

Thursday, December 3, 2015

Our meeting was called to order by President Lee Hughes with 13 people in attendance. (Sign in Sheet attached).

Secretary's Report: Instead of reading the minutes, Stephanie Cade suggested everyone read them for themselves and that in the future they be emailed to those in attendance a week in advance. Members read them and they were approved 1st by Myron Edwards and 2nd by Kristen Foster.

Treasurer's Report: Copies were handed out and a motion to approve was made 1st by Stephanie Cade and 2nd by Amy Merritt (report attached).

Old Business:

Washington Trip: Dawn Bennett reported there we have about \$5,200 for the trip account. The tour company will need \$6,520 by February 1st and another \$8,150 is due in March. With funds this low, at least the \$150 deposit for those going needs to be turned in by January 28th. We must provide a final count of how many are going in February. At the moment the trip is still \$875 per person. This could change based on the number attending. January 7th is the date to let the Hurters know if you are going or not. The count they have at the moment is 48 students and 7 adults, which was taken in September, but doesn't match the count on the individual account spreadsheet.

Shoe Drive Dance: The theme is Footloose and it will be held from 9:30–12:00 p.m. on January 15th. This is in conjunction with the Gridiron Club and they will meet with us before the January Boosters meeting to finish planning. (All shoes for the drive must be turned in by January 19th.)

Pancake Breakfast: It was a success and approximately \$300 in profit was earned for the Washington trip.

Christmas Concert: December 10th – UCHS band student should be on stage by 5:45 p.m. We will offer popcorn, drinks, magnets, posters, and memberships. We'll also raffle off some home catering meals that have been donated for a suggested donation of \$5. A cleanup crew will be needed afterwards.

Myron's Basket Items: Lee will find out if they can be raffled off during home basketball games.

Chick-fil-A Fundraiser: December 7th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Elizabethton. Volunteers will be needed.

Pizza Hut Fundraiser: December 17th from 5:00-9:00 p.m. in Erwin. Students who wait tables will get their tips for the Washington trip.

New Business:

Amazon Smile: Members were reminded that Unicoi County Band Boosters is available as a charitable organization when making online purchases from Amazon. You just have to go to smile.amazon.com and attach us to your account and then place orders via this website instead of the usual amazon.com address. 0.5% of all eligible purchases you make via the smile website will be donated to the Band Boosters.

Pep Band: Playing between games and during timeouts for basketball games has been very successful and will continue for games on January 12th, January 26th, and February 12th. UCMS band members will be chosen to do the same for specific Middle School basketball games.

All-East Honors Band: Auditions are January 9th at Bearden High School in Knoxville. Clinic is in Gatlinburg February 4-6. Boosters pay for Mrs. Hurter's room, ½ of the cost of Mrs. Goad's room, and for one nice meal.

Light-up Blue Devil Horns: We can order 240 for \$1.44 each. The motion was approved, 1st by Myron Edwards and 2nd by Stephanie Cade. Mr. Hurter ordered them during the meeting.

Mrs. Hurter's Remarks:

There is some interest in once again having a color guard. This time, it would be handpicked with no audition process.

She will attend a Unicoi County School Board Work Session and make a case for the purchase of tubas and baritones for use by the high school and middle school. This is the number one need at the moment.

The UCMS band will play at all home football games next year, and will act as a pep band at UCMS basketball games.

More information will be forthcoming regarding the ETSU Honor Band. Anyone competing must know their scales. There is also a Tri-County Honor Band coming up.

On December 12th, the Town of Unicoi will host Christmas at the Cabin, and students may play or get capstone hours for volunteering.

This Saturday, the WalMart Christmas Shopping Spree will be a source for earning capstone hours too.

The band's Christmas party will be held from lunch into Band class on Friday, December 11th.

The date for the next Band Boosters Meeting was set for January 7th at 6:00 p.m., and Myron Edwards made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Tammy Bailer.