

Fontainebleau High School Crimson Band

Band Monthly Meeting

Held: Tuesday September 14, 2010

Place: FHS Auditorium

Purpose: Provide information to band parents about upcoming activities

Meeting called to order: 7:09pm

Lisa Bowers, Crimson Band Booster Club Co-President began by welcoming all band parents.

First order of business was to announce that Christy Klipsch has accepted the nomination for second Co-President. A vote was taken of all members present with unanimous decision to appoint Christy to the position with no dissention.

Standing monthly meetings will be held throughout the school year on the **second Tuesday** of each month, with the exception of December and March. Please check the CHARMS or band website for times and dates of the December and March meetings.

Band Funds:

Outstanding band fees are still owed in the amount of approximately \$17,000, down from \$32,000. Until 9/15 the fee for using PayPal will be split between the band booster club and the member. Fees can also be paid by using a credit card or check.

Band Booster Club Shirts:

All preordered shirts for band boosters are available. If anyone else would like a shirt Lisa will be putting together another order. You are encouraged to fill out the form sent via e-mail thru Charms. Priced are listed in the e-mail for shirts and monogramming.

Concession Stand:

Everyone is reminded to send in their donation of 1 case of Dasani water. As of this date only 40 cases of water have been sent in (there are 142 band members), so we will run out by this Friday and have to start purchasing the water, which will eat into our profits. Reminder-This donation provides 100% profit and the band will earn an extra \$6,940.00. The case of water must be Dasani.

Help is still needed. Volunteers are asked that if you signed up please be there by 5:30. There is much preparation that needs to be done before we open for sales to the public. Remember the goal is to make money for the band so please consider picking & choosing your dinner choice wisely from the lower cost or donated foods (red beans or gumbo), and not the high ticket items such as chicken fingers.

IMPORTANT- There will no longer be entrance through the back gate near the concession stand. There is concern being voiced that people are coming in without paying as ticket sales to the football games are down. A plan will be devised as to how the volunteers for each football game will gain access thru the main gate. We may possibly go back to issuing tags for the concession stand, which will serve as a pass to get in.

According to Carolyn twenty-one (21) is the magic number of volunteers required to have the concession stand well staffed inside without overcrowding. This number does not include the cooks outside. One of the most pressing issues is getting parents to commit early so that those in charge know they have the number of volunteers required to run the stand effectively. The goal will be to post a volunteer list on the website on Monday with the number of open slots left to fill so that parents can respond to an e-mail and fill the needs for volunteers.

The question was also raised: "Do we need to have as many choices of food?" Carolyn pointed out that red beans and gumbo are donated, so they are essentially free and don't cost the band anything to serve.

Fundraising:

We will be hosting a Krispy Kreme fundraiser. A dozen glazed doughnuts will sell for \$8.00 delivered. The amount of profit we make is dependent on the number of dozens we sell. All orders must be pre-paid. Money is to be turned in by Friday 9/17. The doughnuts will be delivered by 6-6:30am Sunday morning. Parents can then come by between 6:30 and 7 and pick them up for delivery. Each student is encouraged to sell to neighbors or friends. Half of the profit from each person's sales will go into that individual's account and the other half into the band account.

Band stand:

Christy indicated that an e-mail went out earlier to the parents of seniors letting them know that they could sign up to come over and see the students in the stands and take pictures. There are approximately 45 seniors in the band this year. There are three more home games and only 3-4 parents can be allowed besides the water crew and the parents helping with flag team.

Unfilled Chairperson Opportunities:

- Uniforms-Kim Brown needs someone to take over as she is treasurer and runs the website
- Parade Float Cleaning Coordinator- Mr. Hicks will need to check if this opportunity is still available as the gentleman who was in charge died.

Mr. Ralph Hicks then addressed the parents about upcoming band activities.

October 1- March-a-Thon The venue has been finalized and will again be held at Lakeshore High, from 7pm Friday evening to 7am Saturday morning, however the end of practice could be as late as 9am. The CBBC board has determined the number of volunteers needed to work the event. Sign-up sheets will be available in the foyer after the meeting for those wishing to select a time and activity in which to volunteer. The event is open to all parents and they are encouraged to come and view the band anytime. This event serves as a big fundraiser that not only helps raise money for the band but also for individual students. The students get sponsors to donate money for each hour they participate. Half of the money collected goes to the band, but the other half goes directly into the student's bank account on CHARMS for any band trip or fees.

Donations forms to begin accepting pledges should go out Friday, or early next week. The goal will be for each student to try and get at least \$10-15.00/hr in pledges. The goal will be to make \$25,000-\$27,000 in one night. \$14,000 was raised last year in just one night. Participation is mandatory because the students are working on the Showcase program.

Best Buy will be there to provide video games for entertainment during the break sessions.

Breakfast has been donated by I-Hop so please patronize them and thank them for their support of the band program. We are still working on someone to donate dinner.

Donations for the concession stand are needed in the form of Gatorade, cookies and especially homemade desserts.

Saturday Practice Sept 25:

From 9am-1pm at school—mandatory for all band members.

That day we also need help from all moms or parents to assist with putting together the costumes for Showcase. If you sew, or are handy in way, please show up to help.

Marching Band Festivals:

Showcase actually pays us to go, so we will attend. The money brought in goes toward buying new equipment, such as the new electric keyboard which helps the band to stay in tune.

Camellia Fest---Oct 30

District VI---Nov 3 in Metairie

Possibly one other festival Oct16 or Oct 23

Our program can't financially pull off festivals in Florida or Houston this year.

Band Forms/Fees- All parents are asked to check CHARMS to see if your student has turned in all required forms. Medical Form and Medical Release are NOT the same. Media Release forms are still needed for some and no one can be covered in the press without everyone having filled the form out.

Mr. Hicks would like to see all fees paid by October 1st. The band fees are not handled thru the school so that students are not banned from school and band activities. Speak to Mr. Hicks directly if there is a problem so an appropriate payment plan can be worked out. Once band fees are paid then focus can be placed on deposits and payments in anticipation of the band trip.

Attitude/Behavior

Please talk to your student and remind them about common courtesy to adults helping out with band activities. Follow rules and behave in adult-like manner.

Band Trip

Mr. Hicks said the students have indicated they want to go to Orlando (everything there but Disneyworld). The itinerary would be to perform at Universal Studios, then hit other attractions such as Island of Adventure, Busch Gardens, Wet-n-Wild and SeaWorld. Plan

at this time is to take the trip at Spring Break or the end of school. Band trip payments will start in November but parents are reminded that no money will be put down toward the trip fee until all band fees are first paid. He will need to get a count of how many will attend which will determine group ticket prices.

Future Calendar:

Showcase- Nov 6

Christmas concert Friday Dec10

Honor bands coming up in Nov & Jan—students who want to audition should be taking private lessons. If you need a tutor recommendation please e-mail Mr. Hicks. If you are going to purchase instruments please ask Mr. Hicks opinion first and he can help with selection and advice on price.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Mumphrey

Secretary

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