

The Sound of the Braves

Band Booster Meeting

December 7, 2009

I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Booster President, Brad Leath.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Minutes from November 2, 2009 Booster Meeting approved.

- **Assistant Band Director – Mr. Eslava** – Information regarding the uniforms for the concert. Students have been measured and shirts have been ordered. The shirt is a black tuxedo shirt with a button cover.
- The cost for the shirt and button cover is twenty dollars. If you have not paid for the shirts please do so by this Friday, December 11th.
- The dress for the concert will be the black shirt and black slacks.
- MPA music will be distributed after the concert. The music is challenging so students will need to practice. Students can view the music on the web site.
- Please encourage your student to practice at home. Students really need to put forth more effort and practice at least twenty minutes a day at home.
- Training for Drum line will begin in January on Thursdays from 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm. This is great for younger students who have never played a drum line instrument before.
- Will begin working with the flute players after school from 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm to help improve their sound and technique.
- Guard Camp was held last week. Have increased the number of members to twenty eight.
- Have hired two new instructors for the Guard.
- Thank you to the Greer's for their donation of a brand new 50 x 70 foot floor.
- Currently looking for a site to hold Guard rehearsals. A parent volunteer will be needed to help with equipment.
- Winter Guard schedule is on the Sound of the Braves website.

III. Board Members – Brad Leath- President - Encouraged parents to view the Sound of the Braves website. Really looks great.

David Dittmer – Vice President of PFC's – To date one hundred six students have paid their PFC's in full. Seventy two students still owe money bringing the total of outstanding money owed to the band to \$13,578.00.

Michelle Frey – Vice President of Fundraising – Four SCRIP orders have been placed. Forty families have signed up and twenty nine have placed orders.

Please continue to use the program and encourage others to do so.

- New order deadlines for January 2010 are the 15th and the 29th. When placing orders please remember to drop your check off in the band room.
- Pre-orders are being taken for Sound of the Braves Coffee. Any extra coffee will be available for purchase at the concert on Monday night.

Mary Joe – Fundraiser Information – The East- West Shrine Game is the oldest and one of the most respected of the post season collegiate bowl games.

The Sound of the Braves has the opportunity to use this event to raise funds for the band program. Band students can sell tickets to the game and the band will receive 50% of the sales. This money will go directly to PFC's.

- Big kick off is January 23, 2010 at 3:00 pm at the Citrus Bowl.
- Ticket prices are \$15, \$25, and \$50.

- Explanation of ticket process given and flyer distributed. Money from sales should be turned in every Friday.
- Tickets for the game will be available at the concert Monday night.
- For more information please visit www.shrinegame.com.
- **Michelle Frey** – Cookie Dough Fundraiser begins January 12th. The cookie dough will arrive in late February. Sharon Kull has volunteered to help with this fundraiser.
- Angel Tree will be set up at the concert on Monday night. Please participate by taking an angel from the tree and to help students struggling to pay their PFC's.
- Boone Blitz will be on Saturday February 27, 2010.
- Door to door solicitation to raise funds for the band.
- Eleven thousand dollars was raised last year.
- Contacts need of the neighborhood HOA's. This is to get permission to solicit in those neighborhoods that have rules against it. Any help with this is greatly appreciated.
- Will need 35 – 40 volunteers to drive for this event. Must have a completed, current additions form and chaperone form on file.
- **Danni Sue Brodi – Treasurer** – Explanation of the current financial report given.
- Ending balance to date is \$5,423.56.
- Amount earned in concessions is almost ten thousand dollars.
- Any questions regarding financial aspect of the new band shirts please see Danni Sue.
- Mr. Butler has received information from the band director at Cypress Creek regarding fundraising by working the concessions at the Amway Arena.
- This is something the board will be looking into as a possible new fundraiser for the Sound of the Braves. More information to come.
- Discussion on taking the bands fundraising in a new direction. Will revisit this topic at a later date.

IV. Committee News – Report from the committee chairs.

Chaperones – Chris Minnear – Not present at tonight's meeting. Thank you from Brad Leath on Chris's behalf to all who have chaperoned.

- Will need chaperones this Saturday for the parade.

Concessions – Audra Rosson – Not present at tonight's meeting. Thank you from Brad Leath on Audra's behalf to all the parents who have volunteered in the concession stand.

Equipment – Glen Cudihy/Kyle Klump – We may need volunteers this Saturday following the parade.

Uniforms – Gay Geiger –

Historians – Kris and Mike Finn – Please send in photos.

Freshman Liaison – Jennifer Dickinson –

Hospitality – Michelle Oliver - I need food donations for next Monday's concert.

- Still need items for the End of the Year Banquet. (Battery operated candles).
- We will start making props in January. The color scheme is peacock blue, purple and silver. Our theme this year is a Masquerade.
- For information please contact Michelle at (407) 492-2629 or at olivebranch4@yahoo.com.

Water Committee – Jay Sizemore –

V. Unfinished Business – None to report.

VI. New Business – None to report.

VII. Director's Report – Mr. Butler - Would like for everyone who has attended the meeting this evening to make it their goal to bring someone from another family to the next Band Booster Meeting in January.

- Really trying to increase the parent participation.

- Parade this Saturday at Lake Eola. Call time for students is 2:00 pm.
- Students should be in their whites.
- Parade starts at 3:30 pm.
- Winter concert on Monday at 7:00 pm.
- Professor Warmchuck will be at the school on Tuesday afternoon to work with students who play saxophone.
- Jazz Band going to Conway Middle School to play for the top eighth graders.
- Percussion going to Sweetwater Elementary with Mr. Eslava.
- Goal is to have the band program become more successful raising funds.
- Please send emails with any ideas and suggestions to Mr. Butler.
- Brick & Fire Pizza, Orange Avenue on Thursday, December 17th from 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm.
- MPA is coming in the spring. March 4th, 5th and 6th. Location, Freedom High.
Information at www.soundofthebraves.com.
- Thank you Mr. Lemay for all you do for this band program.
- Thank you Mr. Bino, (Band Room) for printing our corporate sponsorship letters.

VIII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.