

**AHS BAND BOOSTERS
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 4, 2011**

OPENING REMARKS

Karen Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Meeting minutes from March 2011 were read and approved.
- Karen Smith made motion that meeting minutes be posted electronically for review and approval. Motion approved.

BOARD

- **Treasurer's Report:** Lori Schieler presented the treasurer's report.
- **Points/Signup Sheets:** Lisa Terry explained how points work. Parents must participate in fundraisers and work concessions to earn points for hours worked.
- **Newsletter:** Any information that needs to be included in the newsletter should be sent to Kim Narmore.
- **Candy:** Lisa Newberry provided overview of candy fundraiser. Candy will be distributed following the meeting. Parents must complete the candy form and indicate if their child is allowed to check out candy. Candy will sell for \$1.00 per bar. Each candy wrapper has a Chick-fil-A coupon for a free chicken sandwich. All candy must be turned in by August 18. Parents should pay with checks. No money please. Place checks in the Orange Box. Each box is \$50.00.
- **Fruit:** Denise Stephens announced that the Annual Fruit Sale will take place September 17 – October 7, 2011. Information/sales packets will be given to band students when they step off the bus following the Morgan Co. Expo on September 17. Band students can help with fruit distribution. For each box sold, \$3.00 goes into the student's points and \$3.00 goes to the band reserve to pay points.
- **Chick-fil-A Spirit Night:** Diane Haynes reported the band earned \$300.00 during the Chick-fil-A Spirit Night fundraiser held in July. The next Chick-fil-A Spirit Night will be Tuesday, September 13, 2011 from 5pm – 8pm. Chick-fil-A tickets will be provided to band students for distribution to family and friends.
- **Swamp Johns:** Diane Haynes announced that the next Swamp John's fundraiser is scheduled to take place October 20, 2011. Tickets will be available for students to sell. Meals are \$10.00. For each ticket sold, \$1.50 goes to student's account and \$1.50 goes in reserve to pay points.
- **Concessions:** Tammy Cortez reported that she needs two people to arrive early for each game to help set up. Volunteer workers should plan to stay until 10pm. The Austin/Decatur game is the biggest game and requires numerous volunteers. Volunteers must remember to sign in and out on the sign in sheets that is in the concession stands.
- **Water:** Evelyn Campbell requested volunteers to assist with after school water distribution. She would like to have 2 – 3 volunteers.

- **Band Fees:** Terri Gilliam thanked everyone for using payment coupons. Asked that people submitting payments without coupons ensure that the coupon information is placed on the envelope to ensure money is correctly placed in the student's account. The cleaning/transportation (\$100) is due Saturday, August 6, 2011. This fee must be paid before student can pickup uniform.
- **Uniforms:** Amy Hull announced that the uniform distribution will be Saturday, August 6, 2011 as follows: 1) Seniors, 8am – 9am; 2) Volunteers, 9 am– 9:30am; 3) Juniors, 9:30am-10:30am; 4) Sophomores, 10:30-11:30; 5) Freshman, 12:30-2:00. Students should wear t-shirt and gym shorts. Cleaning coupons and uniform care information will be distributed with uniforms. Volunteers are needed to assist with set-up, distribution, and sewing. Color Guard band students need uniforms for concert season.
- **Visual Ensemble:** Kim Verneti reported that guard camp took place last week (July 25 – 29, 2011). Color Guard will get uniforms and show shirts tonight. A parent raised concern over the girls performing without shoes. Karen Smith suggested the Visual Ensemble members and sponsors meet to discuss the issue.
- **Ogle Store:** Kay Williams provided an overview of items currently being sold in the Ogle Store. Volunteers are needed to work during games.
- **Chaperones:** Becky Lowery reported that volunteers are needed for both away and home games. Medical forms must be completed for all new students and returning students that need to change or update information on the form submitted last year.
- **Pit:** Tony Rae announced that he is still in need of someone with a CDL. If parents know of someone, please give Tony a call. Pit crew shirts are available for purchase. Let Tony know if you need one.
- **Cell Phones:** Tina Morris reported that Rubbermaid bins are located in the band room for collection of old cell phones and print cartridges. She is looking for a new source to collect the phones. The company that collected them last year will no longer provide that service.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Band Camp:** Mr. Cooper reported that band camp is going well. This is one of the hottest years, yet there have been very few problems. All sections leaders are new. This is the first year in which the band does not have a returning all-state member. Parents should encourage their student to practice.
- **Charms:** Mr. Cooper asked parents to go in and update their information in Charms. Printed detail instructions sheet were provided at the entrance. Mr. Cooper is getting 10 – 20 emails returned due to incorrect email addresses. In addition to the email capability, Charms Office Assistant helps with the collection of forms, provides the band event calendar, and provides financial information relating to fees paid/unpaid. It also provides the ability to sync the calendar with a smart phone.
- **Trip:** Mr. Cooper discussed the planned 2012 band trip, going over cost and the itinerary, which was provided to attendees. He stated that band trips are not mandatory. Bus transportation is expensive; therefore, trips have become more expensive. As a result fewer students are participating. Last year, only 60% of students participated. The band almost didn't have enough to perform. Trip participation has dropped from past years in which the participation rate was approximately 90 – 95%.

As a result, Mr. Cooper has decided to start planning trips in 2-year cycles to allow parents to plan. One trip will be a small non-performance trip. The second will be a big performance trip. Mr. Cooper would like students to attend the performance trips if possible. Consider the non-performance trips optional. This year the non-performing trip will be to Universal Studios in Orlando, January 13 – 16, 2012. It will fall on the Martin Luther King Holiday. The students will miss one day of school, Friday, January 13, 2012. If less than 40 people sign-up to go, the trip will be cancelled. The prices listed are an estimate. Final cost will be determined number of children going. The last payment will be adjusted once number attending is determined.

- **Family Night Performance:** Mr. Cooper provided the band camp schedule for Friday, August 5. The morning session will be the same, but the afternoon schedule will change. Students will be released at 2:30 pm. They should return at 5:00 p.m. wearing their show shirt. Section pictures for the football program will be made 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., the band will begin a 15 – 20 minute warm-up. The family night program will begin around 6:30 p.m. It will include the senior recognition, band camp awards, and half time show performance.
- **Upcoming events:**
 - There will be two rehearsals next week.
 - Meet the Black bears will be on Friday, August 12. Students are to wear their black show shirt and khakis. It starts at 6:00 p.m. Band will play from 6:30 – 6:45 p.m. Group picture will be taken on that day. More information will be provided next week.
 - School starts back August 15, 2011.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Students are to wear their show shirt to school on game day.
- Volunteer sign-up sheets are located at the entrance. Please volunteer.
- Pick-up candy before leaving tonight.

NEXT MEETING

August 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in band room.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:30 p.m. and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Narmore
Recording Secretary