

Keller Central High School Band Booster Association
General Membership Meeting
August 11, 2015



Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm
Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from the last General Membership Meeting

Motion to approve minutes with the following correction: Debbie Williams
Corrections: Motion made by Nadine Parsons, not Natalie
Motion seconded by Kat Guidry
Minutes approved

Officer Reports

Leadership Update

- Becky Williams updated the Boosters on Leadership fundraiser. They will be selling frog Togs, sunglasses, and dot books. They have also hosted movie nights. Student Leadership has already selected their location for band banquet.

Director's Update

- Mr. McNulty updated the Boosters on the band's progress. Students are rehearsing well and are showing their endurance and toughness. In the morning blocks, students are learning spirit show and competition show in the evening block. The middle block is devoted to music and technique. Students have been watching videos from previous CHS marching shows.
- Mr. McNulty reviewed the "No Cell Phone" policy. Phones have become a huge distraction, and this policy will help them get to know each other better. Section Leaders are the only students with cell phones during rehearsal.
- Mr. McNulty discussed the Scott Lang workshop. He is a motivational speaker and will do a free session this Saturday at Timber Creek High School at 9:00 a.m.
- If students have a scheduling issue with band, parents should email Mr. McNulty directly rather than the school counselors.
- Students are currently at Set 28 in the competition show. Mr. McNulty discussed this year's show, "Found". There will be a large compass on the field. He is anticipating the band will do really well this year.
- A parent asked for clarification about the rehearsal schedule on the band calendar. Mr. McNulty clarified the times. He also encouraged parents to sign up for the Remind text messaging system. He went through the instructions for signing up.
- If a student is not in the competition band, they are still invited to travel to Indianapolis for Grand Nationals. The band will be performing that Friday morning. Mr. McNulty discussed accommodations for the trip. The band will leave late Wednesday and will return home late Saturday evening after Finals. There are 112 bands currently registered for the competition.
- In San Antonio, students are sleeping and rehearsing at Lehman High School.

Fundraising

- Gina Root updated fundraising. She reviewed Back to Band Blast and spirit wear sales. Our total money raised is below what was expected. We need many more parents to get involved and participate.
- At the Marching Band Expo, the Boosters are trying to host dining nights before the event.

- Parents are encouraged to continue paying fees for Feed the Band, Booster membership, and Kicker Contributions. All band donations are tax deductible. Shari Cox will upload a form for tax purposes.

Treasurer

- Shari Cox provided a copy of the financial report. She will provide a report each month. Shari explained how to read the report, including how to tell which line item expenditures come from.
- Our current budget is \$125,000. We have raised approximately \$16,000 to date.

Membership

- Jody Smith was unable to attend but sent a message thanking parents, especially Freshman parents.

Historian

- Stephanie Savidge asked for parents help with pictures. Her memory card was corrupted, so she did not get pictures of the Back to Band Blast. Parents are encouraged to upload pictures of upcoming band events to the Facebook band page.

Color Guard

- Alecia Edwards explained that all the Color Guard flags and uniforms are designed and ordered. She reviewed color guard rehearsal schedule for next week.

Old Business

Back to Band Blast

- Great success! Everything went smoothly and according to plans. The band expects this event to grow. It will always occur the Saturday right before August camp begins. The Band Boosters raised approximately \$4500 at this event. Photo buttons ordered at the event will be delivered before the first football game.
- Suggestions were made to increase participation in the car test drives and to bring in more families.
- Hillwood Middle School and Parkwood Hill Intermediate will participate next year.

Water/Ice Pop

- Donations are still being accepted. We go through 16 cases each week. We have enough ice pops, but water can be donated in the band hall.

New Business

Water/Ice Pop

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Committee Sign Ups

- Committee chairpersons will be emailing volunteers to sign up for activities.

August 28th Football game

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Telethon/March-A-Thon

- This is the band's largest fundraiser of the year and is mandatory for all band members.
- Telethon: Students will receive an email, which families will forward to as many contacts as possible. The email will explain the event and ask for donations. There will be a link that will take people to the pay screen. On the night of the telethon, students will call everyone who received the email. They will thank those who donated and ask others to consider donating. There will be a competition between sections to see who can raise the most money.
- March-a-Thon: Families will be asked to take donation information to businesses in the community. On Saturday, the band will march through Park Glen. Gina Root

will put the letter and donation packet on the website soon. All donations are tax deductible.

Parade Day Help-Debbie Williams

- Homecoming is Friday, September 4th. The Homecoming Parade is Tuesday, August 31. Debbie Williams wants to sell water along the parade route. Message Debbie if you would like to help.

Props

- Thank you to parents who have helped build props. Parents were encouraged to continuing to help. Building props is a massive project and requires many hands. Prop builders are working under deadlines to finish the compass.
- Band will be asking parents to help drive Penske trucks.

Lunch sale opportunity

- Boosters are trying to get permission to sell mini Bundt cakes during lunch at Central.

Tailgate Party

- Parents are invited to attend tailgating this Friday, August 14th, 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Background checks need to be done ASAP

- Directions were provided to complete the background check online.

Announcements

August 15th Scott Lang Workshop

August 21st Freshman Induction

August 28th CHS @ LD Bell

August 31st Homecoming Parade

September 4th Arlington Lamar @ CHS

September 5th Homecoming Dance

September 7th Stadium Rehearsal, come watch the kids perform

Uniform Information

Mr. Rudnick reviewed information and will post it on the band website.

- Uniforms are machine washable. We no longer have the man-power to tailor and wash the uniforms.
- The band has located a company in Keller that will come and do alterations next week. The cost will be either \$10 or \$15, depending on whether the bib needs to be fitted.
- Uniforms will now be washed by families at home. It will be noted on the band calendar when students need to have their clean uniforms returned to school. Uniform moms will inspect them after washing.
- How to care for your band uniform:
 - Do not dry clean.
 - Gauntlets, pants, and jacket can be washed all together.
 - No liquid fabric softener. The fabric needs to be stiff, not soft.
 - Use Spray-n-Wash for stains.
 - Make sure Velcro is not exposed, as it will grab fabrics.
 - With drying, do not use the hot setting. Use the cool drying mode and let it hang dry. Hang immediately after removing from the dryer.
- The directors will let parents know how alterations payments will be made.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Jas Kirkwood
Motion seconded by: Mark Mortenson
Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.