

MINUTES

Akins Band Boosters General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Tim McMorris at 7:10 p.m.

In attendance

Lisa and Art Rodriguez, Lawrence Gonzales, Deanna Adams, Connie Gaddy, Lucy Garcia, Monica Lopez, Phil Salyers, Michelle Trevino, Nancy Oswald, Jennifer Wagner, Hector and Lisa Yanez, Kevin and Christine Roy, Debra Tompkins, Sophia Alvarado, Sylvia Limon, Yolanda Calderon, Suzanne Calderon, Connie and Reuben Ramos, Laurie Hohertz, Terrie Reyes-Kitch, Minor and Josie Walker, Lisa Aldridge, Veronica Castillo, Robert Arroyo, Henry Castillo, Tim McMorris, Susan Starks, Sylvia Meiron

Introductions

Tim McMorris, Co-President, made introductions to all new and returning membership. All executive board members were introduced by name and position on the board. Henry Castillo, Co-President urged members to sign up for the yahoo groups for information on the band and band boosters. He also urged students to sign up as well. Harvey Starks was announced as the current web master.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were presented to the general membership for the months of March and April. Copies were passed to all membership in attendance. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Minor Walker and seconded by Phil Salyers. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Connie Gaddy, Booster Treasurer, presented the booster financial report. Copies were given to all in attendance. She went over the details of the report. The motion to accept the report as presented for May, June and July was made by Phil Salyers and seconded by Laurie Hohertz.

Director's Notes

Gary Faust, Head Band Director, talked about the events of the summer and upcoming items:

- DCI (Drum Corp International) event held at the Alamodome on July 28. Akins had 6 former and current students in this program. The students audition and travel around the country performing throughout the summer.
- Sectional leader camp was a success. Leaders have been working to get ready for start of camp on August 1.

- The marching show for this year is the music of the Tango. The events this year, as listed on the calendar will include 2 BOA (Bands of America competition) events, one in October, in Arlington, and the Super Regional in San Antonio in November.
- The first game will be the first week of school, August 31.
- The new uniform bid from AISD was moved to Thursday, August 2, 2007. The company that we hope to make the uniforms is still in the running to do the uniforms.
- UIL Band Competition will be hosted by Akins at the Burger center. We will need parent volunteers to help with concessions and showing bands where to go, and other areas. There will be a meeting as the date draws near.
- The Tote Unlimited Co. will be at school on Monday, August 6, 2007. Price sheet was sent home with kids. Shoes are mandatory, other items are optional.
- The London Trip will be a big deal. Mr. Faust wants media coverage. There will be a deposit of \$150. Total per student should be \$2145.00.
- Block scheduling must be checked on. Some students have had some scheduling problems. Mr. Faust urged parents to check the schedules and contact counselors. The counselor number is 841-9905.
- Blue and Gold night: The band is the host this year. The event will be held in October. Possibly the week that does not have a competition. It will be a good opportunity for fund raising. More information will be forthcoming.

Fund Raising Report

Deanna Adams, VP of Fundraising reported on the upcoming fund raising events.

The Dodge Truck promotion, which promotes donations to the band thru tickets purchased for a chance at a drawing for a new Dodge truck. The Hometown scholarship fund was started last year and the truck was brought to the football games.

Deanna said that the truck will be available and will be used in conjunction with the Mama Fu's, Juan's Mexicali, and Taco Cabana nights. These restaurants have donated a percentage of a night's receipts to the band. Taco Cabana will be monthly and the other 2 will be every other month. The nights are set up in advance and you can check the yahoo groups for the announcements.

Deanna listed some upcoming events that the fundraising committee, which includes Yvonne Mulkey, Sofia Alvarado, and Steve Morris, were working on:

The band summer showcase, football games and spirit items, a garage sale, and in spring, a Fun Run. The Fun Run will also be utilized as a student fund raiser. RunTex is working with the committee. More details will follow and it is tentatively set for March 1, 2008.

Tim McMorris added information about the WGI event planned for February. Last year it was one of the biggest fund raisers. We, the boosters, will be the host for the color guard event. The boosters support the color guard throughout the band season, from the fall to the winter competition.

Committees

Henry and Tim, Co-Presidents talked about the need for committee chairpersons as we begin the 2007-2008 band season. In transportation, there is a need for a Tailgater Chairperson, for a Chaperone Chairperson, and for a Color guard chairperson.

Laurie Hohertz is the current Uniform Chairperson. **** The positions are for the school year, marching as well as concert season. ****

Tailgaters: feed the kids before games, since students are not allowed to leave campus before a game; and during competitions food is provided for the students.

Chaperones: are used in the buses and in the stands to watch over the students at games, and competition events. If any parent is interested in helping any of the committees or possibly chairing, contact Henry or Tim.

Susan Starks will post a description of the committees on the yahoo groups.

New and Current Business

- Show Shirts. Henry reported that there will be show shirts for this year's Tango. He will be working with Bucky Flores, Color guard Director, on designs. Recap of Back to School night – September 9
- DVD for 2006-2007 season. Tim reported that the DVD will be completed soon. He requested from parents any footage that they would like to donate.
- Henry Castillo reported that the budget for the Booster 2007-2008 year will be presented in August.
- Concessions at the concerts given by the band will be used can be used as a fund raisers.

Announcements and Upcoming events:

Thursday, August 23, 2007, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Eagle Kick-Off Day. Band Boosters will sell Spirit Items. Hometown Scholarship Dodge Truck Kick off.

Friday, August 24, 2007 Band Showcase and Dinner. Time and tickets will be announced.

Friday, August 31, Start of the Football season. Eagles vs. Travis High School.

Next Meeting

The date of the Meeting in August will be posted on the yahoo groups. It will be a mid-August date.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:15 p.m. and was passed unanimously.