

Paul G. Blazer Band Parents Association
Minutes of Meeting August 10, 2006
Location: Verity Middle School Cafeteria

Meeting called to order by President Greg Jackson at 7:08 p.m.

General Announcements:

- Greg Jackson introduced all officers, Teresa Traugott as website manager, and Cindy Jackson and Claire Nameth as the two Executive Committee at Large members.
- Website address given. Website will be used a lot this year to get information out. Teresa Traugott asked parents to sign up on the website to receive the newsletter.
- Meeting times and order announced, Executive Committee at 6:30pm, Regular at 7pm, followed by Committees.
- Sign up sheets for committees were on a table at the stadium. E-mail addresses are needed. We will track volunteer hours, including meetings, for the High School.
- “Blazer Band” stickers for car windows are available, see Terry Stark.

Secretary’s Report, copy provided to every present. Greg Jackson asked for questions. There were none. Motion to accept minutes as written: made by Ann Craig, 2nd by Mark L, motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report given by Terry Stark. (Copy is on file with Secretary’s Report.) Student Accounts explained. Parents may contact Terry to find out how much their student has. One question asked and explained regarding ending balances. Motion to accept treasurer’s report as given: made by Cynthia Dixon, 2nd by Jeff England, motion passed.

Old Business:

- Concessions
 - Have 2 air conditioners at stadium
 - A lot of help is needed. Requested more 9, 10 & 11 grade parents to help so senior parents can watch their children at least during pre-game and half-time.
- Parent Involvement
 - Driver needed for the 18 wheeler next year and to help Fred Stark this year. Fred will be gone next year.
 - need more, including contests
 - parents can ride bus as chaperones or if space is available, if riding the bus, must have a background check, if name is not on clearance list then can not ride the bus
 - background check can be done in child’s Freshman year and then will be good for all 4 years
 - if no background check on file you can still follow the bus in your car
 - one parent expressed concern about not knowing what to do as a chaperone, Cindy Jackson is in charge, a request was made for experienced parents to help the new parents.

- Price Increases/Healthy Items: we are adding healthy items and may remove some old items; there will be some price increases
- Post Game Parties – for the band members, no comments
- Fund Raisers:
 - will have normal ones for the students (pies, fruit, pancake breakfast, grocery bagging) and band fundraisers for trips and other expenses; no trips scheduled this year
 - “Blazer Band” stickers are free
 - Magnet to put on your car, Blazer Band Booster, 5” x 6” in the shape of a liar; will purchase 250 magnets for cost of approximately \$750; will sell for \$10 each; will use this to promote parent involvement and for public notice; authorization needed to spend the money to purchase the magnet; will sell to parents first and then in the concession stand. Motion to allow purchase of the magnets: made by Joe Dixon, 2nd by Mark Loradich, motion passed.

New Business:

- Officers/Executive Committee – already discussed, see “General Announcements”
- Committee/Sign-Up Sheets – need people for uniform committee, need some to take charge of fittings, Teresa Traugott volunteered for fittings, need 1 person to take charge of the committee and others to help; sign up sheets for all committees were at the stadium
- Chaperones/BI/Contests:
 - (see old business “Parent Involvement)
 - comments made for non-chaperone adults to let us (food committee) know ahead of time if they wish to eat with the band and also should pay the \$5 fee, there were 2 or 3 times we ran out of food because more people ate with the band than what the committee anticipated
- Sign-in Sheet/e-mail addresses/phone numbers – sheets were at the stadium
- Hats/Shirts (2) – Order Form – order form was at the stadium, polo shirt will be \$18 to \$22, t-shirts and hats are \$10 each; there was some discussion on the shirts and logos
- Student Signs for yards – instead of wooden post, these will be like the political signs, will order at least 70, signs will be maroon with white with child’s name on top, probably in black; sign up sheet is needed; Bernie Dean will prepare the signs; Bernie needs the band members nickname if that is preferred on the sign; cost - \$5 to make, will sell for \$10; Motion to allow for purchase of the signs – made by Claire Nameth, 2nd by Ann Craig, motion passed. Teresa T. will put an order form on the band website.
- Magnets for Car – discussed in old business
- Fundraisers – discussed in old business
- Concession Stand Schedule (Parents of Seniors):
 - Passed out two schedules, 1 for all band activities and 1 just for football concessions (copies are on file with Secretary’s report)

- Requested everyone help, if you don't know what to do, someone will show you, if it is crowded, come back later and give someone else a break
- Discussion on what time to show up, whenever you can, more people are needed at different times, also there is a smaller concession and drink stands
- Basketball – will probably do 3 crews
- All workers must wear hat or hair net
- Concession Stand Cleanup – This Sunday (HELP!!!) – show up anytime, 10-11 am and all afternoon, we will stay until it is done; health department coming in to inspect before the first game; we want it clean; we are sanitized, wear hats, hair nets, gloves, etc.
- Uniform Fitting – already discussed (see Committees/Sign-up Sheets above)
- Alumni – if you want, bring your instrument and play the fight song with the band, sit in the band section and play with the band
- Post Camp Party – scheduled Friday (8/11/06) at Dawson Pool, 7-9 pm, pizza served

Director's Report – comment from Chris Whelan to Greg Jackson, encourage parental involvement

Next Meeting – September 12, 2006

“Meet The Band” at the stadium (immediately following this meeting) - All band members will be announced and then the band will perform a portion of this year's show.

Greg Jackson thanked everyone for the great turn out and thanked all who helped with the food.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51