

# MINUTES

## **Akins Band Boosters General Meeting Minutes August 8, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by Henry Castillo at 6:43 p.m.

### **In attendance**

Kevin and Christine Roy, Sophia Alvarado, Jeanne Laubach, Deanna and Tom Adams, Randy Kirtley, Laurie Hohertz, Michelle Treviño, Frank and Cathie Schiller, Lawrence and Cynthia Gonzales, Sally Lawrence, Minor and Josie Walker, Sylvia Meiron, Doug Votra, Richard, and Diana Torres. Julie Maloukis, Lisa Aldridge, Susan Starks, Sylvia Limon, Veronica Castillo, Gale Ritcherson, Jesse and Elizabeth Ramos, Kathleen Sifuentes, Carol Higgins, Tim McMorris, Henry Castillo, Ana Aguirre, Lucy Garcia, Mary Davilla, Monica Lopez, Connie Gaddy

### **Director's Notes**

Mr. Faust said that the camp was going very well. The kids were farther ahead from previous year. They are a good group. He said that there were minor changes to the calendar posted on the band website:

September 12<sup>th</sup>—The AISD Band Jamboree.

September 16<sup>th</sup>—History of AISD Anniversary Parade.

May 3 to May 6—The band trip to South Padre.

He reported that the band played for the new teachers and it was covered by the news station KEYE. It was a success. He reported on the end of year UIL CD competition. He reported that the band placed 5<sup>th</sup>, and that one judge rated the band NUMBER ONE. He commented that the new scaffolding was much taller than last year. He welcomed all parents to the band program and wanted them to call it "Our band", that the program is a family effort.

### **Approval of Agenda for Meeting**

The motion to approve the agenda for the August 8<sup>th</sup> general meeting was made by Sally Lawrence. The motion was seconded by Laurie Hohertz. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the July meeting were given as a handout and each member was allowed to read them. The motion for approval of the minutes was made by Randy Kirtley and seconded by Tom Adams. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

### **Budget Report**

The budget report was passed out to members by Carol Higgins, Booster Treasurer. The motion to approve the budget report was made by Sofia Alvarado and seconded by Deanna Adams. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

**FUNDRAISING** From Susan Starks: Susan reported that she is currently working on getting community involvement for our young band. She reported that the summer fundraising of the Car Wash and summer school concessions were a great start and very successful. Spirit items will be a good source of income, because they are a small investment and a great return to the Band. She also reported that Taco Cabana night will be planned once a month. She solicited for more volunteers for ideas for fund raising. She will continue working on getting more corporate help from the community.

**STUDENT FUNDRAISING** From Lisa Aldridge: Lisa reported that the Gold cards would be available within the next 2 weeks. The band is using a new vendor for the cards. The price will remain the same, \$10.00. The gold cards are the Band Students' fund raiser, not a Booster fund raiser.

**TAILGATERS** From Tom Adams: Tom reported that the first tailgater event is the Showcase on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for the tailgater packages full season for 10 events \$40.00 and for half the season \$20.00. All the details are in the August newsletter. There is a band director clinic on Saturday, August 12. More details will be given for this event.

**PIT CREW** From Deanna Adams: Deanna reported that the pit crew volunteers are responsible for transporting the pit instruments and props to the field for the band. She reported that on August 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a pit crew meet and greet. She will email or contact by phone all the volunteers she has signed up. She also solicited for more volunteers, since she currently didn't know how many the band will need for the props.

**CHAPERONES** From Randy Kirtley: Randy reported that he will be meeting with the parents and others who had signed up for the chaperone committee.

**UNIFORM COMMITTEE** From Laurie Hohertz: Laurie reported that she wanted to get an early start for uniform fittings for the band. She had a schedule by section for fittings and alterations. She had also scheduled sewing nights. She reported that the band would be getting their marching and spring concert fittings.

**COLOR GUARD** from Carol Higgins and Henry Castillo: The contact person for the color guard will be Franchetta Alexander. There will be times announced for help with flags and costumes and make up. Henry reminded booster members that the color guard is part of the band. Henry reported that the color guard is also involved in winter competitions. There will be more information about a January competition that the color guard will be hosting. This event is a good fund raiser and very entertaining.

**MEMBERSHIP AND SPIRIT** From Veronica Castillo: Veronica reported that the Booster membership is growing. She reported that they will have Game nights to promote spirit and fun at the games. She solicited for support for the band and the spirit committee.

**COMMUNICATION** From Ana Aguirre: Ana reported that there was a door prize attached to the newsletter. She reported that she would try to include it for each booster meeting. She is working with Mildred Vara on the Spanish translation for the newsletters. She reported that if a member did not have access to email to let her or Veronica Castillo know, so that they can get on the Akins All- Call list. In answer to an earlier question about band events, Tim reported that the information is available online, in the newsletters and by phone. Henry asked members to contact Ana about YAHOO membership or to give her or Veronica a phone number to join the All-Call network.

Henry added a note to all members about the committee involvement: **There is no limit to the committees that you can join.** The more help from parents and involvement with the band program the better.

## New Business

- Band Directors Clinic on Saturday, August 12, 2006. We need volunteers to serve breakfast to Directors from Region 18. We need food donations and help to set up and serve from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. More information will follow.
- Photo assistance: Kyle Walker, band historian needs help with photos of the band. He is requesting help with videos and photos for the annual band album
- Spirit Item Sales: Saturday after the band camp. Volunteers to help sell.
- Show Shirts: The design of the show shirts by Bucky Flores, Color guard Director, is ready the front design "Pines of Rome" and the back will be the band schedule. The design should be available at the showcase. The shirt is great at competition, to show band spirit and uniformity.

- **Non-Profit Status:** The application for non-profit status for the boosters, the 501C application was lost or misplaced during the application process. Henry and Tim are in the process of submitting the application again. The time frame for the application process is about 3 months. They will monitor the progress and let the membership know what is going on.
- **Props.** Tim reported that there will be props this year for the "Pines of Rome" band program. He solicited the aid of any member with access to a 4 wheeler or trailer to aid in transport of show items. Also, the trailer will be ready for the first game.

### **Next Meeting**

September meeting will be set for first Tuesday in September in the Akins band hall.

**Motion to adjourn was made at 7:42 p.m. and was passed unanimously.**