

MINUTES

Akins Band Boosters General Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Henry Castillo at 6:45 p.m.

In Attendance

Sally Lawrence, Debra Tompkins, Sylvia Meiron, Tom and Deanna Adams, Elizabeth Rendon, Terrie Reyes-Kitch, Mildred Vara, Suzanne Calderon, Laurie Hohertz, Veronica Castillo, Ana Aguirre, Carol Higgins, Tim McMorris, Henry Castillo, Jesse Ramos, Nancy Oswald, Frank Schiller, Sophia Alvarado, Perla Chavez, Nancy Hernandez, Kathleen Sifuentes, Lucy Garcia, Monica Salyers, Mary Davilla Connie Gaddy, Rita Santiago, Bill Walsh, Debbie Moore, Sylvia Limón, Lawrence Gonzalez, Irene Gomez, Elizabeth Ramos

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the October 10th and November 6th be read and voted on at the next meeting, scheduled for December 12, 2006.

Treasurers Report

Carol Higgins gave the treasurers report to the general members. For the Month of October: Total Debits/Credits: \$7574.24/\$5387.19.

Items pending in October: Truck Promotion at Blue/Gold Night, Wal-mart on Oct. 29th, Tailgater Meal ticket Credit, and PayPal Meal Ticket Purchases.

Debits: Spirit Items pending Invoice 64 oz. Eagle jugs, Trailer Decals,

Balance with pending items for October: \$4532.

The motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Carol was made by Tom Adams and seconded by Sally Lawrence. The motion was passed unanimously by the membership.

Director Notes

Director Gary Faust talked about the results of the BOA contest. He told everyone he was not too disappointed with the results and not making the finals. The show was different. The show this year was not geared for the BOA competition. The BOA ratings are for a more visual show. The band did better than the previous year. Last year the band was 32nd, this year they placed 15th, and that was with a show not geared to being visual. The scoring is different at U.I.L. In **the U.I. L. contest** the scoring focus is on the music. He talked about the feeling of the kids had getting ready for the U.I.L. contest the next day. He said they were determined and excited. He talked about one of the judges, Paula Crider. He talked about receiving a flag for good luck from an old director. In previous competitions each band member touched the flag for luck. After the practice that evening each band member touched the flag. The flag will remain on the drum major podium throughout the performances at the State contest.

Mr. Faust told the membership that 10 bands will be selected to the finals. He had promised the kids that he would kiss a cow's behind if they made it to the finals. The band will stay in San Antonio regardless of making the finals.

He talked about the planned send off at 12:45 p.m. from the Akins band hall. The line of cars will go up South 1st. Kids are going to release balloons and there will be signs along the South 1st street. There will be a police escort. Susan Starks had contacted news stations to get them to cover the send off.

Friday Night Lights— The kids will take part in the filming of an episode of the show Friday Night Lights. They need to be there from 5 p.m. until 5 a.m. The kids, siblings, and parents are invited to help. 40 students will participate in the band. They will receive meals and refreshments. They have the possibility of making \$5000.00 for the band. The more people we have to participate the better the reward. The only band members who cannot attend are those who are

in the region orchestra. The show will air at an unknown date later this season. All those who plan to participate will need to sign a photo release and they must be at the Del Valle stadium before 5 p.m. on Friday. The attire should be blue and gold. The other high school will be Austin High. More details will follow later in the week.

Thursday's Football game. The show will not be performed. The band will play 2 songs for the drill team. The Jazz band will perform. The band will march on and finish with the Fight song. Final notes on the State contest: We perform at 4:30 p.m. Encourage family and friends to get there early. No cameras or recordings will be allowed. To avoid being asked to leave or to turn off recordings don't try to do it. They will be taking pictures and the picture will include Ms. Dieke and Dr. Akins.

The WGI Winter Guard Program

Akins will be hosting a winter guard program on February 3, 2007. The event will be an all day event. The program is part of the color guard circuit. We are recruiting early for committees and have set up milestone dates to be sure we are on track for the date of the event. The last milestone date is January 26, 2007. The contact persons for this event are Carol Higgins and Color guard director Bucky Flores.

Fundraising Report

Susan Starks reported that we were in final weeks of the truck promotion. One more possible event on November 13th at the Wal-mart. She reported that any videos or photos of the band and the truck will help in our winning the program bonus. We were able to get \$400 in tickets at the last football game.

New Business

- The Fall Banquet: Contact person Veronica Castillo. The date of the banquet is November 17th. The format and potluck meal will be on the Yahoo group and will be given to each band section that will be responsible for an item to bring to the dinner.
- Slide show for the banquet. Please give any photos of the band from summer band to the state finals to the band historian, Kyle Walker, who needs them for the slide show.
- Memory CD. We are going to have a DVD/ CD made of the band's year 2006-2007. Orders will be taken until April. They are a good gift. Each band member is encouraged to purchase one. They are \$20.00 and it is not a money making project.
- DVD/CD of State Contest. Connie Gaddy will be recording the State contest. She will donate from to the band, minus the cost of the disc. The cost will be \$12.00.

Announcements

Tim McMorris wanted to thank everyone for making this a successful marching season. He said everyone played a part, through volunteer efforts and the support of the band program.

Henry Castillo urged members to continue their support. The winter guard program is coming up this January. The WGI program in February will need volunteers to make it a success.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be December 12, 2006 in the Akins band hall.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 p.m. and was passed unanimously.