

## Boiling Springs High School Band Boosters

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Meeting Minutes

May 08, 2008

Our band director, Mr. Bryan Bone, started the meeting at approximately 6:49 p.m.

- E-Mail is the **VERY BEST** way to contact me, either at ([BoneDog95@aol.com](mailto:BoneDog95@aol.com) or [Bryan.Bone@spartanburg2.k12.sc.us](mailto:Bryan.Bone@spartanburg2.k12.sc.us))
- The telephone extension in my office is connected to the school's main office. Most of the calls I receive are for someone else and as a result, I do not answer the phone. Again, the best way to contact me is via e-mail.
- Communication is key to a successful band program. The band *handbook* (found on our website) can answer most questions and the *website* will have the most up-to-date information concerning event dates, cancellations, practices and call times, etc. ***Please Read and Use Both of Them.***
- PARENTS- If you have a specific issue to discuss with me, I will be glad to talk to you ***AFTER*** band practice. The time before band practice is the same thing as a coach before a game and requires that I have my full concentration on the practice event, not the issues of one or two students. I am here after practice for quite a while and would gladly address any issue you have at that time.
- Our band fees are very low compared to other school band programs. This fee covers the use and cleaning of the uniform, trip to Indianapolis, band camp, and many other expenses detailed in the Income/Expense sheet in your red folder.
- Please be aware of 2 items your student(s) may need and will have to be purchased:
  - Brass and Woodwinds – These students must have a **Clamp-on Lyre** for music. These clamp onto their instruments and are used while playing in the stands.
  - Band shoes – If your child needs band shoes, they will cost an additional \$35.00 and can be purchased in September. More information will follow with fitting dates and times.
- Section practices and/or get-togethers prior to July 24 are Optional. In addition, section hoodies/t-shirts are Optional. There were some misunderstandings last year that sectional t-shirts and hoodies were mandatory and had to be purchased. This is not the case. All sectional t-shirts/hoodies are strictly optional.
- Upcoming Practices: Current 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades have a required practice on May 22 and May 27 at 3:45 p.m. The May 22 date is a last minute addition and may be excused. Please let me know if there are any conflicts.
- Upcoming Performance: Graduation May 30, 2008. Call time for current 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students is 5:30 p.m. Dress is concert Black and White.
- Band Camp: We will post the schedule details once we know from the school the registration dates for the 2008-2009 school year.

Mr. Bone is looking forward to a FANTASTIC YEAR!

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Mr. Bone introduced our Band Booster president, Luke Pye who then introduced the other Band Booster officers: (at the registration table) Teresa Hall – Secretary, Kelly Crim – 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president, Faune Quinton – Treasurer and Patti Lawter – 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president (feeding the band students pizza at this time)

Luke stated that the Band Boosters exist to support ALL band students and this is accomplished by raising approximately \$80,000 per year. As Mr. Bone said, our band fees are very low compared to other schools, whose fees are close to \$1500 per year. This money is used to feed our kids on and off the field, during band camp, during trips, cover transportation costs, cover the costs of the school's instruments, etc. The fees you pay cover only ½ the cost of one trip, the rest is covered by the Band Boosters.

This year, we have a few major projects. The first is the BOA trip to Indianapolis. The second is to replace the 22-year-old equipment truck with the purchase of two trailers.

Section parents will be calling on everyone who has not turned in a volunteer form. The Boosters need many parent volunteers to successfully meet the budget by working at our concession stands during ball games, helping with the festivals, parking cars during school events, chaperoning during out of town trips, etc. If you have not turned in a volunteer form, you will receive a phone call asking for your help. Please do not turn them down.

Leslie Shelton, our 2007-2008 ways and means chairperson has organized the Powder Puff game that will take place on Thursday May 15. There is a lot of excitement and enthusiasm surrounding this game. We still need volunteers to work concessions. Please see Leslie for tickets or if you can volunteer. Tickets are \$5.

## **FUNDRAISING:**

- MOST of our fundraising money comes from the two band festivals we host every year, Upperstate and the 2A and 4A. In one day, we can bring in \$19,000. Two of these contribute a significant amount to our budget. The SC Band Directors vote for our location every year because we do such a splendid job. This speaks volumes to our ability to organize these type events.
- Concession sales are the next biggest moneymaker for us. There have been many improvements to our concession area. We always need parent willing to work and have fun during the football games. Usually, each section will work at least one game. We will post the work schedule on website once the details have been finalized.
- Other fundraisers include – Cookie Dough sales and Fruit Sales (around the holidays), Car Washes (spring and summer), Jazz Night (look for an even bigger event this coming year), Auction and Dinner (have not done this in a while).
- United Way – As a 501c organization, you can select the Boiling Springs Band Boosters as a recipient of United Way contributions. This is an excellent way to easily contribute to our organization.
- Graduation Parking – We direct the parking during graduation and make \$500 for the Boosters.

Please read the documents in the folder you received. We need corporate sponsorship more than ever this year. Advertising for our Festival Programs must be sold. (Student who sells the most ads will receive a \$100 bill). Senior ads are a great way to remember their last year in band. We have golf shirts and t-shirt orders. When we are away during competition, it is a very impressive site from the field to see a “Sea of Red” in the stands.

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Again, all information concerning the band is available on the website <http://bshbb.org/> and is updated frequently.

**At this time, the floor is open for questions.** – None received.

Luke continues while waiting for the band to enter:

- Please turn in your volunteer forms before you leave.
- Our next meeting will July 29 and is an Ice Cream Social.
- The regular booster meetings will change from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

The band enters for their performance and the meeting is concluded at approx. 7:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Teresa T. Hall

Approved by: