

Southwest High School Band/Orchestra
Booster Club Meeting
October 5, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by president, Keith Ralston. Mr. Sibley, the orchestra director was allowed to introduce his officers before the meeting progressed. He announced that the orchestra has a Facebook page.

Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting were provided by secretary, Debbie Morse. Tracy Killingsworth moved to approve the minutes. Leslie Horsley seconded and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Alice Liu provided the treasurer's report for June and July (see attached.) Lana Cuttrell moved to approve both reports. Joe Wascomb seconded the motion and the reports were approved.

Old Business

Fundraisers:

Rangers: Karen Koirtyohann announced that the booster club will have extra opportunities to work at events at the Ranger's ball field. Also, the Ranger's organization has offered to come to our school to hold TABC courses, refresher courses, and manager training if enough people will sign up. The date is tentatively set for January 23, 2010.

Flip Flops: Kim Morse announced that we are selling an average of 3-4 pairs of flip flops at the football games. He expressed his belief that if we were able to stay and sell until the game is over, we might sell more. He cannot do this as he drives one of the equipment trucks. He requested volunteers to call or email him if they can help out. There was further discussion about selling the flip flops at other school-related events.

Scripts: Debbie Cavitt is no longer a booster club parent, but, is willing to help a volunteer set up the program. Beverly Stookey volunteer to be the Scripts manager. Keith Ralston suggested that we urge area churches, businesses, etc. to purchase large ticketed items (such as airline tickets) through scripts. It was discussed that we could change the program so that the proceeds benefit the booster club instead of the individual student. A list of the the participating vendors is on the shsband web site.

Booster Club: Beverly Stookey urged everyone to join the booster club if they haven't already done so.

New Business

Budget: Alice Liu provided a proposed budget (see attached). There was discussion that we should decrease the "Leadership Training" expenditure. Many expressed their beliefs that we should not hire Peter Ferrito again in the spring because we do not know what further budget cuts the districts may impose due to the economy. They have already cut district clinics and the district concert. We need to be prepared in case the booster club treasury is needed for unexpected bills. Beverly Stookey motioned that we amend the budget as follows:

****Change "Leadership Training" from \$3,500.00 to \$3,100.00.***

****Move the remaining \$400.00 to "Marching Show/Concert Expenses" to change that budgeted amount to \$14,094.70.***

Lana Cuttrell seconded the motion. There was further discussion regarding the expenditure of monies for meals at competitions. Karen Koirtyohann suggested that we consider getting grills donated to take to the venues. We could cook hot dogs/hamburgers on site, thus, saving a considerable amount of money. Other schools have been noted doing this. Many members expressed an interest in this, however, no amendment was made regarding the food budget at this time.

Beverly Stookey issued a "Call to Vote" motion. Joe Wascomb seconded. The amended budget motion was approved by general membership.

Yard Signs: Several booster club members have been asked about obtaining yard signs. There was discussion about purchasing and selling them.

Keith Ralston asked for a motion to adjourn. Joe Wascomb made the motion and Ron Killingsworth seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Following the meeting, Mr. Dunn, the band director, made some announcements:

This year, the band trip will be held in Nashville, Tennessee. The dates are May 20-23rd. Mr. Dunn provided an trip itinerary and payment forms. The total cost of the trip is \$675.00. There will be five installments of \$135.00. The first installment is due October 30 and the last is due on March 26. Mr. Dunn will email the itinerary and payment forms to parents.

The band placed 3rd in the Aledo competition this past weekend.

This Saturday, October 10th, is the UIL benchmark marching event at Clark Field. It was noted that seniors will be taking SAT exams that morning.

Tracy Killingsworth announced that she needs the show patch design soon so that the patches can be made.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Morse,
Secretary

Keith Ralston,
President