

# **SHS Viking Band Booster Club**

## **General Meeting**

November 12, 2019

### **1. Meeting Called to order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by Band Booster President, Genie Becknell

There were 16 people present at the meeting. The sign-in sheet is available in the secretary's notebook

### **2. Review minutes from previous meeting**

No need for changes noted.

### **3 Financial Report**

The current balance of the TD Bank account is \$627.27.

No costs were incurred since the last Band Booster meeting

Band Boosters will be receiving \$1500 for working concession stands at football games (3 Home games - \$500 each game).

### **4. Committee Reports**

#### **a. Food**

No report since we are done with food for marching band season.

#### **b. Guard**

Tonya Corbin reported that the guard continues to practice in preparation for winter guard. Ideas for next year are listed below.

#### **c. Pit Crew**

Renee Johnson reported that she went to Spartan Custom to price a collared embroidered shirt for parents working the pit crew. They would

cost \$28.60 with no mark-up (2X would cost \$2.00 and 3X would cost \$3.00 more).

Other ideas presented for shirts: (1) add \$10 fee for each student and provide each family with a show shirt and (2) have smocks for parents to wear.

Pit crew has lanyards which they wear so they can be identified properly as they need to get onto the field. Discussed idea of distributing at beginning and pick up at end of season.

d. Uniforms

Uniforms will be washed after Christmas parade.

We will explore the possibility of using the athletic department washer/dryers.

e. Events/Performances

***Cookies and Carols on the evening of Dec 13<sup>th</sup>***

Cookies and Carols will be held in conjunction with the concert this year. This event will take place in the cafeteria. Increase attendance is expected given that concert will be included and alumni will be invited.

Nichole Kyle requested that everything individually wrapped.

Merchandise will be available for purchase during this event. New Vikings for Veterans shirt will be available. Long sleeved, hoodies, and baseball t-shirts.

In addition, there will be a goodie basket with gift cards to be used as a fund raiser. The basket will either be raffled off or there will be a silent auction. Mr. McAllister will let committee chair know whether or not raffles are allowed. Funds will benefit band boosters.

***End of Season Party***

The Band Boosters began planning end of season party; however, students expressed interest in organizing this event. This event will be student led. The Band Boogie will take place on January 18<sup>th</sup> in old band room. Watch out for sign up genius for these upcoming events

e. Fundraising

Sherry Renshaw is no longer doing fund raising. Nichole Kyle has been helping with this area, but would like to dedicate time to events/performances.

We are waiting for 501(c)3 tax exempt status. Once we receive approval, we will gear up for fundraising. We will need additional help in this area and will be looking for people willing to head up this area.

**5. Marching Band Season 2019 Review**

Overall

Great session with tremendous growth from first performance to last performance. Mr. McAllister expressed thanks and gratitude to all.

Growth noted both on and off the field. There was more interaction among students creating a stronger bond with greater feelings of comradery, friendship, and family. They rallied around and pulled each other up.

More impressively the students reached out to members of other bands as they stood by to recognize/compliment them at band contest for a good job no matter what their placement.

Overall level of support and involvement of parents increased which was a positive. Parents expressed desire to have more specific knowledge of how they may help.

The Band Boosters will continue to work with Mr. McAllister to define roles and responsibilities. We need to keep at the forefront the fact that the Viking Band is a student led organization and students have leadership positions.

There was a request for a leadership chart so the chain of command is clear, as well as roles/responsibilities. The directors do the disciplining when there is a need. Comment made regarding defining role of chaperones.

## Communication

Thanks expressed for posting of videos of performances for those who were not able to see in real time.

Desire for more communication noted by several in attendance. This desire was expressed by those who want to be more active in helping. Suggestions included: pre-planning, Signup Genius, text, Facebook posts, Band Booster site.

Band is being recognized within the district: posted on Facebook page.

## Props

Props came together well which was attributed in part to the fact that there was more help this year. Special thanks was extended to Rene Johnson who chaired the Pit Crew which also did props.

The idea of bringing Daniel Morgan into prop building was presented.

Discussion was held regarding the fact that some bands are selling props which provides funding for new props for the following year. Bands are even selling uniforms which allows them to customize performance.

## Concessions

*Note:* Food ran out before band students were able to get to concessions.

Concessions provided a great way for Boosters to make money.

Concerns expressed about the work involved in doing concessions, particularly the amount of time involved (5:30- ).

Suggestion for having 2 shifts for concessions presented.

Possibility of doing concessions at basketball games discussed

### Flavor of Viking Band

The general consensus: placement in competitions is not the be all/end all.

The goal is growth-as individuals and as a group. Students are to build character and become positive role models. They are to become better players, better performers, and better people. The show is really the by-product.

Discussion regarding entering the stadium/marching onto the field at attention to command attention.

Parent reports that students want to command respect in hallways at school as they hear happens at other high schools.

### Other

Desire for band pictures expressed. Idea of fitting uniforms and taking pictures in summer proposed.

Show themes: it is a balance between entertaining the Friday night crowd and “cutting mustard” for competition.

Questions raised regarding access to field from band room. Mr. McAllister will address this issue with appropriate people at the appropriate time.

### **6. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.