

Band Boosters Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2022

6:07 pm Call to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

Band Directors Report

Upcoming Dates

- Thursday, December 8th Christmas Concert at CHHS
- Friday, December 9th Last day of All County and All State Sign-up
- December 12th 3rd Band Trip Payment
- December 15th Parade Practice 3:30-4:30
- Saturday, December 17th Chelsea Christmas Parade
 - Meet at Chelsea Middle School at 9:15am
 - We are 8 or 9 in the line
 - Students will be finished around 10:30
- January 17 – Shelby County Band Try-outs
- February 4th Shelby County Honor Band at CHHS

Spring Trip

- Students participating in the Spring Trip need to make final payments by published deadlines. There are a total of 138 (students and chaperones) going on the trip.

Volunteer Basketball Pep Band

- Hoping to play at 3 basketball games

New Band Uniforms

- Mr. Lawley and Mr. Johnson made a trip to Kansas to visit the company that would make the uniform. This company currently makes the Drum Major Uniform and makes a well-made uniform.
 - Received quote today
 - Timeline to Produce the Uniforms- Up to 180 days
- The Band Program received a Nick Grant from the City of Chelsea to purchase new uniforms. The grant amount awarded was 70 percent of the requested \$100,000 amount which was \$70,000. The request was based on the uniform company representative estimation. Once the directors went to the uniform facility and worked the manufacturer, the quote was much higher than expected at \$150,000
- The new uniform design would still look like a traditional Chelsea Band uniform, however, would be a lighter weight and have some extras (such as a different look for a Saturday competition). While in Kansas, the directors discussed several options and will make a final decision once we have a total amount to spend toward the purchase. New uniforms are a costly investment and we do not want to pass the cost onto the students.

- Band directors requested \$30,000 from Booster to pay for uniforms. This amount does not meet the quote amount however it would allow the uniforms to be ordered.

Uniform Funding Suggestions (Director’s request and discussions with general session members)

- Director’s Funding Request of \$30,000 from the Band Boosters
- Fundraiser with Vertical Raise possibility in January – “21 Days of Giving”
 - Vertical Raise is an email based campaign (similar to SNAP Raise)
 - Special feature with Vertical Raise is they will match donations made by employees of many well-known companies (like Home Depot etc)
 - Students and families can promote with videos and social media
 - Email address are secure and not sold or used outside of fundraising campaign
- The floor was opened to questions and discussion. Highlights are as follows:
 - The Band Booster budget was reviewed.
 - Providing \$30,000 would put the booster’s operating budget at risk to cover the rest of the year’s expenses.
 - It was suggested to fundraise before utilizing band booster funds.
 - How long is the current quote for the uniforms valid and is there a timeline before a new quote needs to be requested. – Mr. Lawley would have to research.
 - Fundraising was discussed as a good way to raise funds specifically for uniforms.
 - Vertical Raise or similar email campaign
 - Corporate Sponsorship
 - Band Night at local restaurants
 - Program QR Code for direct donations for concerts / Band website (coming soon TBD)

Auxiliary Report

- No report provided

Secretary Report

- Minutes from the October 2022 meeting were sent to all via email.
- 1st and 2nd motions made to accept minutes as submitted. Minutes were voted on and approved.

Treasurer’s Report

\$68,405.37	Balance
\$ 2,407.24	Outstanding Pos
\$65,998.13	Unencumbered Balance

- Auxiliary and Band Fees are now past due.

Vice-President Report

- Sherri Thompson and Amy Zinda provided the fundraising report
- The Vice President position (fundraising) is open due to the previous candidate stepping down due to personal reasons.
- Christmas Wreaths
 - Had 12 wreaths left
 - Profit raised – approximately \$3,250
 - Thank you to all who helped with the fund raiser.

Committee Reports

Concessions

- Concessions have done very well this year!

Chaperone Coordinator

- All parents going on the Spring trip will be chaperones. Details and instructions will be shared prior to the trip.

Equipment

- The trolley needs new springs and tires.
- Will need to reserve a truck for the Spring trip.

Uniform Coordinator

- Students have done very well taking care of their uniforms this year.
- Uniforms have been dry cleaned.
- Students will wear blue Chelsea sweatshirts and blue Santa hats for the Chelsea Christmas Parade.

Stadium Clean-up Coordinator

- Date for stadium clean-up TBD. Having to wait until the track around the field has been completed.

Old Business

- Shutterfly – Reminder that Shutterfly is available to parents to upload pictures. The account was created with the Band Booster email and is an account for all band boosters to use.
- Shelby County Honor Band Auditions will be held at Chelsea Middle School on January 17th.
 - All middle and high school students will audition for the Shelby County Honor Band at Chelsea Middle School
 - Parent Volunteers are needed to work in the following roles: greeters, registration, and judge runner.
 - Check-In 8 of 11 spots are filled (3:00-5:45)

- Runners 5 of 20 spots are filled (3:30 until Judges are finished)
- Greeters 1 of 5 spots are filled (3:00-5:45)
- Concession Stand 0 of 2 spots are filled (3:30-7:00)
- CHMS has hosted the auditions in the past and received positive feedback as to the successful organization of the event. We are interested in having this continue!
- Shelby County Honor Band Festival will be at CHHS on February 4, 2023.

New Business

- Concession Stand 2023-2024 and moving forward
 - Due to a shortage of workers and participation for the concession stand during football season this year, a discussion regarding Concession Stand Requirements for 2023-24 and beyond were addressed. Below are suggested requirements by general members of the band boosters to help staff the concession stand for next year and moving forward:
 - Opt-out fee increased to \$250 per band member
 - 1 shift worked per band member.
 - If a family has a Senior and sibling(s) in band, the family is exempt from working the 1 shift for the senior however still required to work the shift(s) for the younger sibling(s)
 - 1st and 2nd motions made to accept to implement above recommendations. Recommendations were voted on and approved.

Financial Requests and Vote – please see details above

- Defer voting on the \$30,000 request from the band directors from Band Booster funds to purchase new uniforms until the completion of a possible fundraiser in January. Discussions to take place at the February meeting regarding uniforms and financial request
 - 1st and 2nd motions were made to postpone the vote of the financial requests. Motion was voted on and approved.
- Concession Stand opt out fee and requirements for the 2023-2024 year and thereafter
 - A \$250 per band member opt-out fee and family requirement to work 1 shift per band member. (Details above)
 - 1st and 2nd motions were made to accept new requirements. Concession requirements were voted on and approved.

Next Meeting is scheduled for January 9 at 6pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 pm.