

LEON BAND PARENT ORGANIZATION MEETING
August 31, 2009

President Goodson calls meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Secretary Brown is present to record the notes.

Band Director Thornton is present.

Members Present:

Kathy Stump
Julie Forrester
Sandy Willis
Amy Campbell
JoAnne Todd
David Pius
Terri Repasky
Mark Repasky
Pam Whitworth
Stacy Prather
Julie Griffith
Betsy Calhoun
Michelle Zeegers
Jamie Deloach
Leah Gentile
Meredith McMackin
Nena Pobjecky
Gwendolyn Jamerson
Laura Glenn
Lisa DeGannes
Kelly Price
Natasha Bailey
Sandra Howard
Chantell Bartell
Tonya Jones
Susan Ellis

An agenda was provided.

1. Calendar

- a. Godby Game: This is our first game and will be held Friday, September 4, 2009 at Cox Stadium. We are visitors.
- b. Eastside (Gainesville) game is Friday September 18th. We do not have a game scheduled for neither the 11th of September nor the 14th of October. A full pit will be traveling to Gainesville. Should leave the school around 3:00pm.

- c. This years All State Auditions are being held at Lincoln High School. 15 band members are scheduled to participate. They know who they are.
- d. Madison Game is Friday, September 25, 2009 and will be held at Leon High Field. This is designated Middle School night so the number of chaperones will necessarily need to be increased.
- e. On Friday, October 2nd we will travel to Panama City, Florida to play in the half time show for the football game with Mosley. We will need the full PIT at this game also. We will, however, have another booster meeting prior to this.

At this point Mr. Thornton explained to the incoming parents what would happen on the game day afternoon. Students need to leave after school and then return around 4:15 pm. This will give them time to freshen up and eat something. They should return wearing their red band tee shirt and white shorts also having with them their water jug. They should begin getting dressed in their uniform and be ready for the bus at 5:30, which is the "spot time." The band should be returning to the school after the game between 10 – 10:30pm. Once at the school they have to put away their band uniform and instruments and clean up the band room before they are dismissed. Parents should be aware of this.

- 2. Coordination with Football Boosters for fund rising.
 - a. Secretary Brown announced that he has been trying to have a meeting with members of the football boosters all summer. But with work schedules, vacations and booster requirements this meeting has not taken place. At this time Mack Helms is supposed to contact Secretary Brown with the results of the football booster board's decision on this matter. Mr. Thornton will contact Coach Reagans and see if this is possible.
- 3. Fundraisers.
 - a. Applebee's Pancake Breakfast was held this past Saturday at the Apalachee Parkway store. It was a great success. Stacy Prather did an exceptional job in coordinating this. It is reported that we added upwards of \$2,000.00 to the band coffers.
 - b. Cookie Dough sales are on going currently. This is being headed up by Gwen Jamerson who reports that the last day to turn in orders is September 17 or 18th. The cookie dough will be delivered on October 20th and those who ordered should pick up their order between 11:30 am and 2:00pm. The profits from these sales go directly into the students band account.
 - c. Magazines fundraiser is set to start tomorrow when the sales packets are distributed. Pam Whitworth is heading this raiser up. All profits go to the student account.
 - d. Poinsettias fund raiser. Some discussion was had over this issue due to difficulties getting good plants from a distributor. Ms. Howard suggested that we look into selling evergreen plants instead seeing how most other groups are selling poinsettias to raise funds also. There was discussion of partnering with Costco get better quality plants. Ms. Bailey will contact

Cobb Middle School to inquire about their vendor. Ms. Ellis volunteered to coordinate this activity for the band. Half of the profits for this sale go to the student account, the other half to the band coffers.

- e. Silent Auction was discussed as a fund raising effort. We need a coordinator for this effort and Ms. Stump volunteered. We talked about businesses, due to the economic conditions are less likely to give items for the auction. Theme baskets for auction were brought to the table, maybe coming up with 10 different baskets. Ms. Howard suggested that a raffle might be a better idea. We held discussion on this matter. Mr. Pius volunteered to explore the legality of this further. It was also decided to put this off until the golf tournament in the spring.
- f. Mr. Thornton and Bob Prather are working together to put on the golf tournament in the spring. It is in the beginning stages at this time.
- g. The President was approached by one of the football parents to add an internet search toolbar that will pay the band each time the search tool is used. It was confusing to the members so further investigation was needed. Amy Campbell will follow-up with this item.
- h. Ms. Zeegers will take over the coordination of the toner/ink cartridge recycle effort of the band. 100% of the profits for this go to the student's account.

4. Coordinators Needed.

- a. Fall Concert: This will be held on October 15th and will consist of just our band playing. A reception will be held in the lobby as before. Ms. Pobjecky will work with Ms. Gentile to put this on.
- b. Year-end banquet: We need to secure a coordinator to begin looking into a larger facility to hold the event. With the increase in band size from 80 to 120 we would need a place that would hold upwards of 300 people. This will be held on the 27th of May 2010. The Moon, FSU University Club and Goodwood Museum are some possibilities. Terri Repasky will investigate further.
- c. Mark Repasky will hold half time videographer duties when he is present. We will find someone to fill in for him as necessary.

5. Additional Business:

- a. Chicken Dinner: We will discuss this further next meeting.
- b. A notebook has been created in order to track volunteer work time. It will be kept in the band room.

Meeting was ended at 7:10 pm.