

Fontainebleau High School Crimson Band

Monthly Meeting

Held: Tuesday April 12, 2011

Place: FHS Library

Purpose: Provide information to band parents about upcoming activities

Meeting called to order: 7:36 pm

Christy Klipsch, Crimson Band Booster Club President and Lisa Bowers, Co-President conducted the meeting.

Elections: Tonight is election night for the 2011-2012 Board. Ballots were passed out to all adults present. Christy announced the nominees for each office and those in attendance were recognized. The nominees are: President- Debbie Castro; 1st Vice President- Lisa Bowers; Vice-President (5 to be elected): Karen England, Tess St Paul, Toni Osborn, Teri Maassen, Lee Faulkner and Donna Everett; Treasurer- Kim Brown; Secretary- Susan Mumphrey; Color Guard Rep (1 to be elected): Kimberly Lemane, Rhonda Lopez; Freshman Rep-no nominee at this time.

Band Banquet: Banquet will be held in the FHS gym on Friday, May 13, 2011. Doors will open at 6:15pm. Dinner will be served from 6:30-7:30 followed by the presentation of awards. Invitations should go out early next week and everyone is encouraged to RSVP promptly so an accurate headcount can be provided to the caterer. The cost will again be \$12/person for parents and family members. There is NO CHARGE for the band students.

The banquet committee is looking for volunteers to decorate the gym on Thursday May 12 at 6pm. A HELIUM TANK is needed to inflate balloons for the event. If you have a large tank to loan, please contact Lisa or Christy. Volunteers are also needed to serve and cleanup during the banquet. Parents of under classmen are encouraged to lend a hand so that the parents of seniors have a break since graduation is the very next day. A request will also be sent to Mr. Sambola at FJH asking the 8th graders who will be Crimson band members in the fall to volunteer and lend a hand serving. It will provide them with a great opportunity to begin to meet their fellow band members.

Memory Wall for Banquet: PLEASE DON'T WAIT ANY LONGER. Seniors are asked to turn their pictures in NOW so a collage for each student can be made and posted at the banquet. Put the pictures in an envelope and put in the mailbox in the Band Room. Each student will get their picture collage back to keep.

Fundraising: The next big event to take place will be at the Abita Springs Town Hall this Sunday April 17th for a pancake brunch featuring the FHS Percussion Ensemble & Jazz Combo. The event will be held from 10am-2pm. The cost is \$7.00 and tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds will go toward the Band Banquet

Band Fees: The newly formed Finance Committee held its first meeting last week. The goal is to make it easier to understand all the fees required to run our awesome band program. All future meetings are open to the public. The cost to run this band program amounts to \$700 per student, per year.

Kim Brown announced the new required installment payments for next year's band fees as follows: \$100.00 due May 17, \$100.00 due June 17 and \$100.00 due on July 17, just before band camp starts. An additional \$400.00 is then due over the rest of the year for a total of \$700.00. The required fee will be discounted to \$600.00 if paid in full by the first day of Band Camp. For those families that have siblings the cost will be \$700.00/ first child and \$600.00/ for second child. A significant change has been made in that all Scrip proceeds will now go to each student's account. Marchathon will also be a 100% benefit to each student's account. Jazz Fest and concession stand proceeds will go into the general band fund and not into student's accounts. The Finance committee is considering how volunteer hours can be credited to the student's band account.

Scrip: Lisa spoke about the benefits of shopping with Scrip and how you can automatically put money in your band account. For example, each month spend \$400 at Winn Dixie; \$50 at Chili's and \$20 at Papa John's and you can easily earn \$265/year in your student's band account. A handout with all the Scrip information you need to know was available

Jazz Fest: An informational meeting will be held next week on April 19 at 7pm for all new volunteers or anyone who feels like they need a refresher. Lisa will be sending out additional e-mails to all volunteers within the next week. Sallie Gilbert, volunteer coordinator, will give out the tickets to Jazz fest during the Spring Break week. Arrangements can be made to pick them up from Sallie who lives in Quail Creek. Contact info: Sallie Gilbert cell- 504-717-5210 or e-mail: salliey@charter.net.

Band Trip: Final payment is due April 15th and the cost per student is \$500. There are 67 students going. Mr. Hicks will hold a MANDATORY meeting on Wednesday April 20th at 7pm in the library for all students and at least one of their parents. Required forms need to be submitted and notarized for each student. Forms will be posted on the website. Mr. Hicks asked that they be filled out but DO NOT SIGN until you are here in the presence of the notary. If any band parents are notary's and willing to volunteer some time please let Christy or Lisa know. For those students who require prescription medication special forms need to be filled out by your physician and then approved by the school nurse. Each prescription medication needs to be on a separate form. OTC (over the counter) meds will be handed out by the chaperones. Students are not allowed to keep medication on their person.

Volunteer Opportunities: A volunteer opportunity form was handed out to parents and they were asked to complete this and turn it back in. We are in need of a concession stand manager/coordinator and a committee to run the concession stand for next school year.

Mr. Hicks then addressed the parents with these updates:

Bonorama will hold a free concert at the Covington Trail Head on Wednesday evening from 5-7:30pm.

WiGi will be performing their show Thursday night in the FHS Gym at 7pm. Cost is \$2.00/person.

The Spring concert raised \$730.00 for Japan relief.

Mandatory Band Camp will be July 18-29th. There will be additional Tuesday night practices during the summer-check CHARMS for the dates.

A special band camp for incoming freshman will be held in early June.

He is considering a BOA (Bands of America) trip to St Louis for Oct15th. Bands of America is a national marching competition and would give the students an idea of what our band program is striving for.

The calendar has been updated in CHARMS with all home & away football games for the season. We will have only 5 home games plus the Jamboree on August 26th.

Marchathon, a mandatory participation event, may need to be moved to a Saturday night due to a conflict with a scheduled football game.

Showcase will be moved up from November to the last weekend in October because ULL has a home game. The show program has been decided upon and is titled **Rise of the Machines**. It will be a very cool show, including electric instruments, and he feels it will be lots of fun to perform.

In regard to Fundraising- if at least 50% of the band participated in the fundraising events we hold then we would earn more money and need less fundraising activities thru the year. Example- only 50 students participated in the Cruise fundraiser.

If you know of any company that would be willing to sponsor a band member please let Mr. Hicks know and a special letter can be sent to them. The Finance Committee is working on putting together an application process for those students who cannot afford the yearly band fee for them to apply to be sponsored by a local company. E-mail Mr. Hicks or Mr. Beyers for more details.

Meeting adjourned: 8:24 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Susan Mumphrey
Secretary

Addendum dated April 12, 2011:
Election Results:

The 2011-2012 Crimson Band Booster Club Board

President- Debbie Castro

1st Vice President- Lisa Bowers

Vice Presidents- Karen England, Tess St Paul, Teri Maassen, Donna Everett, Toni Osbourn

Secretary- Susan Mumphrey

Treasurer- Kim Brown

Color Guard Rep- Kimberly Lemane

2011-2012 Finance Committee

Acting President and Treasurer, Crimson Band Booster Club

Lee Hicks – Director of Bands, Fontainebleau High School

Craig Byers – Asst. Director of Band, Fontainebleau High School

Tracy Allen

Robert Boese

Robin Boese

Lisa Bowers

Donna Everett

Raymond Everett

Angela Freeman

Cathy Moroney

Monique Sparks

Addendum dated August 31, 2011:

The following people are no longer in the band program:

Tracy Allen

Lisa Bowers

Toni Osbourn

The following people are no longer authorized to sign checks:

Lisa Bowers

Becky Magner

The following people shall be authorized to sign checks:

Kim Brown

Debbie Castro

Donna Everett

Cathy Moroney

The following people shall be authorized to collect bank bag:

Robin Boese

Kim Brown

Debbie Castro

Teri Maassen

Cathy Moroney