

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### Dripping Springs Band Boosters

Dripping Springs High School, DSHS Band Room, Dripping Springs, Texas

August 15, 2011

**Attendance:** Lauren Neugebauer, Jennifer Godwin, Terri Crowell, Sabrina Rauch, Ruth Jadeja, Sandy Alvarado, Johnny Alvarado, Ellen Carter, Cynthia Hill, Julie Pryor, Donald Danforth, Sue Munns, David Brandon, Julie McKeon, Jae Howard, Leslie Renfro, Carol Wright, Evelyn Lopez, Sheri McIntire, Jill Wilcox, Karen Langsley, Ginger Meeks, Allen Andries, John Mallick, Bryan Thomas, Becky Thomas, Lori Norton, Russ Howard, Karon Barbee, Jennifer Reid, Destiny Hooks

**Call to Order:** The monthly meeting of the Dripping Springs Band Boosters was held on Monday, August 15, 2011 at the Dripping Springs High School, DSHS Band Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by Band Booster President, Lauren Neugebauer.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the May 21, 2011 Dripping Springs Band Booster board meeting were presented. Jill Wilcox made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented; David Brandon seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**President:** Lauren Neugebauer reported the following:

- The President Elect position remains open. It is important to have someone in this position to learn the ropes by shadowing the President.
- A Scholarship Coordinator is needed to oversee the scholarship committee. The coordinator cannot be a senior parent. Jae Howard would be happy to answer any questions of anyone interested in taking on this important job.
- Tammy Everett and Paul and Joy Sparks are coordinating away game meals this year. We will be considering the possibility of purchasing away game meals from the DSISD Child Nutrition Dept. next year. The Hi-Steppers will be purchasing away game meals with us starting with the second game.
- Board members are encouraged to bring goodies/snacks to the parent party on Thursday, but no more chips are needed.
- AMM Collision donated paint for the converted drum major podium (old TV stand), and has made a sponsorship sign for it. The timing for them to come see it and for us to formally express our appreciation is yet to be determined. If they can come to the party on Thursday, Sue Munns will get a cake.
- There was discussion regarding advertising/sponsors on the Band Booster website. Currently, Andy and Julia Scott (Keller Williams Realty) have offered to give \$250 to the Band Boosters for every referral resulting in a sale; additionally, the makers of the Cobber cooling neck wrap sold a large number of their neck wraps to Jill Wilcox at cost, and they would like to have their logo and link on the Band Booster website. The group discussed referrals/sponsorships/advertising, and decided that it would be appropriate to include news about such things in the weekly announcements, and also to include them on the fundraising page of the Band Booster website.
- Lauren appointed Sheri McIntire as Parliamentarian.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ellen Carter discussed the following reports (see reports for details):

- End of Year, 5-31-11 Financial Reports
- Financial Report for 6-1-11 to 8-11-11
- Proposed 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget

Additional items:

- Ellen reported that the single item on the directors' "wish list" is to have the band trailers wrapped. The cost would be between \$16,000 and \$20,000 to have all three trailers wrapped, with a 4 year warranty included. The group discussed the merits of trailer wraps versus painting. David Brandon made a motion that we get a firm quote on wrapping the trailers, and at least one quote on painting them, with the quotes to include detailed breakdowns and timing. Sheri McIntire seconded the motion. It was decided to table this item until the September meeting.
- Evelyn Lopez and Tammy Everett have volunteered to serve on the audit committee. We need a third member, who is a member of the Band Booster Board, to complete the committee. The committee will be appointed at the September meeting.

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- In the interim (before we decide on wrapping/painting, and know what the timelines are), Donald Danforth has a donor who will pay for updating the Tiger decal on the big trailer.
- Ginger Meeks made a motion to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Band Booster Budget as presented with amendment of a line item to approve \$1,300 for an AED (defibrillator). Terri Crowell seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- The Drumline Contest on September 17, 2011, and the Jazz at the Salt Lick event on February 2, 2012, were proposed as the two tax-free fundraiser days for this year. Karen Langsley made a motion that we approve these two dates, and Sandy Alvarado seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Historian:** Carol Wright reported the following:

- The band boosters are reducing the ad pages we buy in the football program from 3 to 2.
- Carol distributed a handout with information about Smug Mug, an online photo publishing/purchasing service. There was a discussion about how we would use this service, and the group decided that whatever we do, we need to think it through and get it right. Anyone who wants to discuss Smug Mug implementation should contact Carol Wright after this meeting.
- Re-take date for the buttons is Thursday, August 18.

**Percussion:** Two schools have signed up for the contest so far. Many more are expected, probably about the same as last year. Volunteer needs: Jill Wilcox will drive the judges. One more adult parking attendant is needed. Three adult indoor bathroom monitors are needed. The next Percussion Contest meeting will be August 28 at 4:00 in the DSMS library.

**Concessions:** Sabrina Rauch reported that they have lots of volunteer names from band registration night, and things are coming together. The first JV game is on August 23. She will be sending out e-mails to contact volunteers. There will be "section nights" for concessions.

**Membership/Band Camp:** Terri Crowell reported the following:

- There are 162 band members after band camp, and 160 are on the directory list – Terri sent the directory to Lauren today. There are 37 seniors, 38 juniors, 43 sophomores, and 42 freshmen in the directory.
- Anyone with suggestions for band camp for next year can e-mail Terri.

**Fundraising:** David Brandon reported that

- The Drumline Contest has \$4,250 in committed sponsorships so far, and that the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy sponsorships have all sold out.
- Results from the Pack Monster fundraiser are not yet in.
- We will be scheduling another Hill Country Ranch Pizzeria fundraiser, date TBD.
- We need a Salt Lick silent Auction lead person by October.

**Chaperones:** Sandy Alvarado reported that they will need 2 chaperones per bus and 1 for the Color Guard/Hi-Stepper bus. Chaperones may be needed at buses during contests and may miss performances. Sign-ups are going well.

**Pit/Trailer Pulling:** Johnny Alvarado said that e-mails will go out to volunteers approximately weekly. We will need 8 or 10 people per game or contest for the pit and props. People interested in pulling trailers should contact Donald Danforth about getting a background check and being fingerprinted. The process takes about 2 weeks.

**Uniforms:** Russ Howard reported that fittings are going well and there are 2 days left. Someone is needed to shadow Jae to learn the uniform process for next year.

**Communications:** Lauren Neugebauer reported that Patricia Tracy is contacting people about information she needs for the website.

**Color Guard:** Cynthia Hill reported that the uniforms are not in yet, but the guard members have been measured. Dripping Springs will be hosting a Winterguard contest on March 24, 2012.

**Other:** Sue Munns says that painters are needed for the props.

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Terri Crowell made a motion to adjourn, and Sandy Alvarado seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer Godwin  
Band Booster Secretary