

EEU Booster Meeting Minutes

Tues Sept 6, 2016

President Chris Corter called meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Motion to accept last meeting's minutes – with date correction. Motion seconded and carried. Minutes accepted as corrected.

President's Report: Chris opened the meeting discussing the budget. The majority of the budget will be spent in the 1st 90 days of the season. Performance donations are critical. Fundraising is necessary to supplement the donations as they alone won't cover the total expenses of the band.

Announcements:

Logo Wear:

- Friday Sept 9th is the last day to get orders in.

Volunteers needed:

- **Meet and Eats:** Need meet and eat coordinator to organize the restaurant fund raiser nights.
- **Holiday Banquet / Basket Raffle:** Need help for Kelly Yakel to organize, obtain donations, organize baskets, etc.

1st VP Report – Uniforms:

- Uniforms are ordered.
- Help needed with ironing and stitching this Saturday morning at 8am – here in the band room. Bring your own ironing board and iron.

2nd VP Report – Fundraising:

- **Help needed:** The VP's roles are to set up fundraisers for parents to participate in to help with the costs - need Kids help in particular.
- **E-Waste and Clothes for the Cause – Sept 17th:** Need volunteers, please also bring a bag of snacks / cookies to share. Water will be provided.
- **Clothes for the Cause:** Example, one band student has gone to yard sales, picked up leftovers, and donated them. Encourage neighbors and family to donate items. Clothing can be used with holes, etc. We are paid by the pound. Ideally goal is to have 5 to 8 bags per family donated. Shoes are accepted - must be in pairs. A suggestion is to email friends and family and offer to help them clean out their closets.
- **E-Waste:** Kayleen explained that promo door hangers are coming home 20 per band student – to be distributed to neighbors. It was just discovered that the recycle company will not accept projector TV's and DLP TV's so we are working on a back-up plan of another location they can go to drop off those items. Flyers are out at the Library, banners are at Imperial, on Kellogg, at YLHS, YLCC. One suggestion is to collect donations at work. All donations are good for tax write-off's – receipts will be available.

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- **See's Candy:** Last year we made \$5,000, the most we've ever made from this. Goal is to make the same or more this year. Sale is during October, in time to get candy for holiday giving. Help is needed with receiving the candy, separating it out and dispersing it to the students. A suggestion was made to sell the small boxes of chocolates rather than gift cards, as the band makes the most profit with those. And they make great gifts. It's also a great gift for clients.

Ongoing fundraisers on our website with residual payments to EEU:

- **E-scrip:** Grocery, gas, other everyday items purchased earns money for EEU and for the student (the rebate is split 50/50). Sign up at ShopWithScrip.com – there are over 300 participating retailers. Ideally suggest to also enroll in Presto Pay (similar to Pay Pal). Complete directions available on the E-Scrip flyer.
- **Farm Fresh to You:** Food cost is just a little bit more than grocery, but it lasts longer. EEU is the code. Feedback is that they're easy to work with, great way to test new foods and recipes.
- **Quarter Mania or Bingo:** Will be in Feb – working on researching this event.
- **Donation collection:** Kelly Yakel volunteered to help store donated items in their garage.
- **Amazon Smile:** Log into Amazon Smile, choose EEU for fundraiser recipient, and then order as if regular Amazon.
- **Ideas for fundraisers:** Please submit via email, we are happy to take suggestions.

Treasurers Report:

- Major Deposits were reviewed:
 - Donations: Registration nights went very well - - already collected \$26,285 through donation funds. More is coming. We are at 58% of our \$45,000 goal of donations. More than half of the families took advantage of the payment plan.
 - We also made \$652 from Fall Preview Night.
 - \$660 from Big Band Blowout from last year.
 - Shoes / Gloves \$1,033 (prior to expenses).
 - Logo Wear \$2,312 (prior to expenses).
- Expenses were reviewed:
 - \$12,252 to pay for additional District provided instructors for Band Camp, etc.
 - Colorguard costumes, etc. \$4,410
 - Entry Fees \$1,975
 - Music Fees \$137
 - Field Fees \$792
 - Booster Ins \$100
 - Student Refreshments \$128

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Secretary Report:

- Need forms from many students – each have been emailed. Forms due Fri 9/16 latest.

Mr. Davis report:

- **Family ID:** Working out kinks.
- **Camp:**
 - Went very well.
 - Retention rate is 98%.
 - Every student who showed up for 1st day of band camp stayed.
 - Freshmen outnumber Seniors 2 to 1.
 - We started with 21 in the Senior Class, lost 3 over the years.
 - Last year 102 students, this year 116 in total.
 - Smallest class besides Seniors is 35.
 - We may be plus 17 next year.
 - Largest the program's been was 121 before they opened the new High School.
 - Anywhere between 5 – 8% of student population = healthy band program; this year we're at 9%. Almost 1 in every 10 kids is in the program.
 - The extra help during Camp was very helpful. Felt most prepared going into Preview Night.
- **Fundraising:**
 - Mr. Davis reiterated that fundraising is extremely important – we do a lot with less.
- **Field Show:**
 - The field show is coming along very nicely.
 - This year's show entitled Remembrance, recaptures moments from your life, 2nd part is all about playtime and childhood, then next part is about overcoming challenges and wraps up playing really fast.
- **First Football Game:**
 - Next Fri night is 1st Football Game - - playing 1st 3 mins of the show during half-time, will do Pep-Band remainder of game.
 - Call-time 5:40pm. Pick up time is pretty time-tested w/in 15 minutes.
- **Back to School Night:**
 - Scheduled for Weds Sept 14, which moves Wed rehearsal to Tues instead.
 - Zero period is at 6pm, then meeting in Gym at 6:15pm, then rest of the class visits.
 - **Schedule:** Information / updates distributed as soon as possible. Chris distributes via email to EEU families.
- This year will do less parades, more field shows. Field Shows are important to compete and succeed.

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- **Oct 8 is a double-day** – 2 events in same day:
 - Placentia Parade in morning
 - Then Valencia Field Show in afternoon / evening.
- **Personal Goal this year:**
 - Staging Cultural infusion, using Paris strolling musicians as an example: “Casual Culture”.
 - Plan for students to do a few different types of more casual performances such as:
 - Top jazz students performing during lunch.
 - Living Room concerts (at home in front of friends / family)
 - Every Mon and Fri at break, setting up a performing area in Quad, in West Campus and in 200 building and let students stand and play in these areas. They’ll be released from 2nd period classes 10 mins early. Participating students will play ambiance music. They will get credit for schedule of skills playing.
 - Attending solo and ensemble festivals will also obtain credit.
 - The Art Teacher is also going to do something similar – setting out paintings that are almost completed with a sign that says “finish me”.
 - Another idea is to get a donated upright piano, let the Art Students paint it and have it available for students to play as they wish.
 - Kim was also suggesting kids could set up and play their instruments and sell See’s Candy in their neighborhoods at the same time.
- **Homecoming Night:**
 - Senior night before the game.
 - Homecoming at Half-Time.
 - TBD: potentially skip the Performance After the game since we have no field show that weekend. Concern about it being a late night as it’s a Thurs night game.
- **Gourmet Guys:**
 - Lastly, Mr. Davis promoted the Oct 16, fund-raiser called Gourmet Guys at La Habra Children’s Museum, food is really good, and tickets are \$40. Over 100 guys cook.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm by President Chris Corter.

Next Booster Meeting will be Oct 4th at 7pm.