**WCHS BAND BOOSTERS MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014**

**7:00 PM**

President Charlie Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 22 booster members present along with Mr. Tallman. The minutes from the July meeting were read by members. Teresa Folkenroth made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Tammy Miller seconded, and minutes were approved. The treasurer’s report for July was presented by President Charlie Zimmerman. Chad Allaman made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report as written, Tammy Miller seconded, and treasurer’s report was approved.

**Mr. Tallman’s Corner**:

Mr. Tallman gave his report to the members. Seventeen bands have signed up to participate in the WCHS Invitational on September 6 with this Friday being the cut off date. Band camp had good weather. The first two songs are done to drill and music and three-fourths of the show will be done by Friday. There will be two award shows again for the invitational. Missy asked about the band information sheets for the programs. Mr. Tallman will pass those along once he gets them back from the bands. Mr. Tallman mentioned that most of the money shown on the balance sheet is spoken for either through the budget, band accounts, tornado scholarships, etc. The entry fees for the invitation go to finance the band program. The field irrigation is done. Should the bleacher sides for fans switch sides, the invitational will still need to use the “old” side due to the press box size for the judges. The city-wide parade is August 23 but he has not heard anything official as of yet but would request the band march in front of the Clydesdales. No times for competitions yet. Concerns were made to band entries and exits that might change and Teresa Folkenroth said she would talk to Joe Sander about it. Other concerns were the north side would eliminate traffic and the southwest corner is torn up. The Mid Illini Festival will be held at Dunlap on September 8. The booster meeting and and invitational meeting will be on September 2. No color guard performing will be in the MPR at parent night. There is 15-16 kids going to the DCI show and the bus will leave at 4:30. The marching band has 191 kids with 6 or 7 non-competitive kids. Tammy Miller asked if Mr. Tallman would need any parent chaperones for evening practices and he said yes.

**Committees**:

Band Camp – Missy Zimmerman gave a report that the band camp picnic will be Tuesday night at Wenger Shelter from 4 to 6 pm. Show shirts are in. Missy thanked the school’s maintenance workers for their help in getting water for band camp this year. Parent’s night will be Friday at 6:30 pm. It will begin in the MPR for the parent meeting and then outside to view the show on the practice field. Shirts will be available to purchase along with sign-up sheets for the invitational and other areas for volunteers throughout the year for parents to sign up to help. Missy reminded parents that signing up for Mr. Tallman’s text messages is a great tool for communication along with the band’s Facebook page.

Invitational – Chair Charlie Zimmerman gave a report that 17 bands are signed which is the largest number for the invitational. The invitational meeting will be held after this meeting. Sign-ups will be at the parents meeting for volunteers. He has a full slate of team leads and all is coming together well. Step off will begin at 3:30 instead of 4:00 with exhibition at 8:30 and done by 9:30.

Uniforms – Chair Cindi Jewel-Miller stated that the fittings went fairly well and most uniforms fit. It took 1 ½ days to fit all the students. She has bought socks to have one hand at competitions. She did ask if there was going to be a practice dress rehearsal. The response was not at this time. Cindi mentioned a note be added to let parents know the areas to help in at competitions such as ponytail holders, band-aids, socks, hats, etc.

Chaperones – Chair Tammy Miller shared six buses will be taken to each event with three chaperones per bus. Sign-up sheets for chaperones, pit help and uniform help will be available at the parent night for volunteers.

Fundraising – Lisa Cantor-Wright stated the patron program is going well. The amount donated gets higher every year. Lisa suggested the $250 level be changed to $200 due to it seems easier to have a business donate $200 instead of $250. Popcorn is a great money maker for the band and both home football games and basketball games. The band has two popcorn machines so popcorn will be able to be sold on both sides of the football field. Melissa Frye has agreed to chair the Dining Club and Kroger Cards. Teresa Folkenroth made a great suggestion to purchase Kroger cards for kids to use for gas which will help the band. Decals and yard signs will be available to purchase on Friday night at the parent show.

Pit – No report given.

U of I Competition – Charlie Zimmerman stated there will be no tailgating this year at the competition.

Fall Bandquet – A chair is needed for this event.

Puttin’ on the Ritz – A chair is needed for this event.

Spring Awards Bandquet – A chair is needed for this event.

**Old Business**:

The irrigation system is completed and has made the practice field much better. Charlie stated the website is coming along well.

**New Business**:

Charlie stated he has sign-up sheets for parents night on August 8 and if any chair needs sign-up sheets made (not invitational sheets) to contact him. Tables will be set up in the main hallway for parents to look over the sheets. A chair is needed for the water station for home football games. Coolers and cups from the band pavilion need to be taken to the north end of the field for the first half of the games along with a first aid kit. Charlie mentioned that the boosters have committed and approved last year to fund a piece to be commissioned in 2015. Funds are allocated and need to be included in the breakdown of band funds. It was suggested that band fund allocations to broken down to better understand where funds are designated and to get a better idea of monies available for general use. It was also suggested that student band accounts need to be updated for parents and students information.

**Action item**: Brad Shaw made a motion to allocate funds as follows, $4,000 from percussion and $600 from drill, to cover additional marching staff expenses, Chad Allaman seconded, and motion passed.

Jess Bochart made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Teresa Folkenroth seconded, and meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2 at 7:00 pm at Gracie’s with the final pre-invitational meeting immediately following.

Respectively submitted,

Kim Sheets

Band Boosters Secretary