

Band Boosters Minutes

7.14.09 7:00pm

Location: D&W - Cascade

Present: Mr. DeStefano, Mr. Engelsman, Barb Weston, Cindy Gilbert, Andrea Kiefer, Jeff Reynolds, Kim Banks, Sheryl Baas, Kathy Oberlin, Kathy Gatchalian

1. Bandtasia - a publicity volunteer is still needed to place an ad in the Grand Rapids Press and in the Advance. An effort will be made to find a volunteer from the general list of parent volunteers.
2. Band Camp checks have been deposited this past week. \$57,000.00 has been deposited so far, with more monies expected.
3. Kick -Off - With the construction at the high school being several weeks behind, it will be necessary to find an alternative place to host the band kick-off event on Friday, August 7. Mr. DeStefano said the plan is to move it to Central Woodlands if the field is large enough to run the formations (100 yards). Tentative plans will be to have *Moes* cater the food for 275 people (students and staff) with the idea that chaperones would not stay for the meal.
Ice cream donations- still waiting to hear from Country Fresh for the 550 ice cream treats.
Water bottle donations- 500 bottles have been donated from Forest Hills Foods.
4. Ranger Palooza cancelled until next year due to the construction at the school.
5. The Band Camp chaperone meeting is scheduled for July 30 at 6:30pm in the Central Woodlands Media Center.
6. Kim Banks suggested several fundraisers for this 2009-10 school year. Some suggested examples:
 - Flower sale-
 - Pizza cards-
 - Key cards-
 - Yard signs- they would run about \$6.00/each to make, and the suggestion is to sell them to students for \$10.00. It will take about two weeks to order them. A decision was made to order 100 of them. More can be ordered later. The sign itself would be white with green lettering. The design would read Ranger Marching Band, with the musical notes logo in between the words. A decision is made to cut a check for the sign order.
 - Pasta sale- a proposal was made in which students would get 50% of the proceeds.
 - Northern apple pie sale- it would take about two days to make the pies with student help and would be done perhaps in the month of November.
 - Band Camp Photos- a reminder was to have the Pit Crew included in this year's photo as well as additional advertising.
 - Vendors- 4-6 restaurant vendors could be brought in to sell food at the football games. 25% or more of the proceeds could go to the band if each vendor was given a night. Mr. D brought up that first 2 football games were iffy with the construction issues. Last 3 games would be the best for selling food. Homecoming and maybe Senior Night were some of the options. Another possibility was to have food served before
 - Bandtasia. Fall weather being questionable was discussed since the food would be served and eaten outside.
 - Sprit Wear- This will offered at two times: Fall and Winter
 - The Fall items include:
 - 2 shirts were chosen to be created and sold. One is a grey t-shirt (unisex) and one will be a white tank (girls). Both will have "Property of Forest Hills Central Marching Band." They will be sold for \$15.00 each. Shirts need to be ordered in lots of 12.
 - Forty-eight of the grey and 24 of the white will be made. They can be sold as pre-

orders, before Band Camp, and again in November before the holidays. Cynch bags were also discussed. They will be dark green bags with white lettering. They will also have the "Property of ..." logo on them. They will sell for \$8.00, with \$5.00 being cost and \$3.00 profit for the band.

The Winter items will be more apparel type and discussed later.

6. It was discussed that with the Disney Trip this year, 100% of the student fundraising should be kept by the students.

6. Footballs with FHC Band/Watermark logos will be thrown out during the games by the Pep Squad. Fifty of them would be paid for entirely by Watermark Country Club.

7. FHC Band Website- this is still under construction.

8. Budget- Band Camp monies have been deposited now. Payment for camp will be due late Fall. Non-compliance fee from credit card company is supposed to be credited back to account.

9. Student Fundraising accounts need to be updated soon.

10. Disney Trip Money will be asked for in two payments. Once in October and the remaining balance in January. A list will be sent out to parents to verify who is/who is not going on the Disney Trip. At this time, 228 paid spots have been reserved for Disney (177 students, 11 chaperones, and 40 choir students.) Monies will need to be deposited soon so a check can be written for the travel agent.

11. New Board Member signatures were added to the Macatawa Bank form as signers for the account.

Next Meeting: to be announced later

Next Booster Meeting: Thursday, September 7, 2009