

Eastern Alamance Band Booster Minutes
May 6, 2008

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

Karen Aulbert presided over the meeting in the absence of Don Beaddles.

Secretary's Report: Sandra Langley

The minutes were approved by 1st Tim Bevill, 2nd Kim Gwynn

Treasurer's Report: Kim Gwynn

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Instruments have been purchased at a cost of \$5200. The account balance was \$10,905.04 with a working balance of \$3310.56. Money needed to fully fund the scholarship fund had not been moved into that account until confirmation is made of the number of scholarships that will be awarded. Applications received would need to be reviewed to determine eligibility of the applicants.

Kim reported that the boosters had a box full of checks for uniforms totaling over \$3000. The boosters will also get \$139.60 from Blue Ribbon Diner night for May. There was a motion to approve the treasurer's report by 1st Norma Burton, 2nd Ellen Bowman.

New Business

Scholarship applications need to be reviewed. Awards are May 18. Mr. Bowman expressed a concern about the lack of applications. A suggestion was made to email the parents so that they know about the availability of the scholarship.

The marching band letter is ready to be sent to students. There was a question of whether to divide the payments into 3 or 4.

Teresa Claiborn arrived and brought out the scholarship applications. There was a discussion of applications turned in late and students that did not follow instructions in filling them out. Next year there will be 15 seniors in band. There was agreement that the one student that turned in his application on time and followed the instructions would receive the scholarship of \$1000. The others did not follow instructions and were thereby ineligible for consideration.

This year's band fee (fair share fee) will be \$250 which will include a tshirt and two pairs of shorts that will be considered a part of the uniform. The fee will be divided into three payments due by the start of band camp.

Sponsor plaques have not been handed out except for two. There was discussion of delivering them to sponsors and including some students in the delivery. Karen will be sending letters to sponsors about renewal of their sponsorship for next year.

Ellen Bowman reported that a fee of \$750 will need to be paid to get the application for 501c status reviewed if the booster's organization averages more than \$10,000. The fee is \$350 if the money we take in is less than that amount. She said that we need to close out accounts with the state and get a letter of determination as a nonprofit organization to send to the state.

Fundraising – Signs of Mebane donated a sign to track uniform donations. There was a question of whether uniforms could be ordered and have the delivery delayed until the full amount was raised.

We need to get more people out to the Blue Ribbon Diner each month. Chick fil a does a spirit night also with no flyer needed. They will also let us purchase sandwiches for games at a cost of \$2.30, which we will be allowed to sell for \$3.50. Karen said that she would try them out for the first game to see how they sell.

150 discount cards were sold at the Dogwood Festival. 466 cards are outstanding that were checked out by students. Karen said that she would check on getting permission to sell cards in front of some local businesses.

There is a need for more fundraisers. We need about \$10,000 more in donations in order to purchase more uniforms. Auto Zone may allow us to do a car wash. Karen said that she would contact Don about arranging the car wash. The boosters would provide drinks to the car wash volunteers and get Biscuitville to donate biscuits to encourage students to show up by 9am.

Director's Report – RC is going to pick up the instruments that we are purchasing on May 10th. He said that Teal Sound is selling their old equipment, and it is all in great shape.

There is a salvage company that buys old instruments. Mr. Bowman said that he will get them to look at the ban's old, unusable instruments.

The football schedule will go out with the marching band letter. Danny Lloyd is the arranger/composer doing the show for 2008. It is anticipated that he will be finished in 3-4 weeks in time to hand out the music to students before the end of the school year. Contracts from Les and RC have not been received yet. The cost is expected to be about the same as last year. Camp will take place on weekends starting in August. The dates are August 1 and 2, August 15 and 16, and August 22 and 23. Smithfield's will be contacted about providing lunch for two Saturdays. Biscuitville may be willing to provide food for one meal.

It hasn't been decided if the students will wear uniforms or costumes for the show. The music came from Epcot's laser light show. The goal is to push students to a higher level. It is estimated that there will be 73 students in marching band this fall.

The spring band concert will be at 7pm on May 8.

Old Business

The storage building will not be donated by Lowe's. Karen suggested that the company selling storage buildings in front of the mall be contacted about a possible donation. Also, we could get students to build the building. It was suggested that we hold off this year on getting the building. There will not be as many big games this year that will require a large stock of concession supplies. Lowe's gave the band \$150 last year. We may be able to get them to donate money again. Home Depot could also be contacted.

People have been inquiring about a 2nd chance dance possibly to be held in August.

There was discussion of having the band play for the public to make the band more visible and to encourage donations. The hospital will be approached about donating money to the band.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Formal meetings will be suspended for the summer and will resume in September.

Business will be conducted as needed by email.