

Fontainebleau High School Crimson Band

Monthly Meeting

Held: Tuesday February 8, 2011

Place: FHS Library

Purpose: Provide information to band parents about upcoming activities

Meeting called to order: 7:08pm

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

Nominations: Nomination forms were available and passed out to everyone in attendance. Nomination forms need to be filled out and submitted to the club secretary for anyone interested in serving on the board, including any person currently serving on the CBBC board who wishes to remain. Nominations will be organized by the secretary and all nominated candidates will be contacted to verify that their nomination is accepted. You can also indicate if you would be interested in serving in a one-time capacity, such as on a fundraising committee, etc.

District Large Ensemble Festival: Event will be held on the campus of Fontainebleau on March 30 & 31, Wednesday & Thursday, and will take place from approximately 9am until 5pm. The Booster Club will need to plan on feeding the panel of 4 judges in a hospitality room and volunteers are needed to man the concession stand in the gym to provide refreshments to the participants from the visiting schools. Sign-up sheets were available for volunteers. If you provide food items for the judges, keep your receipts and you can be reimbursed by the District for money spent.

WiGi: The Winter Guard and Percussion are working very hard on their programs and, since they part of the band program, all were encouraged to show them our support by attending competitions. There is a calendar link on the band website. Next closest competition is Feb 19 in Denham Springs.

Script: Continue to place orders and take advantage of the fact that a percentage will go into your child's band account to offset required band fees. Lisa said if you are consistent with ordering cards for places that you would normally shop anyway, your proceeds can essentially pay for all your band fees without any extra effort. Example: We will be having a Fundraiser night at Texas Roadhouse on Feb 21, so buy your script card for the event and automatically increase the amount of money raised for the band while adding money into your student's account at the same time.

Jazz Fest: Sallie Gilbert, a past CBBC president, was introduced and talked about sign up opportunities for FHS Band parents to volunteer to work at Jazz Fest, April 29-May 1 and May 5-May 8. Jazz Fest is the 2nd largest fundraising event for the band and nets between \$8500- \$12,000 profit for our program. Volunteers sign up to work at a beer/drink booth which is run by the NO Drum & Bugle Corp. The booth is located in a great spot between the Fais Do Do and Gentilly stages. In exchange for your volunteer time you get a free ticket to enter Jazz fest, free parking and free shuttle transportation. Also included are free beer and soft drinks, a private bathroom at your disposal and a lounging area within earshot of 2 great stages where you can relax. The Fest is open from 11am -7pm and when you sign-up you are assigned 2 shifts- usually one early and then 1 later. The goal is to get 16-30 volunteers to sign-up for each day and work in teams- 1 person takes money, while 1 person pulls product. Men are usually assigned to work operations in the middle and Sallie noted that procedures have changed for this year. If we provide half the volunteer force then we reap half the profits for that day. Half of the income generated is made from tips. There will be a meeting for volunteers in April and Sallie will present a PowerPoint presentation. Each volunteer will be schooled on proper working procedures in the booth prior to the event. Volunteers must be 18 years of age to work the booth. Current high school students, 18 years of age & over can work but it must be with a parent. The keys to a successful venture are: Be on time, Dependability and Have Fun. If you schedule yourself to work and then have an emergency you will need to return your free

entrance ticket and car pass so that it can be passed on to someone else. Sallie does try to work with special requests when possible, however if you have to see a special act at Jazz Fest it might be best if you purchase your own ticket for that day. Contact info: Sallie Gilbert cell- 504-717-5210 or e-mail: salliey@charter.net .

Band Banquet: We have lost our venue at the Castine Center and have not been able to locate another space with the capacity needed to handle 400-500 people, therefore the banquet will be held in the FHS gym on Friday, May 13, 2011. This is the Friday night before graduation so Mr. Hicks hopes this is not a problem, but that date was the only time available that did not cause a conflict with other planned school events. The gym has been booked for Thursday 5/12 in order to set-up. Tables will probably be rented from Coles. Susan Patin will not oversee the banquet this year so Lisa and Christy will be contacting parents to recruit volunteers to help.

Parades: The band will march in 2 parades this Carnival season, Olympia in Covington on Sat Feb 26 and Tucks in New Orleans on Sat March 5. There are approximately 42 spots available for parent volunteers on the bus and sign-up sheets will be available after the meeting. Volunteers need to be at least 25 years old in order to chaperone. Mr. Hicks would like to have a parent at the end of each row of the band. There will be 2 police officers with the group for each parade. The call time for band members to meet at school for Olympia will be: Sat Feb 26 at 2pm. The buses will leave around 3pm. Have students bring a bag dinner. Route for the parade starts and ends at the Courthouse. The call time for the Tucks parade will be Sat March 5 at 8am. Students and parent volunteers need to bring a bag lunch. The parade starts at noon and runs from Napoleon & Magazine to the Convention Center. Parents are encouraged to start walking and get in shape—the routes are up to 6 miles long. Mr. Hicks suggested Gold Bond powder, spandex pants and multiple pairs of socks to prevent chafing. All parent volunteers are asked to wear a red shirt and bring hard candy, such as Lifesavers for the students, bring a rain poncho, hand sanitizer or baby wipes and a bright flashlight for the night parade. Beth Coe is coordinating the parade volunteers and will have a sign-up sheet and passes to hand out when you arrive for sign-up. Her contact information is: bethcoe@bellsouth.net . Volunteer needs will not be posted on the CHARMS calendar unless sign-up sheets are not filled. Mr. Hicks said that students who are interested in staying in town for Endymion after the Tucks parade may do so but the parent must send in a note beforehand, the student's uniform must be on the bus with someone to get back to school and the parent(s) only must pick them up at the end of the parade route. His priority is to keep everyone safe.

Fundraising: Kim Brown, treasurer spoke about upcoming plans for fundraising events.

Monday Feb 21- Texas Roadhouse Night- 10% of the sales that night will be donated to the band. You must present a ticket at the door indicating the FHS Band for credit to the band. Tickets will be printed and available in the band room or an online link provided.

Cruise: The next big event will be a Cruise Raffle slated to start at the end of the month. The tickets will sell for \$10.00 each and the band needs to sell 2000 tickets, which will be about 10-15 per student. Each person who signs up is registered for the Grand Prize of a Royal Caribbean or Carnival Cruise or a 7-day stay at a resort of their choice. In addition to the grand prize we hope to have runner-up prizes also. As an added bonus each person who signs up will also get a \$25.00 restaurant coupon good at a number of restaurants in New Orleans and the French Quarter. The band hopes to make approximately \$13,500.00 profit.

Flocking: The plan is for the booster club to buy a number of pink flamingos (50 flamingos for \$119) and then have the sponsoring flicker sign-up to have the band "flock" someone's yard. Pick flamingos will be erected in the yard and a sign will be left indicating- "You've been flocked". The price is tentatively \$20-25 dollars to get a yard flocked. Different pricing structures can be developed for different size jobs or to have the flock moved from one neighbor to another. For this endeavor we will need adult volunteers plus 3 or more band students. We need to organize a Flocking Committee to get this project underway.

Other Fundraising ideas mentioned by Mr. Hicks include an adult dance in the fall with a band such as the Bucktown Allstars or a concert featuring the Rat Pack from Las Vegas.

Parent Survey: A survey was placed on the band website and forms were available at the meeting. Parents were asked to complete and turn in promptly. The board and Mr. Hicks would like to see committees formed to deal with multiple areas, such as: Finances, Fundraising and Communication. Your input is especially important for the continued success of our band program.

FHS Garage Sale: The Abita Middle School has been secured for March 26 in order to hold a garage sale to benefit the band at the same time as the 17th Annual Abita Springs Garage Sale in the town of Abita Springs. We need to get signage and tables to set up for the event. Everyone is encouraged to bring items to drop off for selling. Any items not sold will be donated to Goodwill.

Band Trip: Trip will leave on Friday May 20 the last day of school and **return on Wednesday May 25. The approximate cost as of this time is \$530.00.** Attractions will be: Universal Studios with Island of Adventure and Harry Potter World, Wet-n-Wild and Busch Gardens. The band may march in Universal- this has not been finalized yet. There is room for 12 chaperones to accompany the band, and the cost for chaperones is the same as students. Please e-mail Christy Klipsch if you are interested.

Mr. Hicks spoke and clarified that at no time does he or Mr. Beyers ever touch any money associated with the band program. The checks for the band program go into a locked mailbox which is picked up and deposited by the treasurer. Mr. Hicks does not write checks. He only contacts the treasurer to express wishes and check on availability of funds.

Mr. Hicks expressed his desire to see all band parents involved in and supporting the band program; Parental support means everything to he & Mr. Beyers and assist with their goal of trying to keep this program one of the best band programs in Louisiana. He is interested in any & all ideas parents have ----
---please send him an e-mail.

Meeting adjourned: 8:35pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Susan Mumphrey
Secretary
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