00 per poster. If we sold them for \$20 apiece, we could make \$3 per poster, netting \$300.00 if we sold them all. Cheryl said she is willing help sell them, but donating them to us was more than she was willing to take on at the moment. There was general discussion that 100 posters might be too many. Marilyn Stockfelt suggested we find out if the cost per poster goes up if we order fewer than 100. This motion was approved by those in attendance. Connie will get further details.

All DC trip funds will be going through the school account. Mrs. Shealy has agreed to this, and WalMart will be sending their volunteer checks directly to Mrs. Shealy.

New Business:

Band Booster Membership Dues: Dues are paid in August. This year membership cards will be given and we'll have a prepared roster of our membership. President Hughes and Deborah Hill will take care of this.

Fundraisers:

Pizza Hut of Erwin: Leane Robinette explained that they have agreed to give us 20% of their sales between 5:00-8:00 p.m. on August 17th. This is across the board - 20% of what they make from those who eat in and those who carry out, whether they use the coupon or not. They don't require volunteers, but thought it might be nice for some of the band members to be there to mingle with the customers.

Arby's Tent for the August Races at Bristol (August 19-22): President Hughes and Leane Robinette will meet with Steve Grubb of Arby's tomorrow to get all details. There will be 6 locations around the race track, and volunteers should wear band shirts or white button up polo shirts, khaki pants, closed toed shoes, and a hat. Bring small coolers with drinks, since drinks will cost \$4 at the track. Sandwiches will be provided by Arby's. Initial information is that volunteers should use Gate 14 to enter (at the turn 3 stretch). This is the service entrance. Parking is available at either the old Raytheon plant where a van will convey you to the track, or on White Top Road where you can walk across the road to the track. So far there are 3 volunteers for Wednesday (4:00 p.m. till the end of the race), 8 volunteers for Friday (2:00 p.m. until

the race is over), and 13 volunteers for Saturday (2:00 p.m. till the end of the race). More are needed for Friday. Someone asked if partial shifts could be worked to cover Friday. President Hughes said she would find out and send information to Mr. Hurter to make a flyer. She also said she would make tip jars for the booths.

Chick-fil-A in Elizabethton is hosting their first spirit night for us on September 14th from 5:00-7:00. Seven students are needed. Volunteers may sign up online at uchsbandoosters.org.

2nd Hand Shoe Drive through funds2orgs: There is no cost to us, unless we got less than 200 pairs of used shoes donated. Then we'd have to pay for the shipping. Our goal is to make \$3,000. That would mean we'd need to get 7,500 pairs of shoes in 3 months from the date we decide to begin. That would fill 300 bags at 25 pairs per bag. Storage could be an issue that will need to be worked out. A motion was made by Kristen Foster to approve this fundraiser, and Myron Edwards seconded. It was suggested that we could sponsor a UCHS dance with the donation of a good used pair of shoes as the entrance fee.

Fundraiser Chair's Report:

- Myron Edwards has not been able to discuss the Ford Drive 4 UR School fundraiser or another type of donation from Erwin Motors with Todd Love yet. He will do so at the first opportunity.
- Myron suggested that if we have a booth at the Apple Festival, that we have a donation box for our shoe drive available, and maybe those who donate could receive a free bag of popcorn.
- Fruit Sales: To get the citrus delivered between November 16-21 (before Thanksgiving), our final order date would need to be October 26th. The orchard will need a new copy of our tax exempt status. Jones & Church will need to be asked if the shipment can be delivered there.

Other Fundraising Ideas:

Amazon Smile: Jessica Harr had notified President Hughes that if you make purchases from Amazon, you can sign up for Amazon Smile and choose Unicoi County Band Boosters as your charity of choice. A percentage of the money you spend will be sent to the band boosters. Everyone is encouraged to do this.

Road Blocks: Mr. Hurter mentioned this might be a good idea. Myron Edwards said there are some new stipulations in place and he will contact the Mayor's office to find out whether it's a possibility for us or not.

The Institute for Collegiate Sports Medicine will provide free cardiovascular testing for our students, as well as participating adults, at no cost to us. Testing includes an echocardiogram, an EKG, and an Ultrasound of the carotid artery and aorta. Each person tested who has valid health insurance will generate \$150 for the sponsoring organization. A motion to sponsor this testing was made and approved; first by Stephanie Cade and seconded by Kristin Foster.

Apple Festival: Tonya Lane will check on the availability of the Liberty Lumber lot. Preston Holley has an Italian Ice business and would like to work with us. He is offering us 20% of his profit if we agree. He charges \$3 for a large, and will come to the next boosters meeting so we can try his product. Myron Edwards will check on the possibility of offering kettle corn.

Krispy Kreme Sale: Our first was very successful, and we'll plan on doing another one in the spring.

Stadium Concessions Stands: So far only 2 people have signed up as volunteers to man the stands. President Hughes will talk with Past-President Tammy Simerly to get names of those on the sign-in sheets from last year. We could also accept volunteers on the alumni facebook page.

Members can send in fundraising ideas to boosters@bandboosters.org.

Committees: According to our by-laws, the following standing committees are needed.

Audit/Budget – Mrs. Hurter, our Treasurer, and 1 more member needed

Publicity – 2 members needed

Calling – Since we have various methods of receiving information, we could probably just omit this committee and possibly implement a concessions committee instead.

Ways & Means – The bylaws call for the 2nd Vice President to chair this committee, but President Hughes recommends that the 1st Vice President be assigned this task. 6 people are needed, along with 3 student representative to be elected by the band.

Hospitality – 3 members needed

Uniform – 2nd Vice President should Chair. 5 others are needed.

Equipment – 6 are needed. Myron Edwards (since he's in charge of the trailer) and Mr. Hurter should be part of this number.

You may volunteer for any of these committees online & we will vote at our next meeting.

Other Business:

Band Trailer: Since Katie Dwomick's father donated the trailer, it was felt we should contact him to find out if he would have a problem with us repainting it. It would be done in white and blue devil blue, except for Katie's information that would be put back as it is now, in pink. Connie will check with Mr. Dwomick. If we accept donations for business logos to appear on the trailer, Omar Signs will donate the stickers. It was suggested that we could charge \$20-\$100 for them depending on the size.

Concessions Stands for the 1st Home Game: Six students will be needed to stock the freezers on Thursday. They can earn at least 5 Capstone hours for this. Volunteers will be needed to get things ready before the game. The popcorn must be started at 3:00 p.m. Others are needed between 4:00 and 4:30 p.m. Representatives from the Band Boosters need to meet with Dr. Bogart to get a contract signed stating that we are to be the sole proprietors of food at the Stadium, as well as with representatives of the Gridiron Club to discuss food sales and use of the popcorn equipment. It is very important that we keep both stands open and manned during every game. We wouldn't want to appear ineffective and lose these funds to another group.

UCMS Band Open House: August 24th at 6:00 p.m. President Hughes and Deborah Hill will attend in order to welcome new members and sell magnets. Stephanie Cade will be there to receive funds. We should arrive by 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Hurter's Remarks:

The students are doing great. She is incorporating a new method of teaching that began at Doby's Bennett that emphasizes a slower pace, and it seems to be working. The students just need to be patient. It is her goal to have them do the fanfare and opener and march the entire time next Friday night. She is still looking for students to dance and to play the role.

Competition dates are on the website and in the handbook.

T-shirts are ready to pick up. Since there seems to be further interest in the blue ones, there might be a chance to get together another order.

There is a possibility that we can use the old uniforms to mix and match with the current ones. This will postpone having to order new ones and may lead to a throwback night. White gloves are sold at the band room. Only one person didn't get shoes. Can the money in the uniform fund be used for cleaning the old uniforms? Connie Larimer will research this.

The date for the next Band Boosters Meeting was set for 5:30 p.m. on September 10th, since there's an away game on September 3rd, and Myron Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Melinda Adkins.