

WHITE KNOLL BAND MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2008

- I. Meeting opened with prayer by James Thompson.
Chris Davis recognized the new parents of rising 8th and 9th graders.
- II. Minutes from May meeting were not available.
- III. Treasurer's report was read by James Thompson and approved with no questions. James encouraged all new parents to get involved.
- IV. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Chaperone:** Sonya Ouzts We will need a lot of chaperones this coming year. The chaperone committee is responsible for meeting the needs of the students (food, water, medical) at all band events. We will have a chaperone class, which is required to chaperone, at 6:00 PM before the next meeting. All chaperones are required to have their licenses scanned in the office. Gatorade and bottled water donations are needed for band camp.
 - b. **Spirit:** Kelly Young The Spirit committee promotes band spirit for parents/students, orders all clothes other than uniforms, prepares banners/posters to encourage band before band camp and competitions.
 - c. **Equipment:** Chris Davis reported for Ricky Lundy This committee facilitates construction and transportation of props and instruments for all marching events, and winter guard/percussion., maintains practice field, and helps with transporting the instruments back to the band room after practice daily. June 28 in the tentative date for doing repairs to the tower.
 - d. **Uniforms:** Charlotte Hughes reporting for Shermie Brown stressed the importance of students keeping up with the pieces of their uniform. Each piece has a number, and students are issued corresponding numbers. If you have a uniform out, please turn it in.
 - e. **USC Concessions:** No chairman yet At the Colonial Center we run 2 or more stands per event. The band makes \$45-50,000 per year. Parents are needed for cooking, beer sales, wristband stations, and to help supervise the students. Next event is Pearl Jam on June 16. Call time will most likely be 5-5:30 PM
 - f. **School Concessions:** Eddie Cranford not present. The band runs the visitor's concession stand at football games. Usually requires 12 parents. We also run the inside concessions for volleyball and basketball. 1 school event required this year.
 - g. **Hospitality:** Marie Rackus This committee responsible for feeding students anytime a meal is necessary.
 - h. **Ways and Means:** Chris Davis reporting for Christy Green returning students are required to follow prepay plan. Families with more than 1 student must follow the prepay plan to receive \$250 price break (fees will be \$750). Rookies may choose fare share plan (pay deposit and participate in fundraisers to pay remaining fees) Wind Ensemble student fees are \$100 and must be paid prepay. Fee for non-marchers in Concert band may be prepay or by fundraisers. We will have 3-4 fundraisers each year and you will receive a statement after each event. 100% of sponsorships are credited to the student's fees. Any amount over \$500 will be split 50/50 with general budget. Student's cut will be credited to their student account. Students participating in prepay will earn back money if they meet all the requirements of their events worked. This year 19 events will be required. (3 Blowfish, 1 school, 15 Colonial). Of these the student must personally work 15 events. Event requirements are set up per month to ensure workers the entire year. 2 events are required per month for November-March, 1 event per month for April, May, September, and October, and 1 event for June-August. Points will be earned for each event, which will be used for the earn back program. For example, if the student and 2 parents work an event, it will count as 1 event and 3 points. A total of 60 points may be earned for earn back purposes. Concession clothing is black or navy pants or shorts, white shirt, or a burgundy Colonial Center shirt.

No college related shirts are allowed other than USC. Try to stay away from jeans. Closed toed shoes must be worn. Fees may be paid by credit card using PayPal on the band website. Additional sponsorship packages and Financial Assistance forms are available.

- i. **Budget and Finance-** Lisa Henry not present
- j. **Historian:** Betty Barna collects pictures of all events for the scrapbook and display case in the foyer. Maintains the alumni data base. Betty also handles the refreshments for the monthly meetings.
- k. **Website:** Eddie Albert not present. Hope to soon have a rotating 12 months on the website and current newsletter.
- l. **Communications:** Bill Barna End of year videos are in and ready for pick-up. Considering a second order for those that want them. Publishes a newsletter 9/10 times a year. Need 5-6 people to help assemble newsletter for mailing. Looking for 4 parents to help with the band hotline. Will have a Band 101 class on August 4 at 6:00 PM during band camp. Responsible for calling posts. Would like to find someone interested in making programs/fliers or having an interest in communicating with newspaper/radio/TV stations. Bill encouraged new parents to mingle at practice to meet and make new friends.
- m. **Color Guard:** Lisa Harrington not present
- n. **Silver Invitational:** Jill Ford The marching contest will be on Oct. 4. Will need about 100 volunteers for the day. Last year we had 20 bands participate, hope to have more next year. Currently have 5 bands registered. Have Contacted Clemson to participate as showcase band, not looking favorable, but may be able to get their drum line. Have also contacted S C State. They have an open day and have said they will participate if they can work it out in their budget. Will start sign-ups in August and call those not signed-up in September. Last year we made almost \$13,000. Long day, this year we have an away game the night before so we probably would not start until around 10 AM.

V **Old Business:** none

VI. **New Business:** Aluminum covers for practice field are in the works. Chris has contacted Mrs. Mayer to make sure we don't need district permission to install.

VII. **Band Directors Comments:** Off to a great start. Spring band camp was in May. Looks like we will have 135-140 marchers. Show title "Fire and Ice". Students are excited about it. We will have 3 concert bands, a percussion class, and a Jazz class. Student leadership is meeting and working on spirit days for band camp. Hoping to have a lock-in on July 18 6:00 PM-6:00 AM Chaperones will be needed. Gary has ordered the guard uniforms. Tuesday night rehearsals start July 8, 6-8:00 PM. Updated calendar will soon be on the web. Mr. Turner stated he is impressed at the parent support and is grateful. He encouraged new parents to get involved. His e-mail is now Kturner@lexington1.net. We will be attending the Western Carolina competition on October 11.

VIII. Next meeting is July 21 at 7:00 PM. Meeting adjourned.