



Band Booster General Meeting

March 18, 2024

6:00 pm

Called to order at 6:01 pm by Julie Reed, President

Recorded by Lisa Quortrup, Secretary

Reading of Minutes

- Minutes from January 23, 2024 meeting read by Lisa Quortrup.
 - Motion to approve by Kristy Swaim
 - Betty Cox seconded
 - **Minutes accepted.**

Director's Report: Mr. Doyle

- The next Band Booster meeting will be April 8, 2024.
- Band 101 is April 2, 2024.
- Our Pre UIL Concert is April 5, 2024.
- March 29 & April 12 are Bad Weather make-up days- no school.
- April 24 & 25 we are hosting a UIL competition.
- Concert band auditions for next school year will be on April 6.
- Spring Concert May 9.
- District solo contest is Saturday, May 11 at Boswell.
- Wind Ensemble performs at Bass Hall on May 20. More information will be coming.
- Held Leadership auditions. It was a very strong competition group which made for difficult decisions. Congratulations to all those students who were selected for a leadership position.
- We are in the process of working on next year's show and hope to give students the music by the end of the semester.
- Ms. Rivers - Wind players have playing assignments due the 29th of this month (March).

Committee Reports: Committee Chairs Reporting

Treasurer Report: Betty Cox, Treasurer

- The January 2024 ending balance is \$23,503.33.
- The February 2024 ending is \$11, 574.40
 - Motion to approve by Kristy Swaim
 - Amanda Zarbock seconded
 - **Treasurer report accepted.**

Fundraising: Shawn and Lindsey Wright, Co-Chairs

- We are having Tommy's Tamales fundraiser which benefits the full band. Every student needs to sell 3 dozen tamales. Selling will begin on March 25th. The orders and payment will be due on April 15. The tamales will be delivered in approximately 2 ½ weeks (May 2nd or 3rd). Payment will be due with the digital order form. Andrea will set up a QR code for payments to go through Booster Hub. The band's order will be sent in cases (not sure how many dozen are in each case).
- The student that sells the most in our tamale fundraiser gets 2 tickets to our Band Banquet.
 - Motion to approve by Shawn Wright
 - Seconded by Betty Cox
 - **Motion passed**
- Indoor Percussion fundraiser on April 5 at Snow Exciting on Boat Club and Cromwell Marine Creek roads.

Color Guard:

Equipment: Jesse Kersten

Uniforms: Veronica Salinas, Chair

- Nothing to report

Hospitality Report: Amanda Zarbock, Brittney Sapien-Vance Co-Chairs

- Nothing to report

Concession Report: Cory Newby, Chair

- Nothing to report

Web Designer: Andrea Felder, Chair

- Nothing to report

Sales: Kristy Swaim, Chair

- Nothing to report

New Business

A review of the Band Booster Bylaws has been completed by a committee of volunteer booster members. The committee members are Kristy Swaim, Cory Newby and Brittany Sapien-Vance.

Presented by Kristy Swaim, the following changes to the Bylaws are recommended by the committee.

- **Article II, Purpose**
 - **Line item A.** Recommended change: correct grammar by adding a space.
 - **Vote passed unanimously.**
- **Article III, Membership**
 - **Line Item H.** Recommended change: correct grammar by deleting “a”
 - **Vote passed unanimously.**
 - **Line Item H.** Recommended change: band director to be an automatic fifth executive board member Or Band director will act as tie breaking vote.
 - **Table discussion-** Mr. Doyle to confirm this is within the district guidelines.
- **Article IV, Executive Board and Their Election**
 - **Line Item F** Recommended change: add wording “Nominees for treasurer must have a background in finance or previous experiences with Quickbooks or other accounting software.”.
 - **Line Item F** Recommended change: correct typographical error. Replace word “possessions” with “positions”
 - **Line Item G** Recommended change: add **Line Item G** to remove term limits from Executive Board positions.
 - **Vote passed unanimously.**
- **Article VI, Executive Board Committees**
 - **Line Item B.** Recommended change: add sentence “Each committee will have a Chairman and the option for an assistant.”
 - **Line Item E./F.** Recommended change: correct grammatical errors and wording to read “All branches of the Ranger Regiment must work cooperatively with the committee chair for all Fundraising, Concession, and Merchandising activities, with final approval by the executive committee within appropriate regulatory guidelines.”

Bylaws discussion completed through Article VI and for the sake of time, further discussion of Bylaws is tabled. At the next meeting (April 8, 2024), resume with a vote on Article VI proposed changes and continue discussion beginning with Article VII proposed changes.

2024-2025 Budget Proposal presented by Julie Reed, President

Items of note:

- Budget for student leadership in 2023-2024 was \$2000. Increase student leadership budget amount to \$4000 for 2024-2025.
- Per Mr. Doyle, Percussion Tech salaries are funded by percussion fees and fundraising. They are not included in total band fees.
- Ranger Regiment fundraising goal for 2024-2025 will be \$55,000.

- 2024-2025 returning student band fee is \$835. (The total actual cost per returning student without the fundraising contribution is \$1200.)
 - Motion to accept 2024-2025 proposed budget by Cory Newby
 - Tina Winchester seconded

Vote passed unanimously 21 yeas, 0 nays

Floor discussion:

Is the \$50 paid in full discount given at registration equitable? Should the band continue to offer the discount?

- The band typically incurs large expenses during summer band and early marching season. As a result of full payments made at registration, the band benefits by having more money available early in the year.
- If the paid in full discount was not offered, would the number of families utilizing a payment plan increase? If that happens, would it adversely affect the funds available to the band?
- The discount may be viewed as a “poor tax” on those who do not have the option to pay in full.
 - Miranda Kneisel motions to eliminate a paid in full discount
 - Kristy Swaim seconded

Vote passed 14 yeas, 7 nays

Ongoing Business

- Discuss Booster Hub charges on ACH payments.
- Betty Cox motioned to adjourn.
- Kristy Swaim seconded.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Upcoming Events:

March

- 5 Drum Major Auditions 5:00 - 7:30
- 7 Leadership Auditions
- 8 Early Release
- 11-15 Spring Break
- 29 Bad Weather Make-Up Day

April

- 2 Ranger Regiment 101 at 7:00pm
- 5 Pre-UIL Concert
- 6 Concert Band Auditions

Indoor Percussion at NTCA Lewisville
8 Band Booster Meeting
12 Bad Weather Make-Up Day
13 Indoor Percussion NTCA Championships at Burleson Centennial
24-25 Chisholm Trail hosting UIL Competition
27 Regiment Roundup 8am - 12pm

May

3 Ranger Regiment Band Banquet
4 Percussion Ensemble Contest at Boswell
9 Spring Band Concert
11 District Solo Contest
20 Wind Ensemble Performs at Bass Hall
23 Percussion Concert
24 Last Day of School
25 Graduation
28-30 Percussion Mini Camp