

MINUTES

Akins Band Boosters General Meeting PTA Minutes Tuesday, September 19, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Aldridge, VP II, in the absence of Co-Presidents Tim McMorris and Henry Castillo and VP I Susan Starks, at 6:55 p.m.

In attendance

Veronica Castillo, Lisa Aldridge, Ana Aguirre, Lucy Garcia, Sylvia Meiron, Kevin Roy, Jeanne Laubach, Laurie Hohertz, Nancy Hernandez, Sally Lawrence, Tom Adams, Deanna Adams, Joe Ritchie, Laura Humes, Christina DeWinne, Kathy Sifuentez, Jesse Ramos, Randy Kirtley, Carol Higgins, Armando Ortiz, Yolanda Calderon, Susan Starks, Tim McMorris, Henry Castillo, Gary Faust

Director's Notes

Mr. Gary Faust, Akins Director of Bands, reported on the following items:

The May trip: A packet is in the process of being made that will include itinerary, the cost, which will be about **\$550.00**. It will be a 3 day trip. All 3 bands will attend. The first 2 bands - symphonic and wind ensemble are required to attend.

Gold Cards: Not all gold cards and money have been turned in. After the final tally, the students will get the money put into their student account.

2nd fundraiser: The information for the fundraiser will go out with the students. It will begin 2 weeks from today.

The payment plan will begin in October, with \$50.00. The November and December payments will be \$50.00. The payments will increase as we get closer to the May deadline. The students will need passing grades to go on the trip. There will be a meeting with parents before the trip.

Congratulations to the following students: Eric DeWinne for being accepted to Purdue University and Jimmy Hernandez for being named as Merit Scholar.

Mr. Faust reminded parents that grades would be out in 2 more days. He is hoping that all students pass so that all will be able to continue to participate as marching season kicks off. He said that the props would be here in 2 weeks.

Committee Reports

FUNDRAISING: By Susan Starks

The following Spirit Items have arrived and are ready to sell, fans, water jugs, and bottled water.

Taco Cabana night is scheduled for Thursday, September 21st.

The Community Service Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd. We still need volunteers for this event. It will be a show of band unity, community work, and it will clean up the campus.

Christina DeWinne wanted to know if other organizations could be involved, like NHS in the campus service day, so they can earn some service hours.

The Hometown Scholarship Program: Susan made a plea for more photo opportunities that could possibly earn the band an additional \$500. We are competing with other school bands for the money. Christina DeWinne offered to take more photos. **This program ends November 14th.**

BUDGET: By Carol Higgins

Carol reported that our starting balance was \$8449.07 for August.

We had deposited in September \$1570.00

Pending invoices \$1222.64

Estimated ending Sept. balance \$8796.53

Current estimates for expenditures and outstanding invoices leave **\$2553.72** available

Carol deposits weekly to Carrie, the Akins bookkeeper, who then makes the deposits for Akins.

The motion to approve the budget was made by Randy Kirtley and seconded by Kevin Roy.

The motion to approve the budget as presented by Carol passed unanimously.

Minutes of August Meeting

The minutes of the August 8, 2006 General Meeting were read by the members. Sally Lawrence made the motion to approve the minutes, and was seconded by Ana Aguirre. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Show Shirts:** The show shirts will have the option of the current band schedule or the student names on the back. The question of child sizes will be answered by Henry at next meeting.
- **Fundraising Committee: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!** We have the spirit items to sell, and the Hometown Scholarship Program. We need help to work in shifts at the games. Carol said we need to maximize the truck promotion. We need to work on other marketing locations, like Target, Wal-Mart, H.E.B. We need help getting locations set up. Getting the truck there is not a problem. We need to get creative with ideas for promotions.
- **COLOR GUARD FLAGS: Friday and Saturday, September 22 and 23,** we will be cutting the fabric patterns for the flags. We will begin sewing next week. 4 sets of flags.
- **UNIFORMS:** Most of the band has been fitted, altered and sewn. The jackets will be cleaned. The bibbers will be washed. The uniforms will be ready to go.
- **Pit Crew:** Props including the stage and columns will be here soon. The pit crew will need more volunteers.
- **Water schedule:** Look at the water schedule and make sure water is brought to the band hall. The upcoming sections are: **BY WEDNESDAY SEPT 27 - FLUTES**
by Wednesday Oct 5 - Saxophones
by Thursday Oct 12 - Tubas/Drum Majors
by Wednesday Oct 18 - Baritones/Mellophones
by Wednesday Oct 25 - Trombones/Color Guard
- **Letter Jackets:** The representative for letter jacket purchase will be on campus on the 20th of September. It was re-scheduled, because many students were not aware of the ordering schedule.
- **Tim McMorris** made another announcement of the importance of selling spirit items. They are a great source of income for the band. Low overhead and do not count as a fund raiser. We can find other venues to sell other than football games, like volleyball and basketball games.

- Susan Starks made an announcement about the upcoming Golf Tournament hosted by the Football Boosters and Diamond Dazzlers on October 14, 2006. They had offered the band an opportunity to sponsor one of the holes at the tournament.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 2006, at 6:30 p.m., Akins band hall.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:35p.m., and was passed unanimously.