



MEETING AUGUST 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order by booster President, Deronda Brooks.

DERONDA BROOKS

Deronda read a thank you note from Linda Fortune for recognition and gift she received from boosters for her many years of service to the band program.

Thanks were extended to all who helped with band camp, and concession clean up, with special thanks going to Nanette DeShazo for heading up the cleanup day and Michael for work done.

Remind kids to bring water jugs to school for after school practice, there will be water/ice available for them to refill them if necessary, and please don't drink after one another so they don't get sick.

Thanks to all those who helped with the pickup and delivery of the Corky's fundraiser.

STACEY CONKLIN

Treasurer's report reflected a balance of \$22,643.00 as of July 31, 2011 with bills outstanding from Corky's fundraiser, bibbers and other expenses. Sponsorships could help replenish account. Motion made and approved to accept report.

JOYCE CORKRAN-SPONSORHIP CHAIR

Confirmed sponsors are as follows:

Trustmark Bank	150.00
1 st Security Bank	\$500.00
Wal-Mart	\$1,000.00
All Animal Hospital	\$500.00
McDonalds	\$150.00
Elite Mosquito Control	\$150.00

Other sponsors (verbal confirmation)

Amro
Bancorp South
Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music
Sonic (Sweet tea and cups)

Joyce reminded parents that the students that bring in sponsors will get 10% of paid sponsorship toward fair share and that she has a list of potential sponsors if anyone is interested in pursuing them. Friends and family members can participate as sponsors. Also, anyone interested in donating items for a raffle and silent auction please contact her.

NANETTE DESHAZO

Nanette brought us up to date on the concession stand. Everything in the concession that was "not bolted down" was taken out and cleaned as well as the walls, shelves, counters etc. Thanks to Michael Anglin, Amber Anglin and Mr. DeShazo for building new shelves. Two fans were installed on home side and we have one for visitor side. Nanette will open concession stand after the meeting for anyone who desires to take a look. She also thanked Mr. Shackelford for the fans used during band camp; they will hang in concession stands during games and can be removed and taken with band on away games and contests. There will be changes in the way the concession stand is run this year, one of which is the middle window will be for ordering and collecting money and pick up items at the two side windows. The popcorn machine is now behind the wall. There is a new A/C unit. New counter tops and sinks were donated from the Surplus Warehouse next to Fred's

Need people to work inside concession stand and people to work behind the scenes to wrap burgers and hot dogs etc.

They are in need of 2 or so crock pots, don't have to be new or even have tops, could also use a countertop microwave. The old refrigerator "died" so if anyone has one, the concession is in need of one.

There are plenty of volunteers signed up to make sandwiches for away games and contests, you will be contacted when it closer to time for those.

SID MCNEIL

Mr. McNeil thanked everyone for being there and stated that camp was HOT but was GREAT and he looks forward to a wonderful year.

Please keep an eye on your child when they're at home after they have been in the heat at practice. It is important that they drink plenty of liquids and hydrate at home for the next day. Several kids had to sit out today at various times and are told to do so if they feel sick. Be sure to bring water jugs, this seems to be working well.

Conquest of Gold is the show for this year; it's a Spanish type show about the early explorations for gold by conquistadors.

Navy blue "show shirts" have been ordered and will be available for purchase, your child will be notified when these become available and what the cost is.

We have a new band website, the PayPal options, and Kroger card purchase options are working well. You can view the Kroger card statement on the website and keep track of how much is going toward your fair share.

Mr. McNeil asked parents to consider allowing him to post fair share spreadsheet on website; his hesitation is that it will show everyone's balance. As treasurer Stacey Conklin's concern is that of returned checks and those charges are on that report as well.

Mr. McNeil stated that 500 Boston butts and 100 sauces were sold with this fundraiser and there are 10 bottles of sauce still available if anyone is interested. The band's profit for the fundraiser was \$6,000.00. There will be a Maestro Pizza fundraiser in November. There will also be a raffle and silent auction the students can participate in to raise money for their fair share if interested. The opportunities will be available for your child to fundraise for fair share or you can pay it outright if you choose not to participate in the fundraisers, the choice is yours.

Mr. McNeil found out today that Fall Jamboree has been changed to a scrimmage on Thursday; the band will not be attending as it has not been on the calendar as such.

The calendar is on the website in PDF form that parents can print.

The contest schedule is as follows:

DeSoto County Expo	Thursday September 20, 2011 (perform only)
NWCC/Lewisburg Contest	Saturday September 24, 2011
Mandatory Practice	Saturday October 1, 2011
State Festival/Tupelo Contest	Saturday October 8, 2011
Southaven Contest	Saturday October 16, 2011
OBHS Conquistador Classic	Saturday October 22, 2011
U of M Liberty Bowl	Saturday October 29, 2011

The Conquistador Classic will be the first time we have hosted our own contest, it should be a big money maker for the boosters, could profit between \$7,000.00-\$10,000.00 which would really help to keep fair share down going forward.

It will take everyone to make the contest successful, many parents needed.

Lion's Band auditions and state band clinics will follow marching season.

Mr. McNeil said there are only 18 seniors this year and 84 8th graders. The band will top 200 members next year and new uniforms will be needed.

The band borrowed Sousaphones for marching season, did not purchase because they are \$4500.00 each for marching horns and \$3800.00 for concert horns.

Mr. McNeil explained that the school gets about \$17,000.00 from DeSoto County Schools to run the program.

Thank you to the following:

Juan Aldana's Scout Troop 155 for \$150.00 sponsorship

Andy Thomas for building the cubbies

Mr. Conklin for helping with the cubbies

Ms. VonStaden for making the flags

Ms. Marsh for helping with the flags

AARON BAILEY

Middle school is just starting, 7th grade is doing great and has a great sound, possibly the best Mr. Bailey's heard from a 7th grade band.

Mr. Gunn is directing the 7th grade band and Mr. Bailey is directing the 8th grade band, they are getting their chops back.

233 6th graders were surveyed and 203 of those will come back tomorrow. 6th grade band will be in one period this year, all 203 will be in the band hall and they will begin testing.

August 30th is instrument rental

DCI was a really good trip and hope to do it again next year.

Thanks to Mrs. Stacey Conklin for handling all the details.

JIM MAYO

Mr. Mayo is excited about the percussion section this year; they are "big" this year and will be "bigger" next year as there are no seniors and 14 8th graders.

They worked hard in camp.

Mr. T. J. Johnson, from the University of Memphis, is on staff this year to help with front ensemble and battery.

JASON GUNN

Guard is doing well. They will be attending a Impact Movement Clinic at ICC on 8/27/11, high school guard is required; middle school guard is optional .

MISCELLANEOUS

Motion made and approved to put meeting minutes on the website going forward.

Mr. Weir and Courtney displayed a quilt made of Courtney's old band tee shirts.

Next meeting will be Monday September 12th at 6:30

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED

Sheri Mealer