Band Booster Meeting

April 4, 2023

Akins Band Hall

In Attendance:

Meeting called to order at 6:13 p.m.

Minutes will be pushed to next meeting for approval. They have been posted to the website.

Treasurer’s report was reviewed. In March we ended with just under $10K in cash with $800 in restrictive funds and a big chunk that belongs to the banquet committee. Banquet committee has sold $3200 in sales for banquet tickets. Quiet month financially. We sold a few spirit wear items during Future Eagle Night for $102 in revenue. Percussion fundraiser brought in $458. This wasn’t as much as we were hoping to get but better than nothing. There were no fees associated with this fundraiser. Next time let’s try getting the word out outside of our circle.

There is a list that will be given to directors of students that owe monies. We need to get the funds from these students. We have $3917.24 owed. We do still have bills due this year so we are trying to raise money for those. We reviewed what some of those were; the 50% deposit for the fall show, the bill from Mr. Sharp, Sam’s membership, etc. We are hoping to get monies for advance deposits for next year’s fair share at spring band camps.

April 13 – 15; 5pm – 8pm Thursday and Friday; 9am – 1pm on Saturday. Not sure if guard is participating but we will check on that. There are two camps one in April and one in May. If they are successful then June camp will be cancelled.

As of right now we have a small margin in the black as far as financing. We have an income $72K and expenses of $?K. This includes the two scholarships and the deposit of the fall show. We fell short of our $150K goal that we set at the beginning of the year. We are anticipating some extra revenue to keep us ahead for next year. We haven’t paid our techs on time in three years. We didn’t pay this year until two months after the marching season ended. We need to make monies at the spring concert and jazz concert to help us achieve this goal. We want to do a dinner meal for both concerts. We will set up an eating area in the courtyard. We also have a shoe fundraiser. We would also like to do an end-of-year fundraiser. We have a goal of raising $6K to get us through to the end of the year. Suggested that we do May, June and July car washes. Financial year ends June 30th.

A comment was made about having color guard and band be one unit and work toward inclusion. The color guard is having a showcase on May 19th. It is scheduled for 6pm – 7:30pm but we will revisit the time since it coincides with the spring camp.

Booster membership – please join for next year. Booster sponsorship is still available. We need to get some for next year! No one has applied for the senior scholarship yet!!!!! We need to get those in and they are due April 21st an will be announced at the banquet on April 30th.

The shoe fundraiser has started. There is a box here and Amy has one at her school. The fundraiser officially ends on May 19th. But we will continue taking them until the end of the month. They will pay according to the weight we accumulate. The kids have been notified. Mr. Flores will put a post on Insta.

Senior photos still need to be given to Amy for the senior slideshow at the banquet. Everything is in place for the banquet that will be happening on April 30th at the Austin Southpark Hotel at 5pm. Ticket sales are on track to meet the contracted minimum for the hotel. Decorations are being handled. Senior gifts are being considered. DJ is booked.

Board elections are today! Terry discussed the board positions. We have five positions that are board officers; president, VP of hospitality, VP of fundraising, secretary and treasurer. We currently have VP of fundraising, secretary and treasurer. We have a half candidate for president, Robin Sanchez, but we would really like to get a co-president. The Walters are moving to Dallas area and will not return next year. Connie will continue as secretary, Katrina will continue as treasurer and Jose will be VP of fundraising. We took a vote and Connie was voted in as secretary. Next, we voted for the treasurer position and Katrina was also voted in unanimously. Next the election for VP of Fundraising and Jose Rodriguez was approved. We do not have any current nominations for VP of hospitality. We opened it up to the floor. No one came forth. We have presented Robin Sanchez for President and Erika will be a co-nominee for presidency. We approved unanimously for Robin and Erika as president. That concludes elections! Terms will begin at the end of the May meeting.

Spring concert is on April 25th and Jazz night is May 12th. We will have two sign up geniuses for both nights to sign up for volunteers to provide side dishes for the plate sales and to man the concessions.

Boosters will buy pizza on Saturday for spring camp. Bring “cool” snacks at 7pm on Thursday and Friday for kids. We are thinking about 80 – 90 students but can be as many as 130. Everyone will come for the first group including seniors. All leaders will be there for April and new leaders (2023-24) will be here for May.

Dallas winds April 29th. We perform at 11:30am on Saturday in Dallas.

We are looking at band fees for next year. In the past we have had two fees booster fees and band fees. The cost to feed 100 kids for 10 games and 5 competitions is $26K.

Congratulations to Mr. Sharp and the percussionists had a fabulous performance and trip to Music for All National Festival in Indianapolis. Huge shout out to Mr. Sharp!!!

The spring break trip was also a wonderful experience for the kids. Mr. O is looking at Disney for next year’s trip but all of that is up in the air now. He sent out a survey to the leadership but only heard back from 10 of them. Talked about several options.

Online fundraiser/donation is going to happen starting Wednesday. Mr. O wants it to go to guard director fees and percussion director fees for the whole year. This way it’s earmarked for the fees ahead of time.

Adjourned at 7:32pm.

New show will hopefully be announced at banquet or May band camp.