

Thursday, January 7, 2016

At the very beginning of the meeting, a planning session for the Footloose Dance to be held on January 15th in conjunction with the Gridiron Club took place. Several members of the Gridiron Club attended and details regarding decorations, refreshments, and volunteer needs and times were settled. This dance will contribute to our Shoe Drive.

Our meeting was called to order by President Lee Hughes with 17 people in attendance (sign-in sheet attached).

Secretary's Report: Members read the minutes, and they were approved, 1st by Myron Edwards and 2nd by Connie Larimer.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the December reports were available. Of the balance, \$5,838.24 belongs to the DC trip fund, leaving \$11,205.42 in the general account. A motion to approve the report was made, 1st by Myron Edwards and 2nd by Melinda Adkins. (A copy of the report is attached.)

Old Business:

Washington Trip: President Hughes reminded everyone that if individuals hadn't paid for the trip completely, at least \$150.00 is due by January 28, 2016. Room lists must be forwarded to the tour company by February 1st, along with the next payment (\$6,520). Funds are low, so it's important for participants to get in their money. The final payment will be due in April. The payments we're making are based on an invoice listing 46 students, 7 adults, and 1 director. We must finalize our numbers right away to ensure we are paying the proper amount.

Footloose Shoe Drive Dance: Reminder that it will be held on January 15, 2016, from 9:30 – Midnight.

December 10th Christmas Concert: Our students played very well. The volunteers deserve kudos for all their help, especially the cleanup crew. We made \$615 from donations, raffles, popcorn, drinks, magnets, etc. After the DC trip was mentioned on the stage, Sue Jean Wilson provided a \$50 check toward the trip. The Hospitality Committee should decide on a way to properly thank her.

December 7th Chick-fil-A Fundraiser: Only 4 students participated, but \$150 was raised.

December 17th Pizza Hut Fundraiser: \$480 was raised. Blue Devil horns were available there for a suggested donation as well.

Pep Band Dates: January 12th and 26th, and February 12th

All East Honors Band: Reminder that auditions will be held on January 9th at Bearden High School, 8352 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919. Students have been given their audition times.

WalMart Bake Sale: In December, WalMart approved the Boosters conducting a bake sale, but notified us that it wouldn't be allowed during the month of December. Instead, it will be held on February 6th from 10:00 a.m. until everything is sold. Tammy and Chad Bailer will be making pies. We'll sell baked goods, coffee, and hot chocolate. Students will be needed to work and a flyer will go out. The funds raised will go toward the DC trip.

New Business:

WalMart Grant: Leane Robinette applied for a Community Grant from WalMart for us. Out of over 150,000 applicants, we received \$250.

Basketball Game Raffles have been approved by Coach Smith. Should we make a donation to the teams for allowing us to do this? Since they owe us \$240 for PowerAde, maybe we could just write off that

debt instead. President Hughes will find out if they would be amenable if the club agrees. A motion was made to write off the debt and was approved, 1st by Myron Edwards and 2nd by Leane Robinette.

Trombone Purchase: During the setup for the Christmas Concert on December 10th, a parent offered a trombone for purchase for \$300. Members who were present quickly approved the purchase.

Fundraising Chair:

- Items donated for raffles include donations of free meals and gift cards. They have approximately two full totes to use to make up the baskets.
- There have been people who have asked to wait until April before making monetary donations, when we should know how much more is needed for the trip. Myron will need to know how much more we'll need by the end of March. That might be a good time to send something to the paper about our progress as well.
- Jimmy Erwin is currently looking for a free box truck for us. Todd Love is also preparing quotes for one. The purchase would be helped along with donations.

Mrs. Hurter's Remarks:

- For the first time ever, a pep band played at a basketball game at UCMS, and was warmly welcomed.
- Five students are auditioning for the All East Honors Band.
- The ETSU Honors Band dates are January 29th and 30th. Anyone competing must play 8 of their chromatic scales and be decently proficient at sight reading. 90% of the time, every student's name she sends them gets chosen.
- Johnson, Carter, and Unicoi Counties are working on a Tri-County Honors Band. They are shooting for the end of February or the beginning of March. There will be no audition process, so students shouldn't feel the pressure in participating.
- Again, the basketball pep band dates are January 12th, January 26th, and February 12th. The Blue Devil horns could be made available at the games.
- She's already been approached about the band participating in the July 4th Parade. The Hurter's will be out of town, so Hayley Goad would have to be in charge. Since they can't guarantee students will be available during the summer, Mrs. Hurter thinks that it would be appropriate to include any alumni who would want to perform along with any students who are still in town. She also said it would be impossible to get a functioning drumline together at that time. They are normally asked to participate in the Unicoi Strawberry Festival Parade too.

Shoe Party: School will be out on MLK Day, so it would be a good day to bag the shoe drive shoes. Students can earn capstone hours and should be there at 10:00 a.m.

The last Chick-fil-A Fundraiser will be at the ETSU Chick-fil-A location. Either February 19th or 26th were mentioned as possible dates. Leane will let us know.

The date for the next Band Boosters Meeting was set for February 4th at 6:00 p.m., and Lisa Edwards made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Stephanie Cade.