

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Our meeting was called to order by President Lee Hughes with 14 people in attendance (sign-in sheet attached).

Secretary's Report: Members received the minutes by email and those who hadn't read them picked up copies at the meeting. They were approved, 1st by Myron Edwards and 2nd by Nikki Foster.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the February report were available. A DC trip payment of \$6,520 was made on February 2nd, and \$8,921 will need to be paid by April 10th. We have received a payment of \$5.29 from Amazon Smile. After March, \$9,200 will be in the checking account. A motion to approve the report was made, 1st by Melinda Adkins and 2nd by Stephanie Cade. (A copy of the report is attached.)

Old Business:

Shoe Drive: We had 45 bags of shoes, less than the 300 bags needed to earn \$3000, but 1200 people now have shoes that didn't have them before, and we made \$168.

Washington, D.C. Trip: Money for the trip is due by 3/28/16. Please turn in the background check forms for the White House tour as soon as possible. Room lists have been set. Uniform fittings are being done on Mondays, and there will be an expense for cleaning them.

March 10th Chick-fil-A Fundraiser: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Market Street, Johnson City location. The band may play.

Pancake Breakfast: Rescheduled from March 19th (Tri-County Honors Band date) to April 2nd at Centenary United Methodist Church. Volunteers should be at the church at 6:00 a.m. to get started. Flyers and tickets will be forthcoming. Ms. Lynn can put it on the radio for us.

Bristol Race Reminder: 20 volunteers are needed for 4/16 & 4/17.

New Business:

CHARMS Demonstration: Cliff Hurter showed us a demo of the CHARMS Office Assistant, as well as the Science Hill account for his child. The program will allow us to keep a database of our student and parent information, organize our music library, track our inventory of uniforms and props, track forms, take payments, track fundraisers, offer a running balance of our accounts, and allow mass communications, among other things. The price is \$365 for 1 year or \$995 for 3 years. We were all impressed and felt it would be of great benefit, so a motion was made to approve a year's subscription, 1st by Nikki Foster and 2nd by Stephanie Cade and Myron Edwards. An additional \$10 could be added to the band camp fees to cover the cost.

Band Pictures: Pictures are usually made every other year and were last done in 2014. We could use the company who did it before or see if Mr. Higgins would be interested. President Hughes will get quotes.

3 Person Nominating Committee needed for Officers for 2016-17 – Mrs. Hurter and 2 volunteers. Leane Robinette and Nikki Foster volunteered.

Concession Stand Clean-up: The big one really needs cleaned. Rodents have made a mess. It will need pressure washed. There are also maintenance issues with leaking water pipes and a rusty water tank. We should schedule a cleanup day when the weather gets warmer. After discussion regarding whether this should be handled by the club or the school system, Debbie Hill offered to ask Mr. English if the school system could take care of this.

Rock-a-thon: Band members will need around 10 sponsors willing to donate \$1.00 per hour for them to spend the night in rocking chairs (9:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.) playing games and participating in activities all while rocking. 8th graders will participate and get to know the upper class band members. This year's Rock-a-thon funds could be used to buy uniforms and supplies for the color guard. Volunteer chaperones will be needed. May 6th is a possible date.

Summer Fundraisers:

Panera Bread offers a donation based upon the number of flyers that are presented upon ordering -- 20-30 flyers results in a 10% donation. All we have to do is pass out flyers and nothing else. It was mentioned that Chili's does the same thing, and possibly Texas Roadhouse.

Krispy Kreme was a good fundraiser for us last time, and we'll do one again this summer.

Summer is always a good time for car washes.

Uniform Cleaning: We have \$964.34 in a savings account set aside for band uniforms. Can we use it for cleaning fees? A motion to do so was approved, 1st by Myron Edwards and 2nd by Stephanie Cade.

It was also mentioned that students would need to purchase Dinkles band shoes and gloves. Dinkles cost \$25 - \$30 and parents will be given information at a later date.

Band Camp: Pre-camp will be from July 18th-22nd and camp will be July 25th-29th. The pool will need to be reserved in order to get it for the pool party to be held on Friday evening (July 29th). A motion was made to pay the fee of around \$80 now to ensure we get our date and was approved, 1st by Melinda Adkins and 2nd by Amy Merritt.

Fundraising Chair: Jackets will be available for purchase. They are black & blue with 2 inch lettering across the back and will be offered at \$40 each.

Mrs. Hurter's Remarks:

- Tri-County Honors Band will be held on March 18th & 19th. The majority of band students are going, but probably only one percussionist. Students will be placed in chairs without auditioning. Dr. Vermillion from Science Hill will conduct. Students will be out of school all day Friday and back again on Saturday for a concert at Happy Valley in the afternoon.
- The Spring Band Concert will be held on May 5th at 6:30 p.m. The high school and middle school bands will play a combined piece at the end of the concert. We would like to sell popcorn and drinks again. Volunteers will be needed for cleanup too. We'll also need vacuums and extension cords.

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