

# SHS Viking Band Booster Club

General Meeting

February 11, 2020

## 1. Review minutes from previous meeting

No need for changes noted.

## 2 Financial Report

An updated income report was made available. A copy of that report is available in the secretary's notebook.

Since the last general Band Booster Meeting, a \$15.00 fee was paid on 1/24/20 to the SCSOS for uploading the Articles of Amendment and 501c3 form.

The current balance of the TD Bank account is \$900.10 This does not reflect monies spent for Band Boogie in January.

## 3. Committee Reports

### a. Winter guard

Tonya Corbin noted that winter guard made their premier two weeks ago. They continue to add to their performance. The next competition will be in Woodmont on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The main competition will be in March. Dates can be found on the band calendar located at [spartanburgband.org](http://spartanburgband.org). All are encouraged to attend as they are able.

### b. Events/Performances

Nicole Kyle noted that the Band Boogie held on January 18<sup>th</sup> was a success. The idea of having similar parties for students quarterly was presented with the next event proposed at the end of spring camp. The main student party event would occur directly after marching band

season ended. The hope is for parents to donate food or funds for these events so it does not come out of the Booster funds.

c. Food

Michelle Shell noted that having Boosters involved in food would open up additional options for food providers. Currently, the band budget pays for food. As a result, we are limited to certain restaurants because the district only has accounts with a few food providers. The idea is for band boosters to solicit donations of food or money.

d. Fundraising

- i. Genie Becknell reviewed the purpose of Band Boosters as specified in Article 2 of the bylaws.

To assist the SHS Viking Band, herein known as "Band", an activity offered by Spartanburg High School, a public school within Spartanburg County School District Seven (SD7), through volunteer events, raising of funds, use of time and means to aid students, staff, and faculty in promoting activities of the Band. Band refers to all band and guard activities.

The Booster funds will be used purchase instruments, repair instruments, provide instruction, and feed band during practices.

- ii. Outline for family and business sponsorships was presented by Genie Becknell. The family sponsorship mirrors that of the SHS Chorus and orchestra with sponsorships beginning at \$10.00 and business sponsorships beginning at \$300.

Various names for sponsorship levels were presented and discussed. The following were selected:

Family Sponsorship Levels

Pianissimo	\$10.00	Crescendo(?)	\$50.00
Piano	\$15.00	Forte	\$100.00
Mezzo	\$25.00	Fortissimo	\$250.00

## Corporate Sponsorships

Norsemen	\$300	Valkyries	\$1000
Shield Maidens.	\$500	Valhalla	\$2500
Viking warriors.	\$700	Odin's Circle	\$5000

\*Idea of combining corporate levels with more traditional categorization of colors, such as Blue Norseman, Bronze Shield Maidens, Silver Viking Warriors, Gold Valkyries, Diamond Valhalla's, and Odin's Circle

\*Idea of overall classification of "Viking Society"

### iii Proposed letter to businesses presented by Genie Becknell

Business sponsors will receive recognition on website and on performance programs.

Mr. McAllister also noted that business sponsors can be recognized at games before and after half-time performance on video score board

### iv. Names of potential sponsors

Current list of potential sponsors presented by Gene Becknell. Discussion regarding additions to list was held. Anyone with additional names of businesses to add to list will be sent to Genie Becknell along with names of individuals who would like to make contacts. Names will be added to Google Drive document.

The SHS Viking Band Boosters has an official EIN number as of December 2, 2019. However, the IRS website has not been updated to reflect our "good standing" status. Until that information is updated, anyone contacting a business regarding sponsorship should have copy of letter from IRS reinstating our status and EIN number. This number is also found at bottom of "ask" documents.

iv. Timeline

The goal is for information for fundraising to be finalized by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Genie Becknell welcomed any help to expedite the process.

#### 4. New Business

##### Director's Notes

Mr. McAllister shared information regarding restructuring of classes for State Marching Band contest by SCBDA. There will now be 24 bands in the 5A classification. Spartanburg High School is among those being moved from 4A to 5A classification.

This change was made to allow more bands in the smaller divisions to have the opportunity to participate in State Marching Band Contest. The smaller divisions were continually growing. With more bands in the smaller divisions, those bands had less of a chance to make State Marching Band Competition.

This move will bring with it several changes for SHS

- SHS will be participating with larger bands, such as Wando, Byrnes, and Boiling Springs.
- 5A state contest occurs at a later date than 4A. State Marching Band Contest for 5A will be November 7, 2020. All bands participate in preliminaries in the morning. Then the top bands compete again in the evening for finals.
- Since State contest will be later in the season, there will be more time to prepare.

##### Board 2020-2021

In March the nominating committee for 2020-2021 Executive Board will be formed. The Executive Board positions are one year terms. Although there are provisions in the bylaws to serve for an additional year or in some cases two additional years, the idea is to rotate in new people to fill Executive Board positions regularly. Please considered filling a role on the Executive Board if asked or consider nominating yourself.

##### Ideas how to grow the band/guard and maintain students

- Color Guard Camp for elementary students
- Community Performances
- Big Brother/Big Sisters within band

## **5. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.