

## Thomas Dale Band Boosters Meeting Minutes from November 3, 2005

Cheryl Childress called the meeting to order with 21 members attending. Minutes from October 6, 2005 meeting were read and motion was made by Janet Arnold, seconded by Kevin DeChain to approve minutes. The minutes were correct; however, Becky Summers informed us that Mr. Barton's statement that a building permit was not needed for the tower was incorrect. A building permit is required. Motion to accept the minutes was passed.

### **Treasurer's report by Beth Weber**

Balance in checking account is \$21,302.87. She needs the receipts from the last home game.

### **Old Business**

- Cliff has about 60 paid orders for marching band pictures and he will follow up on photos taken but not yet paid – report by Monica Cole
- Refund from bus company from spring 2005 trip was received and will be divided by the three groups participating on the trip
- Mr. Barton mentioned finding a tent last month. It was decided that we keep the tent to use for the satellite concession stand. Having this additional concession stand helps with crowd control.

### **Committee Reports**

**Concession** - Ray Crowder will be able to deliver ice to the concession stand. Jennifer Crowder inquired about getting the hot water hooked up in the concession. It would be more sanitary and is needed for cleaning the equipment. Mr. Holley will talk to Mr. Stansberry, but also suggested that booster members email him about the hot water. Jennifer will also look into the prices of warming lamps. There is a government surplus center where Mr. Holley will see about a freezer. It was suggested that we get with Pepsi later in the school year to check into ordering drinks from them and having them delivered.

**Spirit Wear** - Cheryl has the spirit wear orders. Tables are available at the Fall Bazaar held in the commons from 9 – 2. There is a \$10.00 fee for school groups and band students could help man the table. Motion made for the band to participate by Becky Summers and seconded by Mark Murdock. Motion approved.

**Fruit Sales** – Fruit orders are due tomorrow and prices remained the same in spite of Hurricane Wilma. Shipment will arrive on December 6. Reminder: Winter concert date was changed to December 8 and we hope to have all fruit picked up by that evening.

**Spring Fundraiser** – It was suggested that perhaps we should give the Knight Club a year or two off and try something new. A Playstation tournament – Madden football – was suggested. This will be discussed further after the Winter Break.

**Winter Concert** – Mr. Holley would like for the stage to be decorated for the winter concert. This could be done on the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>. Will check with Mrs. Stanfield

to see if choir has lights for decorating. Michelle DeChain will coordinate the decorating, please email her if you can help.

### **New Business**

- Discussed possibly selling advertisement space on the Band Trailer. The Marching Knights logo is peeling off. The trailer is owned by the booster. Kevin DeChain has a friend who owns a sign company. Motion was made and seconded (Michelle DeChain/Janet Arnold) to pursue selling ads on the trailer.
- Still need a date for the Awards Banquet. First choice is Thurs. Jan. 12 with Tues. Jan. 10 as an alternate date. This is a Black Sock Event!
- Cliff Cole has made a CD of stand tunes and the marching music. Do we want to sell these or give them to the band members? Motion made and seconded (Anne Wilson/ Beth Weber) to give them to the students and take orders for additional CD's. Motion passed.
- New uniforms are in and Mr. Holley has sent in a grant that would assist with \$3000.00 of the cost. We may also need additional hats.

### **Director's Report by David Holley**

2 Sousaphones	\$6,000	Director's Tower
1 Bari Sax	4,000	\$1,300 - \$1,500
4 Marching Baritones	3,600	Portable PA w/stand
1 E Soprano Clarinet	1,200	approx. \$1,200
1 B Tenor Sax	1,600	

Mr. Holley listed these needs on the board and asked for input from booster members for additional needs. Other suggestions were: percussion cabinet, additional auxiliary percussion, instrument carts.

There is \$2,500 in the school budget and \$1,500 in the booster budget for instrument repairs. Based on fundraising success, motion was made by Janet Arnold and seconded by Bridget Lehman to allot \$16,000 to be spent and prioritized by Mr. Holley and Mr. Barton. Prices listed above are approximate and the larger the order, the better the deal.

It was also suggested that we check with the Tech Center about getting new carts and/or refurbishing the existing carts.

### **Announcements**

- Veteran's Day Concert is Friday 11/11 from 2 – 3:30.
- District auditions are December 10 at Colonial Heights HS
- Chester Parade is December 11
- Mark Murdock had a James River parent comment on how "really good" our Marching Band sounds. A Dinwiddie football coach also complimented the band.
- Mr. Holley again expressed the director's appreciation to all the parents.
- The next meeting will be January 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion was made and seconded (Buddy/Tami) to adjourn.

Submitted by  
Bridget Lehman

