

Thomas Dale Band Boosters Meeting Minutes from August 4, 2005

Cheryl Childress called the meeting to order. She introduced our two new band directors, David Holley and Steve Barton. Mr. Holley is in his 12th year of teaching and came to us from Meadowbrook HS. He and Mr. Barton will be co-directors. In addition to the marching band, Mr. Holley will lead teach the Wind Ensemble, piano lab and he and Mr. Barton will team teach two freshmen band classes. He was impressed with the large number in attendance this evening and thanked everyone for coming to the first meeting of the school year.

Mr. Barton has been teaching for 19 years and is coming from L.C. Bird! He is happy to be at TD. He will be teaching jazz band, music theory and percussion, in addition to the team teaching. He also welcomed everyone.

Minutes from the June 2, 2005 meeting were handed out prior to the meeting. They were approved. (Beth Weber/Buck Shaw)

Treasurer's report by Beth Weber

Currently there is \$17,743.17 in the checking account.

Old Business

- The band trailer is still in storage and Buddy Childress will get the "s" bars.
- Uniform fittings will be August 17, 18 & 19 from 1:00 to 3:00. A sign up sheet was passed around. Cathy Sherman can also be contacted via email. Shoes and gloves will be ordered and checks should be payable to the company, not the band.
- Band Parent t-shirts will be available again this year. They will only be available at the Parent Preview and they are still \$10.00. The design is still a work in progress.

New Business

- 2005-2006 TDMK Calendar is still being finalized. Mr. Holley and Mr. Barton are still looking over various competitions and the JMU competition is the same weekend as homecoming.
- Band Camp will run from 8/15 to 8/26 from 7:30 to 3:30. Student are asked to bring their lunches. Evening practice will be held from 6 to 8 on 8/29 and 8/30. Parent preview will be held 8/31 beginning with dinner at 6:00.

Committee Reports

Concession – Andre Lowman

Andre wanted to know the best way to recruit volunteers to help with concession. It was explained that a volunteer sign up form was mailed to marching band parents with tentative dates and the needs of the band. Additional forms and information will be available at the parent preview and volunteer forms will be collected the volunteer names/numbers will be distributed to the chairpersons.

Social Committee - Judy Hobbs

Judy explained the various events handled by social committee. Again, volunteers can sign up on the volunteer form. Anyone interested in helping with TAG Day

lunch is asked to contact her.

Fruit Sale – Monica Cole (Report given by Cliff Cole)

Monica would like to see the sale run from October 31 to November 11. We started a little late last year and sales were down. Half of each student's sales will be used to offset their cost of the spring trip. There is a brochure on line to view.

Knight Club - Tanya Brown

This is a fun evening and a chance for the students to show their talents. The commons is dressed up and we have great appetizers, a silent auction and a great time. More on this spring event later.

Director's Report – Mr. Holley and Mr. Barton

Again they thanked everyone for coming out. The name of the show is "One World, One Music". The middle two songs in the show were changed because the directors thought it would improve the show. Some students had been working on the other songs, but the directors believe that this change is in the best interest of the program and will make the band strong in competitions.

Both directors are concerned about communication between students and parents and also realize the communication with new students needs to be improved. This is more challenging this year with two new directors, one hired at the end of the school year and one hired after the end of the school year. They are asking that we be patient. The band website will be a major source of communication, especially last minute changes (ex: due to weather). They are looking forward to an incredible first year at TD.

Vice-President's Report – Cheryl Al-Mateen

Cheryl reviewed the open committee chair positions and discussed Spiritwear. Suggestions for additional item to sell were made and she will look into them. Spiritwear will also be available at the parent preview.

Announcement

Judy Hobbs thanked everyone for coming and asked that if everyone could help just once, it would make it a little easier for everyone. The Boosters truly appreciate all the volunteers.

The next meeting will be October 6, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion was made and seconded (Buck Shaw/Peter Lehman) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Bridget Lehman

