

## **Minutes from Band Booster Meeting Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Meeting started at 7:05 pm. Mr. Ronk, Greg and Sheryl Fellman, Jennifer Dawson, Liz Stutzman, Ed and Lisa Petersen signed in.

Joan and Jennifer McGrory were in attendance, and Kevin and Jeni Busick came later. Reminder: Please remember to sign in at every meeting.

Mr. Ronk started with noting the upcoming events. He has written them on the grease boards in the band room; and noted they are still the same from our regular calendar.

We haven't gotten any word on how many new freshmen we'll be getting next year. We may get those numbers next month.

Mr. Ronk notes that there have been no complaints about the new trimester system that he knows of, yet.

We need, as always, lots and lots of good fundraising ideas and follow-up. At the last meeting; **Kim Gower offered to have a garage/yard sale at her house;** with proceeds going to the band. **She is looking for help with this.**

We currently have only **\$500 left in our general band fund.** We usually have about \$1,500 to start the new school year.

**We will need approximately \$3,500 to pay for our music and marching drills for the upcoming new school year.** It has been requested that we try to put some custom music into our program; but this would cost an additional \$2,000; just for the drum line parts! In the past; people that have had students in the band have donated the money. We have had no one in our current band offer this, yet. **We will at least need a \$750 retainer for our new music by late summer. Please contact Mr. Ronk if you would be able to donate; or know someone who can. It would be tax deductible.**

The music that most likely will be our new marching show is from "Figaro's Final Follies", a comic opera, written by Mozart. Mr. Ronk played it for us. It sounded very exciting.

There is still much speculation to as to what will be available for the band for the upcoming year; money-wise. Most likely there will be more costs we will have to pay ourselves. **Mr. Ronk is attending all and every meeting and committee that could potentially affect our band. We're still not sure we'll get the Holt Arena for our practices; though we have used it the more than any other program.** There has been talk of renovating either Century or Highland's stadiums for all district's use; if Holt cannot be used.

**We will be having our end of the year awards dinner May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Booth Barn. We will be asking \$5 per person for anyone who would like to attend; to help pay for the awards and the cost of the main dish. We will also need some salad and**

**dessert contributions. Please contact Sheryl Fellman if you have any questions, or would like to help out.** We will lose our Booth Barn contact next year. Since the springtime can be risky for showers; we would like to be able to have an optional indoor area to have it in. If you have any access to a place like this; please let Mr. Ronk or Sheryl Fellman know.

Mr. Ronk continues to work on a collage (about 16x20) for our major contributor from Steel West; for himself/and/or the band room, and one for the school's trophy case. He is working with the yearbook staff that has Photo Shop Pro. If you would like to help or have ideas for it; please contact Mr. Ronk immediately. It was decided he use the picture of the band at the practice field bleachers in Florida for the trophy case. Jeni Busick suggested trying to photo shop the Miami Stadium field over the ugly bleachers. He is hoping to have a final mock-up by the next booster meeting.

**He also has an almost complete DVD of 1,500 pictures from the trip that he will make available, soon. If you have not gotten him your pictures, yet, please do so, so it can be complete by this week. It was decided he could sell it to anyone who wants one at a cost of \$1; with about 75 cents going to the band's general fund.**

**The Highland Foundation Awards Banquet will be on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. It costs \$12.50 per person to attend.** Unfortunately, he cannot pay for any of us. Our major contributor from Steel West, Mike Hoehner, will be honored; with a limited edition ram bust. We are planning to honor both him and Hurst Trucking (who has contributed over \$15,000 a year for the past 15 years in our semi maintenance, gas and hauling) with logos on the back of our semi trailer.

Last, but not least; Sheryl Fellman is working on a manual of directions for incoming band booster officers for the upcoming year. I would like any and everyone's help and input. Please e-mail me with your ideas and (constructive only) criticism for the past year. I have a list of the subjects I will be covering that I can send to you. Also; due to some illness in our family; we would like to be holding elections for new officers very soon. Please contact Sheryl if you are interested.

The meeting concluded at 8:20 pm. I think that's a new record! Our **next meeting** will be **Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7 pm, in the band room.**

Respectfully submitted,

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