

Fontainebleau High School Crimson Band

Parent Meeting

Held: Tuesday March 6, 2012

Place: FHS Library

Purpose: Provide information to band parents about upcoming activities

Meeting called to order: 7:10 pm

Debbie Castro, Crimson Band Booster Club President conducted the meeting.

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 27-April 29 and May 3-May 6. This is a great fundraiser that the FHS Band does in conjunction with the NO Drum Corp and provides us the opportunity to raise a large amount of money to fund band activities. Profits are split between the 2 groups 50-50. Last year we earned over \$12,000. For agreeing to work a day you get: Free parking and a Free ticket for admission. The booth provides free soda & beer to those who work. You will enter thru a worker entrance and can arrive as early as 10am. You are allowed a cooler with 2-4 bottles of water for yourself. You will be scheduled for 2 shifts, usually 1½- 2 hours on, a 2 hour break, then another shift. Sallie does try to work with special requests when possible, however please let her know if you are signing up with someone else so you are scheduled together. Sallie is in need of strong men or males over the age of 18 to man the product ice down section of the booth. Those workers usually start at 8am. Contact info: Sallie Gilbert cell- 504-717-5210 or e-mail: salliey@charter.net .

Nominations: Nomination forms were made available to everyone in attendance. Susan as club secretary is responsible for handling the nomination process. All board positions are open for nominations. Even if a person is currently holding a board position, they must be re-nominated to that post to be considered for election/appointment. Each nominee will be contacted to either accept or decline the nomination, so parents were encouraged to nominate any band parent or to nominate themselves for the board positions. Everyone was asked to complete a nomination form and hand those into the club secretary at the end of the meeting. Nominations will stay open until the end of March and then next month at our April meeting elections will be held if necessary for the 2012-2013 Crimson Band Booster Board. Nominees are needed for: President, 1st Vice president, Vice Presidents- 5 to be chosen, Treasurer, Secretary, Color Guard Rep and Freshman Rep. All nominations need to be submitted to the club secretary.

Flamingo Flocking: Amy Benson introduced one of the newest fundraising ventures which started approximately 3 weeks ago. So far 3 orders have been received and the flock delivered but they are anxiously waiting more orders. Flyers were available outlining the “fun” raiser. Band students will earn money by being assigned to a team of 2 students with a set of parents. The 2 students will put the birds up along with a sign, then the next night or two, they will pick up the birds and move them to another yard. The students will split the fundraising fee of \$30 between them for credit. Sign-up sheets are available for those students interested in participating. Amy hopes to distribute flyers to schools and businesses around us so that we get outside orders and others involved, not just the band families. Questions were raised if the “flock” can be sent to a locale on the South shore. At this time that is not in the plan but something may be able to be worked out—call Amy 985-705-0906 or Stephanie Kelly 985-629-4106 for questions.

Powder Puff: Game will be held this Thursday 3/8/11. The band is in charge of running the concession stand for this event. Gates open @ 5pm with the games slated to start @ 6pm. Last year approximately 1000 people attended and they are expecting the same size crowd this year. The concession stand will sell nachos, hotdogs, hamburgers, Icees and drinks. Workers will enter thru the front gate and must check in with Bev Walberg. Your name must be on the list to be allowed in without paying admission price. Sign-up sheets were available at the meeting or you may go to CHARMS.

Buffalo Wild Wings: This is a Spirit fundraiser and will be held Monday 3/12. The event is good all day long, not just for dinner. Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 10% of all pre-taxed food sales (excluding alcohol) to the band. You must present a fundraising ticket. Please pick up a flyer or download from the band website.

District Large Ensemble Festival: Event will be held on the campus of Fontainebleau on March 28 & 29, Wednesday & Thursday, and will take place from approximately 9am until 5pm. The Wind Symphony will perform on Wednesday March 28 around noon, performance time for the Symphonic Band has not been finalized yet. The Booster Club will need to plan on feeding the panel of 5 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 are available for volunteers on CHARMS. If you provide food items for the judges, keep your receipts and the District will reimburse you for money spent.

Letterman Jackets: Band members are eligible to purchase a jacket after 2 years of band participation. If a student transferred here from another school where they participated in the band program, they can purchase after completing one year with the FHS band. A letter of eligibility, along with the order form, will be sent out to students hopefully within the next week by Mr. Hicks. Mr. Green will come to fit the students prior to the jacket orders. The cost varies depending on choice of vinyl or leather sleeves, and the customization each student elects to add to the jacket, but usual range is \$140-\$225.

Band Trip: Washington, D.C.

Plans are underway for the end of the year trip to leave after school lets out. Mr. Hicks announced dates of Wed May 23 to May 29, but later there was discussion that the trip will be left as earlier outlined on the band website- leaving Sun May 27 and returning Sat June 2. The biggest issue right now is buses. Currently 56 students are signed up for the trip but Mr. Hicks would like to see approximately 80 people committed to the trip so that 2 buses can be filled. He is thinking of allowing family members or other well-behaved friends of the students to sign up. The itinerary is: 3 days in D.C. seeing Arlington cemetery, The White House, Smithsonian, the Memorials, Air & Space Museum, Holocaust Museum, etc., then on to Williamsburg, VA to visit Colonial Williamsburg and lastly Busch Gardens. There are still students who would like to go but cannot afford the entire cost so donations will be accepted if someone wants to sponsor a student to go.

Away Band Camp: Mr. Hicks and Mr. Beyers are again contemplating going away for the second week of mandatory band camp. 2 years ago the band went away for the 2nd week of camp and he feels that the students enjoyed it and they got a lot of work done. This year they are considering going to USM for the week July 22-28. The students would stay in dormitories on campus and they would use the practice field that the band uses for drills. This is the same location as the DCI competition that they attend every year. This idea is up for discussion and has not been set in stone. The approximate cost would be \$250 for the week of lodging including all meals, plus the ticket for the DCI event and transportation.

Other items mentioned: Band Banquet will again be held in the FHS gym but a date has not been set yet. The date for the final Band concert is up in the air.

Please feel free to e-mail your questions, concerns or comments to Mr. Hicks or Mr. Beyers.

Meeting adjourned: 8:22 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Mumphrey

Secretary

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