

Paul G. Blazer Band Parents Association
Minutes of Meeting November 14, 2006

Meeting called to order by President Greg Jackson at 7:05 p.m.

Secretary's Report given by Marie Slone. No questions or comments. Motion to accept minutes as written made by Paul Nemeth, 2nd by Mark Loraditch.

Treasurer's Report given by Terry Stark. (Copy is on file with Secretary's Report.)
Comments – Booster magnets should be easier to sell during Basketball concessions. They will be easier to display for sale. Yard signs - enough have been sold to clear a profit. More signs will be sold each year as new band students join. Future year's sales will all be a profit. Motion to accept treasurer's report as given made by Mark Loraditch, 2nd by Paul Nemeth.

Old Business:

- Fundraiser Report given by Mark Loraditch. We will need to order a minimum of 400 pies in order for Pie Peddler to ship to us. The forms will be given to Chris Whelan for distribution to the students before Thanksgiving break. The order will be called in on December 8th and will be delivered on December 15th. Extra pies will be ordered and sold, with the profit going into the general fund. Mark Loraditch will place an ad in the newspaper announcing the pie sale. Pies can also be sold through the concession stand during the AIT basketball tournament.
 - Oranges will be in on November 15th or 16th. Students will need to pick up their orders after school for distribution.
 - Bagging Groceries – this has been set up with Food Fair for the first weekend in January. We will be looking for student volunteers to do the bagging. Profits will go into the general fund.
 - Bake Sale – Denise Elswick not in attendance to report.
- Pep Band shirts – Paul Nemeth brought a picture of polo shirts as a possibility. The cost will be approximately \$20.00 for each shirt, and we would order about 40 shirts. The suggestion was made that the student would receive a shirt when they sign up for pep band and keep the shirt throughout high school. When the student leaves as a senior, the shirt is theirs to keep. The cost of the shirts for the first year would be around \$800. Consecutive years would only cost around \$200, since we would only need to purchase shirts for incoming pep band members. Chris Whelan wants to poll the students about the shirts before they are ordered. He is concerned about the shirts being short sleeved. He does not think the students are very interested in wearing polo shirts. Chris likes the idea of having pep band shirts, but he wants the students to appreciate them and want to wear them. He doesn't want to have to enforce the students wearing shirts they don't like. Chris will talk with the pep band and find out what they would prefer to wear and get with Paul later about ordering the shirts. A motion was made to approve ordering the shirts once a style is chosen by Greg Jackson, 2nd by Fred Stark.

New Business:

- Basketball Concessions – Paul will divide the band parents into ‘teams’ for concessions. Teams will be rotated to work the necessary concessions. Reminder cards will be sent to parents the day before they are scheduled to work, the same way it has been done in previous years. Terry Stark suggested also posting the teams and their rotation dates on the web site. Paul will get the information to Teresa for this. Construction in the gym is scheduled to be completed on Dec. 19th, so AIT should still be held at Blazer as scheduled.
- Budget Adjustment – Greg Jackson and Terry Stark discussed the budget and decided that no adjustments are needed at this time.
- Sousaphones – a bill has not yet been presented to the Boosters by the administration. Chris Whelan will look into this.
- December Meeting – the second Tuesday of December is on the 12th. This is the same night as the Winter Concert. A decision was made to move the regular Booster meeting to Thursday the 14th.

Director’s Report given by Chris Whelan:

- Chris heard a lot of positive comments about the band going to the Johnson Central game.
- The band is getting ready for the Christmas parade on the 21st. There will be another practice on Monday after school.
- Fourteen students made it to the second round of All-State tryouts. This year is possibly the largest group ever that could make it into the All-State Band.
- All- District Band auditions will be in December.
- Winter Guard is getting started out in the right direction.
- Many of the students are taking the initiative to participate in extra activities: students attended a band clinic at Asbury College, flute day at Marshall University, and trombone day at UK.
- The Winter Concert will be on December 12th at 7:00 in the gym at Blazer.

Additional:

There was no drawing held last month. Both the October and November drawings were held tonight. The winner for the October drawing is Mark Loraditch. The winner for November is Paul Nemeth.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10. Motion made by Fred Stark, 2nd by Paul Nemeth.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Stark