



## *Thomas Dale High School Band*

*Band Booster Meeting Minutes for March 6, 2008*

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm. Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes.

### *Committee Chair Reports*

A. Treasurer, Penny Crampton: Penny reported that we currently have \$8,847.02 in the account and that included money from the Pizza sale. Penny stated that we will need to pay Domain fee yearly for the website, currently the website is down. Sherri Willams to check with Cliff Cole and see where we are with this.

B/C. Public Relations, Jim Babb and Ways and Means, Jon Schoepflin: Jim presented a "Donation Letter" to go out to area businesses. This letter outlines several ways in which a business can provide a donation. They will be able to make a monetary donation or they can buy advertising space in our Community Calendar. A packet will also be sent to parents that will include a letter that they could give to either their employer or to a business that they think might be willing to provide a tax free donation to the Marching Band. Parents can also place Personal family Ads in the calendar for \$2.00, this ad can be used to celebrate or commemorate an important date for you or your family i.e. birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Jon Schoepflin has a group of volunteers that will help in contacting business to make sure that they are contacted only once. Kathy Sherman has volunteered to help Jim by taking care of the envelopes need.

As a recap, we are looking for ways in which to raise money for new band uniforms. A motion was made by Margaret Metry to move forward with this project and to allow Jim to buy the items needed this was seconded by Jon Schoepflin and approved by all attendees.

D. Freshman Orientation, Sherri Williams: The "Freshman Overture" will be held on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. We will have the band perform and then the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will go with their sections to ask questions and to learn about marching band. At this time we will meet with the parents and show them a DVD that highlights volunteer opportunities. We will talk to them about the business side of band, get parent info/email addresses and give them a copy of the Parent Handbook and then have time for questions.

### *New Business*

A. Video Game Tournament, Cathy Sherman and Penny Crampton: The cost and time for doing a Video Tournament would be too much. They would like to look a Teen-Night instead which would offer such things as Karoke, Dance Revolution and other fun events. The Band Directors would need to get permission for an event such as this and it would be open to the entire school. Penny to look into the use of the commons on a Friday night for approximately 3hours. We would like to plan this



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entertainment night for May if possible. Cathy also suggested planning a “Battle of the Bands” and will look into what would be needed to plan this type of event.

### *Announcements from the President: Tammy Schoepflin*

- A. Concession stand clean up to be held April 12<sup>th</sup>. Call Tammy Schoepflin if you would be able to give some time to this.
- B. Liability Insurance: This discussion was table until the next meeting but please check the Website for information so that it can be discussed and decided upon.
- C. Parent Handbook: Tammy now has Committee Chair Guidelines. Mr. Barton was asked if they could or should be included in the Student Handbook.  
He felt that it would be a good idea to include them since the parents are supposed to read the handbook also and it would give them an idea of what is involved with each committee.

### *Announcements from the Band Directors*

Mr. Barton reported that a Superior Rating was obtained by both the Symphonic Band and the Wind Ensemble. The Concert Band received an Excellent Rating. We had the only bands playing grade 6 music. This rating makes us an Honor Band and makes us eligible for the Blue Ribbon Governors Award.

At the Orchestra Festival we also received a Superior Rating, this was in the Metro Section of the Richmond Times Dispatch.

May 29<sup>th</sup> will be the Jazz Band Concert held in the small auditorium, it will be a very good performance and we would like as many people to come as possible.

With no further discussion pending a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Jennelle Traylor  
Secretary.