

Shadowlawn Band Booster Meeting  
February 11, 2008

Meeting was called to order by President Anita Murray at 7:06 p.m.

Secretary report: Minutes from last meeting November 5, 2007 were approved as read.

Treasurer report was distributed to attendees and approved.

Fundraising:

- There are still outstanding band fees, including the fundraising donations for those that did not participate in the fundraiser, or did not meet the required sales. Fees must be paid before the end of the year. Final reports cards may be held.
- Spring Dance – We are asking for donations of candy for the spring dance. We were fortunate last year to have a band parent donate this last year. This was very much appreciated as we did not have to purchase these items with band funds.

Uniforms

- All uniforms, including flags, should be turned in, with the exception of honor band. If you still have uniforms, please dry clean and return to school. All hats should be turned in.
- Honor band – please check to ensure your uniform doesn't need to be refitted prior to the trip.

2008-2009 Board & Committee Members

- There is a need for board and committee members for next year. Most of the executive board will be moving onto high school next year. Participation is not really that time consuming. Volunteers are needed to keep the band program running smoothly. Your support is appreciated.

Volunteer Sign Ups – needed for the following events:

- Chaperones needed to ride the bus for the Honor Band Concert Festival at Ridgeway Middle School on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Will leave school at 10:30. Students will need to be picked up at Ridgeway after the performance. Buses will be needed for school dismissal and will not be available to return the students back to Shadowlawn.
- Volunteers needed for 8<sup>th</sup> grade concerts at area elementary schools on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Leave at 9:15 and return to Shadowlawn at 1:15.
- Chaperones needed for Honor Band Trip on April 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.
- Volunteers needed to assist in set up and break down. Bolton band booster president Jeff Morris will provide his truck & trailer hitch to tow.
- Chaperones are needed for the Spring Dance on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Door prizes and concession donation are also needed.
- Volunteers are needed for the Awards Banquet on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed for set up, decorating and clean up.

High School Band Director.

- Directors from Arlington and Bartlett did not attend, but asked interested parents to contact them for information.
- Mr. David Chipman from Bolton band attended to discuss his band program for 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents.
  - Introduced Jeff Morris, band booster president. Bolton has a very active booster organization. Don't be afraid to volunteer.

- Band is a good peer group. Half of the senior class top ten are band members. Keep your students in band, few drop out.
- Blue information sheet passed out details upcoming summer band camp. Attendance is mandatory.
- Marching band rehearsals are Tuesday & Thursday after school. Football games start late August. Marching contests start in September. There are usually four contests.
- Concert season – there are two concert bands and a jazz band. There is a holiday and spring concert. Participation in Solo & Ensemble is required. All-West is encouraged.
- Spring Trip – participation in a national concert festival. This year is Washington D.C. Trip is an education experiences and usually includes a theme park.
- Band Fees are estimated to be about \$400. Will work with any parents needing payment options. No student will be left behind.
- Band will be getting new uniforms next year.
- Sports participation is difficult in the fall. If it's after October, then it can be discussed.
- There are some instruments available for students.
- College scholarships are available in music.
- Students in middle school honor band are accepted into the high school band. Auditions are required for all others.
- Fundraisers are available to help offset the cost of band and trips fees. Individual accounts are kept for students, with funds accruing throughout the year. Any monies left over are rolled over to the next year. Fundraisers usually generate 40-60% profits.

#### Honor Band Trip

- Fees were raised to \$220 to cover cost of meals, and includes 2 park meal vouchers.
- Chaperone fees are \$210 and includes polo shirt, and all meals except Friday lunch.
- Will visit Coca Cola museum and Six Flags Park. Can put student's spending money in envelopes and give to chaperone
- All students must meet band fees and fundraiser requirements before trip. All band fees must be paid before end of school year.
- Commitment forms are needed ASAP. If you sent in money for the trip, this is the same as a commitment form.
- Trip itinerary was reviewed.
- Need volunteers to initiate phone tree to disseminate information on returning time for student pick up.

#### Dr. Chipman Remarks

- Thanks to everyone for attending the meeting and supporting the band program.
- Please make sure students are practicing outside of school.
- Keep students in band. College scholarships are available. One year of fine arts is required in high school. Encourage students to at least try band.
- Atlanta trip is a concert festival with national standards. Everyone must participate. Music is chosen based on students and instrumentation.
- Honor band has been invited by Bartlett Community Band to participate in performance on March 1<sup>st</sup> at Bartlett Performing Arts Center. Presale ticket monies goes to the band boosters. Band will perform contest pieces as well as one piece with the Bartlett Community Band.
- Solo and Ensemble is on April 12<sup>th</sup>. One event is included in the band fees. Additional events are \$7 each, and must be paid by the end of February.
- Next band booster meeting is on April 21<sup>st</sup>, followed by a short trip chaperone meeting. Will also have some solo & ensemble performances.

- J8th graders going into high school band must complete forms tonight. Be sure to include email address.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Smith  
Secretary