

Cox Band Booster Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 16, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7 PM with Dale Smith Presiding. Board Members present: Meghan Mathews VP, Helen Sissel Secretary, Sarah Trout Treasurer, Mike Lane, Band Director; Also present: Merle Yonkin, Pat Lowery, Laurie Lindsey, Christina Tribby, Rich & Leslie Drehoff, Mary Mee-Wilson, Jobina Rhodes, Mike & Liz Brown, Fred Morgenstern, Colleen Oates, Laura Kanter, Jeff Hoke

Dale Smith welcomed everyone.

We are transitioning now from Marching Band to Concert Band.

Financial Report and budget approval. Budget approved by Beth Lutz. Second by Fred Morgenstern.

Treasurer's Report Sarah revised the August and September Financial Reports and then presented them. She finds keeping the books more stressful and complicated than what she had anticipated.

We gave away Falcon Classic programs with the cost of the tickets.

Dale approved this month's report. Fred second.

Activity Fees are due for all band students if in a band class. Color Guard does not pay \$85 activity fee. Payments may be made online on the Cox Band Website.

November expenses will include Nationals hotel & bus.

Band Directory's Comments: Discussion about Falcon Classic: We pay fees to US Band after certain amount of bands. We pay overage fees of \$250 per band. Cambden paid that amount because they wanted to participate. Projected date for next year's Falcon Classic is Oct. 15, 2016. We had 61 marchers this year versus the 67 we had last year. Those numbers include the Color Guard.

Concert Band Practices: This week Wind Ensemble practice starts tomorrow 6-9 PM.

Symphonic Band will have 3 practices prior to their concert. All rehearsals are mandatory and end on time and are held indoors. Percussionists will find out tomorrow if they are in Wind Ensemble or Symphonic Band. They had auditions. Full Band Calendar is on the website. Most dates are correct as rehearsals don't change.

Upcoming Events

Feb 12 & 13, 2016 Concert Band Weekend is for students to plan for the assessment. Friday, Feb 12 (5-9 PM) and Saturday, Feb 13 (9 AM - 4 PM)

March 2016- Assessment is 1st weekend & Spring Craft Bazaar is March 19.

Sat., Dec 12 - District Band Auditions required for Wind Ensemble students. Good experience to play for the judges. Location: Bayside

Feb. 4, 5 & 6, 2016 - host band event. We provide lunch & concessions; Not hospitality as we have done in the past.

Holiday Parades

Morning - Lynnhaven Colony - meet at Cox around 7:45 AM and end at Dockside. Return to Cox approximately 11 AM

Afternoon - Oceanfront - Meet at Cox around 3:30 PM to take bus to oceanfront parade. Joined by GNMS students.

Dec 2 Practice, 2:30-5 PM

Friday, Nov 20 - Play-Off game at Kellam HS for Pep Band. Optional trip for color guard and pit. Mike will not be in attendance as he will be attending a conference. Need chaperones to report to school at 5:20 PM. Will take 2 buses. Students to wear spirit gear/band attire/band hoodies and dress warm.

Color Guard might do winter training on Tuesday nights; No dates have been scheduled yet. Color Guard orientation will be in Jan.

Craft Bazaar Update from Meghan

We sold all the trampolines for \$5 each; Mike and Ned used a counter to track shoppers, not including volunteers and kids. Meghan is making notes for the Spring Craft Bazaar and would like feedback. It is harder to get folks to come to the spring bazaar. Needs marketing ideas. Made \$1000 from the raffle and concessions.

Falcon Classic - Oct. 15 2016 - Sissel will compile lessons learned feedback to share. We need a volunteer to chair the competition. There was lots of positive feedback from this year's event. Hickory practiced in the dark but did like being in the Verizon lot. Need lights for next year.

Spring Trip to take place Memorial Day weekend. Discussed various options. Mr. Lane got a quote for \$496 to Disney but doesn't include transportation which is very expensive. Also considering Washington DC, Gatlinburg or elsewhere. Anyone in a band program is invited.

Concert Uniforms Leslie Drehoff needs parents to help fit students for their concert band uniforms during practices this week - Tuesday evening or Wed afternoon.

Angie Hetherington had additional budget questions regarding using funds to offset student costs for trips. There are big purchases in the near future to consider. Uniforms will be purchased soon. According to bylaws we must start the beginning of the year with \$9000 in our account. Next time we will put in a line item for the trip. This year the line item is zero and so the trip is funded by those who attend.

Discussion regarding the possibility of hosting at the Sportsplex as PA does. They don't benefit from concessions.

Mr. Lane appreciates the parental support.

In NJ, the hotel staff complimented students and parents in regards to excellent behavior.

Question from Beth - How do parents earn spirit awards as given at Nationals?

Question from Mike - How do we avoid glitches prior to future shows?

Year end DVD will be produced this year but not after that due to legal issues of reproducing recordings.

Sarah thanked everyone for their contributions to the Falcon Classic.

Meeting adjourned at 7 PM.

Next Meeting: December 14, 2015