

Thomas Dale Band Boosters Meeting Minutes from October 6, 2005

Cheryl Childress called the meeting to order at 7:10 with 18 members attending. Minutes from the August 31, 2005 meeting were read and approved. (Beth Weber/Monica Cole)

Treasurer's report by Beth Weber

Currently there is \$26,489.84 in the checking account. Payment has been made for the charter buses for the VBODA and Salem Competitions.

Old Business

TAG Day – First, we want to congratulate Becky Summers on a very successful fundraising event. We appreciate all her time and hard work. So far we have received \$6,383.70 and the band will provide 166 hours of community service for the donations received. Becky has compiled a detailed notebook to be passed on to next year's organizer.

Monica Cole sent a letter to the Chester Village News thanking the community for their support and inviting them to the winter concert. She will also contact Comcast with the concert date. A "thank you" was also placed in the Stony Glen neighborhood newsletter.

Band Stand – Mr. Barton will contact Goodwyn Lumber about possibly donating lumber for this project. Pete Lehman received a bid from the Contactor Yard for \$1,214.54. We may need to send out an email to band parents, to find the parent that offered his crew's assistance in building the band stand. No permits from the county are needed for this project per Mr. Barton.

Committee Reports

Spirit wear – Cheryl Al-Mateen

We have not received many orders; however, sales at the football games have been good. All the hoodies have sold, 50 back bags and half of the blankets. The Haws have been great salespeople. Will order 10 TDMK ball caps, maroon with gray writing and see how well they sell. Cheryl will also order additional hoodies to sell at the football games since the weather will be getting cooler.

Fruit Sale – Monica Cole

She is waiting for the color brochures with the prices to come in. Instructions will be included with the order forms. Brochures will be distributed 10/20 and 10/21. Orders are due on Friday, 11/4. Order with Indian River Groves must be placed no later than 11/14, with delivery on Tuesday, 12/6. Good selling point is that prices have not increased.

Monica has a good start with volunteers and would like to work closely with someone who would be interested in taking over next year. Reminder: Fifty percent of student's profit will be applied to Spring Trip.

Concession – Andre Lowman and Jennifer Crowder

Jennifer stated that it has been going great and she really enjoys the concession stand. Andre has receipts to turn in that are needed to determine how much

money we have made with concessions this year.

50/50 Raffle – Pete Lehman

Beth Weber reported that 50/50 has taken in \$638.00 so far this year. Proceeds from the first home game were not claimed, they are part of the \$638.00.

Pit Crew – Arnie and Terri Shaw

The trailer has been inspected and a flat tire was fixed. The bearings need to be packed and Arnie would like to get this done before the Hanover Competition. The expense was approved. We are still looking for the county sticker; it was purchased.

Band Pictures – Cliff Cole

Cliff passed out an information sheet (attached) and motion was made and seconded (Beth Weber/Terri Shaw) to go with the \$25 package. This includes an 8x10 group, 5x7 individual, and 5x7 section group. Additional pictures may also be ordered.

Corporate Donations – Jim Babb

Jim has been working on corporate donations with different levels, such as: band, section leader, drum major, director. He suggested that those interested, meet for further discussion after the meeting.

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

Mr. Holley was at the Teacher of the Year Banquet. He left a note, thanking all the volunteers and asking that they don't underestimate their commitment to the band, it is greatly appreciated by the directors and the students. He is looking for a volunteer to possibly make a cart for the color guard equipment. It was suggested that we send out email to see if someone is willing to look into this.

Mr. Barton stated that to increase the longevity of the uniforms (and keep the smell down) they should be cleaned about three times a year. Most other schools charge a separate \$30.00 cleaning fee. Our marching band fee is \$150.00. We should state when we collect the fee that \$30.00 will be set aside for the cleaning of the uniforms. Also, Cathy Sherman will purchase a folding table for use during the distribution and collection of band uniforms. It is needed since the uniforms have been moved to the smaller storage room.

There was discussion on the need for a larger band room, due to the growth of the band program.

The directors would like to purchase mounting equipment to display trophies and awards. There is also a need to reduce the number of trophies stored. They would like to keep a predetermined number from each decade. It was suggested that we put a notice in the Chester Village News that if you are a TD Alumni and would like a trophy to come to the winter concert and select one. The trophies could be on tables in the commons area.

The medical bag needs to be restocked. Janet Arnold volunteered to take care of this.

Announcements:

- Winter concert was changed to **Dec 8**, due to a conflict.
- Again, thanks to the parents and the kids, the transition has been very smooth and the kids have been very mature
- Hermitage Competition had terrific results, especially for Best Music

- All County Night was supposed to be at TD this year. They are requesting it be held at TD next year.
- 8th grade band night will have approximately 150 8th graders. Communication with these kids is the key to keeping them interested in band; Mr. Barton and Mr. Holley are working very hard in this area.
- They are working on finalizing the Veteran's Day performance
- Be sure to check the website for updates especially when weather is a factor.
- Mr. Holley and Mr. Barton appreciate the prompt pick-up of students after practices and games.
- There is a tent in the storage room – do we need it? Beth Weber will contact Rob Ashley, it might be his.
- Mr. Barton will find date for Marching Band Banquet in January, due to the number of events in December and midterms before winter break.

The next meeting will be November 3, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion was made and seconded (Beth Weber/Bridget Lehman) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Bridget Lehman

