



# Thomas Dale High School Band Boosters

Band Booster Minutes

19 January 2010

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The rescheduled meeting of the Thomas Dale Band Boosters was called to order by Sherri Williams at 7:15pm. In attendance were:

Steven Barton, band director

Sherri Williams, president, acting treasurer

Elitha Dunn

Wayne Taylor, pit crew chairperson

Anne Groben

Diane Brown

Martha Seitz, hospitality chairperson

Kathy Edwards, tag day chairperson

Cliff Cole, webmaster chairperson, band photographer

Susan Cox, concessions chairperson

Brad Williams, vice president

Wanda Balducci, uniforms chairperson-Acting Secretary (Beth Craig Unable to attend)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR. HOLLEY! – home celebrating

## 1 December 2009 minutes review and old business:

Item: resignation of Tami Schoepflin, treasurer. Treasurer's report by Sherri Williams.

Concern: The Band Boosters needs a new treasurer. Tami Schoepflin's name has been removed from the Band Booster DuPont accounts.

Outcome/ Plan: Sherri Williams will be acting treasurer and making deposits for now.

Item: Poinsettias for the band concert 10 December 2009.

Concern: cost.

Outcome/ Plan: Flowers were provided by Boulevard flowers for \$7.50 each in exchange for an add in the program.

Item: Bounced checks.

Concern: Of the 2 bounced checks for 2009 that were redeposited, 1 is still outstanding. There was no response to the letters sent out regarding this matter.

Outcome/ Plan: A letter will be sent out to the person who wrote the remaining outstanding check.

Item: outstanding fees

Concern: \$550.00 still outstanding. Monthly payment plans are working well.

Outcome/ Plan: Continue monthly payment plans.

Item: checking account.

Concern: no checking account at present time.

Outcome/ Plan: defer for now.

Item: cost of band pictures done by Cliff Cole

Concern: Payment due.



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Outcome/ Plan: payment will be made to Cliff Cole.

Item: Band Boosters' DuPont account

Concern: name changes need to be done on accounts and debit cards.

Outcome/ Plan: will be taken care of by Sherri Williams.

Item: Web site assistance

Concern: reimbursement for web hosting (?)

Outcome/ Plan: Elitha Dunn offered assistance with web site and stated that she has experience in that area.

Item: stipend for Martina, color guard director

Concern: yearly stipend

Outcome/ Plan: payment of \$2,000.00 made.

Item: Bonding

Concern: Tami Schoepflin is currently the only bonded Band Boosters board member. This has already been paid for.

Outcome/ Plan: shift bond to Sherri Williams.

Item: bonding the Band Boosters organization through the North American Boosters Club of America as opposed to bonding individuals.

Concern: any law suits would be against the organization instead of against individuals (Mr. Barton). Bonding individuals –vs. - bonding the organization.

Outcome/ Plan: to be researched by Sherri Williams. Possibility – product offered through Fireman's Fund.

## New business:

Item: Board member nominations will be made at the Spring Concert on Friday, May 14, 2010.

Concern: needed – nomination committee chairman; can be a senior parent. Also, committee to recruit board members for next year.

Outcome/ Plan: ask for volunteer for nomination committee chairman at the January 28, 2010 awards banquet.

## January 28 Marching Band Banquet

Items: 1. Motion made to cancel the February Band Boosters meeting.

2. Per Mr. Barton, students need to turn in their banquet information handouts.

3. Meal coordination by grade level outlined in handout.

Concerns: 1. January 28 banquet will take the place of the regular February meeting.

2. Venue: large cafeteria.

3. Food and table set up will begin at 5pm – assistance is needed.

4. Students need to dress nicely – business attire.



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5. Meal and awards by 7pm, then presentation of Cliff Cole's video.

Outcome/ Plans: 1. Motion made by Kathy Edwards, seconded by Susan Cox, no members opposed.

2. Band boosters will provide paper products, drinks, silverware.
3. Martha Seitz will provide table covers.
4. Sherri Williams will provide decorations.

Item: Band picture fundraising – thank you Cliff Cole for your service over the past year. His child graduated 3 years ago.

Concern: CD for presentation at the banquet. Order forms for CD's at the banquet.

Outcome/ Plan: 10% of total sales, at the cost of \$25 per CD, will be donated to the Band Boosters.

Item: Pre-festival concert Tuesday, March 2, 2010. Festival dates. Spring band concert, Friday, May 14, 2010 at 7pm in the main auditorium. Jazz band concert Wednesday, May 19, 2010 in the small auditorium.

Concern: Festival dates are pending. Possible festival dates are March 5 and 6 in Goochland, or March 12 and 13 at Byrd High School.

Outcome/ Plan: Pre-festival concert will be free. Mr. Barton will make a date and venue decision about the festival this week. School buses will be used for transportation.

Item: All-district band.

Concern: Concert January 20, 2010 at around 3:30pm, Matoaca.

Outcome/ Plan: Parents will provide the transportation. Robert W. Smith, composer, is scheduled to attend.

Item: State auditions.

Concern: 27 band members will participate. Last weekend in February in Harrisonburg.

Outcome/ Plan: Mr. Barton will notify those who qualify in advance.

Addition: There will be 37 all district band participants with 2 alternates included per Mr. Barton.

Item: 50/50 raffle.

Concern: need for a license

Outcome/ Plan: probably not per Mr. Barton.

Item: Concessions chairperson.

Concern: Susan Cox will not be chairing concessions for the 2010-2011 school year and a new chairperson is needed. Concessions belong to athletics, Thomas Dale High School and Chesterfield County.

Outcome/ Plan: Susan – thank you for your service this past year. Per Mr. Barton, \$25 could be added to each student's marching band fees to cover profits made from concessions in the event the Band Boosters lose concessions.

Item: fund raising.



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Concern: Suggestion made by Martha Seitz to look into reloadable Kroger gift cards. Kroger gives the organization 5% of purchases made with the card.

Outcome/ Plan: Martha Seitz will provide more information.

Item: Ways and means chairperson.

Concern: open chairperson position. Outgoing tag day chairperson Kathy Edwards – thank you for your service this past year.

Outcome/ Plan: Anne Groben 2010-2011 tag day chairperson (?)

Item: Fundraising for 2010-2011. \$3,205 profit from concessions from every home game prior to the last football game for 2009.

Concern: Per Sherri Williams, discussed needs and reasons for fundraising. Per Steve Barton, the marching band needs replacement pants, plumes, and back drops for the uniforms. Rain jackets or ponchos with hoods (possibly the clear type) are not needed very often but might be considered. Needed is a list of prioritized needs.

Outcome/ Plan: future discussion

Item: Uniform dry cleaning

Concern: cost = \$1000 x 3 cleanings per year. Cleaners pick up and deliver uniforms.

Outcome/ Plan: Continue as usual.

Item: Instrument maintenance

Concern: taken care of by David Holley, Director

Outcome/ Plan: no update

Item: Taxes

Concern: IRS letter received in January approving Band Boosters new tax year. Per Brad Williams, we are still waiting for the IRS to notify us of our tax exempt status. Potential penalties and fees related to 2008 taxes. No problems with 2009 taxes at this time.

Outcome/ Plan: Continue to monitor progress

Item: Virginia Tech Honor Band 22-24 January 2010.

Concern: Room costs, dates. 6-8 band members will attend.

Outcome/ Plan: \$500 approved by the Band Boosters for costs of 3 hotel rooms. Length of trip = 3 days.

Item: Money earned by each band member through fund raisers.

Concern: Most band members will have opportunities to use money they have earned in fund raisers prior to graduation per Mr. Barton. Cliff Cole: fund raiser money is used or goes back to the band. Sherri Williams concurred that the unused funds are left in the account and rolled over at present into the general fund. Mr. Barton: money could be used to help individual students who cannot pay for things. Sherri Williams suggested passing out a survey to marching band parents. Susan Seitz suggested that any senior account balance (there are 43 seniors) go to the senior scholarship fund.



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Outcome/ Plan: Per Mr. Barton, ask North American Booster's Club of America for suggestions. Provide a survey to the membership at the banquet. Per Mr. Barton, wait to hear Band Booster member response to the survey.

Item: 9<sup>th</sup> graders at Chester Middle School who will be marching band members.

Concern: unaddressed at this time.

Outcome/ Plan: details to be worked out in the future.

Budget issues discussion among members in attendance.

Motion made by Susan Seitz to accept the minutes from the 1 December 2009 meeting, was seconded by Brad Williams and accepted. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted in the absence of Beth Craig, secretary,  
Wanda Balducci