

General Booster Meeting 01-05-10

Directors Report – John Canfield

- All State Band tryouts are in Abilene Friday and Saturday
- All Region Band tryouts are next week at Brewer
- All Region Orchestra tryouts the week after Region in Denton
- The band has met a lot of the original goals the directors set (when the band was new) earlier than expected, i.e., contests and awards. The directors want to review, update, and make necessary changes, “look at the whole system” to make it better for the students, the parents, the school and the community. They (directors and band) are not going to be resting on their laurels. The directors are already looking at ways to improve things. There will be a big paradigm shift/focus for 2010-2011. Though the focus has always been on the student, he wants it to be a more condensed focus on helping our children. The thing he has gotten away from is getting out in the halls and spending time with the kids. The directors are going to discuss how they are teaching, what they are teaching, etc., strengths and weaknesses of the directors and try to enhance these strengths and improve on the weaknesses. The focus is going to be specifically on the children. Not just better musicians, but better citizens, that the directors know the kids, that the students know that the directors know who they are, and that once they are out of the band program, they are better for it. The band will exist and be a good band, not just for the directors, but to have more impact on the school and community. Saginaw High School should be a better place because the band exists.
- He’s more excited about the upcoming students, leadership being chosen sooner to help recruit the 8th graders. The vision of the directors is bigger and more encompassing than it has been in the past. Nothing is static. If you have any suggestions for Mr. Canfield, please let him know, drop a note. Fundraisers will be held earlier in the year to give the students the chance to pay for their fees. We are going to grow, be excited, and be there for the kids. Get away from the fees being such a burden. 2010 is going to be a great year. If you have any ideas for the show, email him, send him the music, etc. Let’s focus on the kids and have a real positive year, get rid of the cancers, etc. Just because we have been to state 2 years, our job is not done. Trophies are not the only reason for the kids to be in band.

Mrs. Crosthwait brought up the fact that adults that are active in the boosters even have a positive impact on the kids before they are even here yet (example: when students have older siblings in the band, they are around the band, directors and parents/boosters before they are in high school).

Jane read an anonymous letter from a band fan regarding the Winter Band Concert talking about the band organization and bragging on it and how much they enjoyed the show. It will be put in the next e-newsletter.

Mr. Canfield told us about Mr. Stovall's remarks about our concert audience at the Winter Band Concert and how well even the audience acted. He was very impressed.

Fundraiser Report – Philip Hinkle

- There were a few kinks in the past fundraiser – some orders did not come in.
- March 4th 6:00pm – Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction (open doors at 5pm to begin setting up) please email Philip or text him if you are interested in helping. A guest band may come that evening. Mr. Canfield suggested having a jazz player come in and just play.
- Working Rangers Games – we'd have to sign up for a block of games, fixed number of people, we can make a lot of money doing this
- Ticket takers at Six Flags, sweeping trash, etc. He will check on age limits, etc.
- Students can sign up for the dates of these type fundraisers if we them scheduled in advance at our annual registration/fittings day(s)

Treasurers Report – Alyson Corral

- Current balance \$14,409.67
- Scholarships – still outstanding – will follow up on deadline date to claim funds

New Business:

- Flute repair approved in Executive Meeting for \$125. Christie motioned, Deanna seconded to pay the flute repair \$125. Motion carried.
- Registration Committee – Kelli, Philip, Mary, Aly
- Banquet Committee – Christie and Mary will co-chair
- Band Parent 101 Committee – will be set up during the next meeting

Prairie Vista Report – Angie Karbach, parent rep

Robin Crosthwait – still have band signs of three children that have not received them (fees still due). She recommends them being paid in advance going forward.

Jane brought some ideas on up the way fees need to be handled during registration. The committee will discuss these.

Robin - Future items selling at the table – scarves, blankets sell well.
Can we have less bulk?...Limit to items that sell well.

Robin also mentioned having a punch and cookies reception in the band hall for the 8th grade parents after their spring concert and handing them an invitation for the Band Parent 101 Meeting at that reception. Opportunity to meet the High School directors and Boosters.