

EHS Band Booster Minutes
January 9, 2007

Meeting called to order @ 6:40p.m.

There were 15 members present.

Secretary's Report – Sandra Langley

The minutes from the December 5th meeting were amended to include mention of the names of last year's officers.

Read and Approved by 1st: Phil Poe, 2nd: Wendy Perry

Treasurer's Report – Lisa Henson

- There was a cost to the Band Boosters for the Disney trip in the amount of \$497.94. These costs included payment for pictures, CD's and sleeves for copying pictures, and for hotel beds not filled.
- Working Balance is \$8757.32
- Scholarship Savings Account Balance is \$1592.42.

Read and approved by 1st Kari Hall, 2nd Tim Bevill

Old Business:

Nuts: There are still nuts available. Ways to sell the remaining nuts was discussed. Lowe's will not allow us to sell them in front of their store. Cindy is currently checking with Walmart about setting up a table there. A list of nuts will be emailed to band parents.

Concession Stand: Phil has had conversations with school officials about expanding the concession stand. It was decided that it would be best to build a storage room first. This will create more working room. Donations of money and equipment to upgrade the facilities, such as a Bunn coffee maker and a ventless fryer, will be sought. A list of equipment that is needed will be distributed to possible donors.

The visitor's stand will not be closed altogether. There will be more home games with local teams, and the stand on the visitor's side will be opened on those occasions.

ABSS funding: Mr. Bowman has been providing facts about band costs for presentation to Steve VanPelt, school board member. It is hoped that money from the Cultural Arts Budget can be allocated for use by area bands.

New Business:

Uniforms: There was discussion of cleaning the uniforms. They also need to be inspected and evaluated for continued use. There were questions about the possibility of getting new uniforms. Mr. Bowman said that the cost per student would be about \$300. He presented possible ways to fund the purchase. There will be more discussion at a later date. A motion was made by Phil Poe, 2nd Kari Hall to have the uniforms cleaned again before the marching season. The motion was approved by all present.

J.W. Pepper invoices: Invoices were sent with no description as to what they were for. Mr. Bowman said that the invoices were for the pep music and a concert piece. He gave boosters a detailed version of the invoice and said that he will request that future invoices be detailed.

There was a motion to pay invoices: 1st Wendy Perry
2nd Teresa Claiborn

The motion was approved by all present.

Secretary reports: Reports will be posted online. Members may print out their own copies to bring to the meeting. The report will be displayed electronically at booster meetings.

Bylaws: The bylaws need to be rewritten. Several volunteers will be needed to help. Mr. Henry asked to be notified of progress made on the bylaws. A motion was made to create a Bylaws committee: 1st Tim Bevill
2nd Sandra Langley

The motion was approved by all present. Committee members will include Mr. Henry, Mr. Bowman, Kari Hall, Kyle Harrison, and booster officers. The first meeting will be in the band room at 6:30p.m., on January 16.

Tax-Exempt Status: In 2005, a copy of our Articles of Incorporation and current By-Laws requested by the NC Department of Revenue were not filed. Therefore we were noncompliant. It is important to our booster organization that we stay in compliance as we seek tax exempt status. This would allow us to get a refund of all taxes paid for items such as instruments and concession snacks. There was discussion of tax exempt versus charitable status, plus incorporation. The NC Department of the Secretary of State approved the incorporation of our organization as a non-profit "corporation." Ellen Bowman is currently helping the band boosters with filling out the right paperwork and sending in the correct documentation to keep the band in compliance. Tim Bevill has already sent in a copy of the current bylaws and articles of incorporation to Mr. Ronnie Dunn at the NC Department of Revenue. We may also need to seek tax exempt status at the Federal level. This issue will also be pursued by the By-Laws Committee as the by-laws are reviewed and amended.

Scholarship program: There was discussion over the fairness of the current selection process for the band booster scholarship. Many students do not apply, because they think

they have no chance due to not having the highest grades. Only two students applied last year for the two available scholarships. There was a motion made to create a temporary committee, the Scholarship Committee, to review, modify, and document the application and selection process in order to make the scholarship more equitable – 1st Teresa Claiborn, 2nd Mr. Bowman. The motion was approved by all. Theresa Claiborn and Lora Moyle agreed to work on the scholarship and present their recommendations at the next meeting.

Fundraising: Karen Aulbert presented her idea for a fundraiser. Her husband has commissioned prints to be made of an original Freshwater Grocery picture. The prints will sell for \$50, and the band booster organization will be given half of the profits. She also said that she had business contacts that were willing to donate money to the band. Other fundraising ideas were discussed. Karen has agreed to chair the fundraising committee to develop fundraising ideas and schedules to fund the needs of the band program.

Papa John's has worked closely with the band booster to provide pizza for concessions and for band parties. They have requested that the booster sell Papa John's coupons. The cost for the coupons would be 50cents, and they would be sold for \$5. Members present agreed to do the fundraiser. Other ideas were tabled until a fundraising committee could work on them.

Director's Report: Mr. Bowman told of the need for help with the upcoming All County Band workshop to be held at Eastern Alamance High School. On February 7, someone would be needed to pick up equipment from Southern and Williams high schools. February 8 and 9, someone will be needed to pick up food for the students. Also, a director's hospitality room needs to be set up. The directors would be taken out for meals. Parents will be needed to monitor halls and maintain different areas. The boosters agreed to pick up drinks. Teresa asked about selling flowers to parents that want to present them to their student after the concert. Details of that idea will be looked into further.

Winter Drum Line/Guard program: The group joined the CWEA. However, the scheduling changed, and one contest is now in South Carolina. Les Simms has recommended that membership be changed to the American Indoor Association. The dues are \$575. A refund will be requested from the CWEA. Changing organizations would save money in transportation costs, since competitions would be closer. Mr. Bowman distributed a comparison of transportation costs. Instructor costs will remain the same. Student fees will offset the cost of this program. There was a motion to make changes in the organization membership 1st Phil Poe, 2nd Dave Leonard. The motion was approved by all.

Help is needed to pull the trailer to competitions. Also, stands for some equipment are in need of replacement. These stands are falling apart. The estimated cost was around \$1200. There was a motion made to replace the stands 1st Kari Hall, 2nd Roger Covey. Members voted and the motion passed.

Fall Band: There was discussion of raising the fee. Our organization has the lowest fees in the county. Raising the fees would offset the costs incurred by the marching band. Parents need to be made aware of the costs. Also, middle school parents need to be informed of the fees.

Giving the marching band more practice time was discussed. Having extended hours or extra days for band camp was proposed.

Les has sent in his proposal for the guard for next year. His fees are the same as last year. Guard auditions will take place June 23rd. He is also helping the winter drum line and guard without cost. Mr. Bowman was instructed to retain Les Simms' services for next year's band season.

Concert band: New music is needed. Mr. Bowman expressed a wish to go to concert festivals and will need festival music for the band. Concert music is more expensive than marching band music. There was discussion about raising money for music and borrowing music from other bands. Our band will keep the music for All County Band.

Mr. Bowman reported that 8 students auditioned for all district band and did well. Chris Lang made 2nd chair, and Ryan Leonard got 4th chair. There was a motion to pay the student fees for all district band 1st Teresa, 2nd Wendy Perry. The motion was approved by all.

There was a motion made to move the remaining \$650 allocated to Nick Golding into the scholarship fund. Mr. Bowman made numerous attempts to contact Mr. Golding about payment. Mr. Golding told Mr. Bowman not to contact him again. The motion was made by 1st Teresa Claiborn, 2nd Mr. Bowman. The motion was approved by all.

The next meeting will be held on February 6, 2007 in the EHS band room.

Motion to adjourn: 1st Tim Bevill
2nd Cindy Covey