

November 6, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

There were 13 members present.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report was accepted by 1st Natalie Miles
2nd Karen Aulbert

Treasurer's Report

The report was reviewed. The boosters have been averaging around \$3000 for varsity football games. 20% will go to athletics. A fund has not been started for uniforms. The invoice from Starbuck's has not been received. A letter will be sent out to those who have not sent invoices letting them know that they have 30 days to send one or the goods received by the boosters will be counted as a donation.

Fruit checks will be deposited as soon as they are received in case some bounce. The dry cleaning bill was not included in the report.

The treasurer's report was accepted by 1st Sherry Slade
2nd Elma Rae Greene

Committee Reports:

Fundraising

Karen asked about how often letters requesting donations should be sent out. The cost to send out letters is about \$200. Sending out letters twice a year insures that possible donors receive the requests in time to include the money in their budget. Karen said that there is a need for a grant committee to work on a grant proposal for Lowe's. Lowe's will donate between \$5000 to \$25000 for projects. Parents were reminded that fruit orders are due on Friday. It would be helpful if the child's name was on each check.

Concessions

Phil thanked everyone for helping him this season. There are plans to build another storage shed. The one we have now is full. This will go on the flat ground next to the fence. Since it's not connected to the concession stand, we do not have to go through the county or the building department for permits. It will be built in the spring but will be paid for out of this year's concessions profits. Another freezer is also needed and will cost around \$1200.

Next year's Vice President need to have a committee of about 10 people so that there is not so much for one person to do. Many items for concessions were donated this year, such as fries, coffee, and cups. A new compressor is needed. It will cost \$300 and will be paid for out of this year's concessions. Lowe's may help with materials for the storage building.

Phil asked for help for concessions for Friday. About 18 people will be needed. There was discussion about the trash situation. More cans are needed. The School is in charge of that. Mr. Bowman said that he would send an email to Mr. Henry about that.

Director's Report

Mr. Bowman thanked that booster for their help. He got an email for Michael Jefferson (Graham High's band director) asking for feedback on the band festival. There had been complaints about the scoring. He agreed the band was not rewarded for their efforts. Clinics will be held for bands to help students be better prepared for next year.

There was a request for a parent to write an article about the band for the Mebane Enterprise. The newspaper will print articles about the band, but they need someone to write them. Elma Rae Green volunteered.

A budget proposal was handed out for Winter Guard and Drumline. The interest meeting is on November 19. This is an indoor competition. Letters will be sent out to the middle schools to recruit. The goal is to train next year's guard and percussion. This is an extracurricular activity. 8 students are needed for a separate guard team. If there are not enough, they will be put in with percussion like last year. More will be known after the interest meeting if there will be a guard team. The boosters will pay \$5,494. An extra floor covering will be needed if there are two groups. Winter guard and drumline provides extra training for percussion and guard so that they can improve their skills for the next marching band season.

It is hoped that sponsors will help out with uniform needs for the marching band. Phil added that we may try doing concession for track events in the spring.

Mr. Bowman presented the list of instrument needs. Prices on the list were two years old. He proposed that we lease instruments and band uniforms. There was discussion about possible designs and colors. The approximate cost to buy the uniforms would be \$25,000 for 75. Tim suggested purchasing the jacket and hat and let the students buy their own bibbers. The problem is getting everyone to pay. Karen said that sponsors may help with the cost. Walmart is sending \$30 a month after a donation of \$300.

There was a complaint about lack of band pictures in the yearbook. Also, bad comments have been made about the band by athletes. Emails had been sent to the coaches about it.

There were questions about paying Les and RC. The school is supposed to pay them. Then, the boosters are supposed to pay the school.

Officer Nominations

The nominations are as follows:

President – Don Beaddles

Vice President – Karen Aulbert

Treasurer – Kim Gwynn

Secretary – Sandra Langley

More parents need to attend the meetings. The Vice President needs to start delegating responsibilities. A list was passed around for a concessions committee. Mr. Bowman said that his wife would help out the band and treasurer if needed.

Elections will be in December

Christmas Party

Last year, gift cards were given to each student and they had snacks. The band concert is December 18th. Discussions about the party will be continued at the next meeting.

There was a motion to adjourn 1st Elma Rae Green
2nd Chris Bowman

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Next meeting: December 4, 2007 at 6:30pm