

Vista Ridge Band Boosters Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 10, 2005
6:00PM at the VRHS Band Hall

- I. Fred Maynard, President, called the meeting to order at 6:15PM.
- II. Fundraising Report- Robyn Cooper reported on the following:
 - a. Carwashes- there will be three carwashes held during the summer to benefit the general band account. Sections can sign up together. Parents and students can sign up to help.
 - b. Fuddruckers Night is May 31st, earning 20% of the ticket.
 - c. Taco Cabana Night is July 27th, earning 20% of the ticket.
 - d. Yard Sale is Saturday, the 14th, at Faubion Elementary, 6:30AM. Boosters are encouraged to bring items, and not to worry about pricing. Also, tables and bags should be brought to sale.
 - e. Ranger Roundup Scrimmage/Carnival will be held on Friday, May 20th. The Band will have several booths with profit coming back to Boosters. Volunteers are needed to arrive at 5:15PM. The carnival will be open from 5:30PM to 8:30PM. Tickets are \$1. Volunteers need to bring coffee cans or shoe boxes for tickets. See Fred Maynard for list of booths.
- III. Officers' Reports
 - a. Minutes- Fred requested that members take a few moments to review the minutes to the last Boosters meeting. No changes were requested. The minutes were accepted as printed.
 - b. Treasurer's Report- Bob Will reported that the current account balances for the three checking accounts total \$26,921.35. For the month of April, income was \$8,411; expenses totaled \$6,094.68; with a net profit of \$2,316. For the current year, income has totaled \$189,869; expenses have totaled \$171,950, giving a net profit of \$17,918 to date. Laura Bearden moved that the Boosters approve the Treasurer's report. Teresa Muller seconded the motion and the Treasurer's report was approved unanimously as submitted.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Policies and Procedures- Tom Pickard reported that the committee will submit recommendations at a later meeting, because it is reviewing new information received.
 - b. Golf tournament- Tom Pickard reported that the committee appreciates all the support for the tournament, which was a great time for all who attended.
 - c. Volunteers- Teresa Muller invited all volunteers to the Vista Ridge volunteer appreciation luncheon on Friday, May 13th at 12:30PM. RSVP's should be called to the school by Wednesday, May 11th. Volunteers provided over 200 hours at the Golf Scramble. The Boosters volunteered over 3,000 hours during April. Kirsten McDonnell has been calling parents to volunteer at the Ranger Roundup Carnival. More volunteers are needed. Teresa reminded everyone to sign in when they volunteer and that meetings count as volunteer hours.
- V. Old Business- No old business was discussed.
- VI. New Business
 - a. 2005-06 Budget- The proposed budget was distributed and reviewed by Booster members. Clarification was given on several items, including the laptop computers requested, the command center podium, and the utility wagon. Fred Maynard explained the Marching Start-up portion of the budget, which covers income and expenses through August. The Charter Bus expense was explained as planning to have three charter bus trips. It was noted that the Spring trip was not included in the Budget, because it is not funded by the Boosters. After reviewing the entire proposed Budget, the amount of fundraising dollars required was reported at \$35,000. Fundraising was explained to the 8th grade parents in attendance, as follows:
 - i. Individual, with 75% to students (changing)

- ii. Corporate, with 80% to the Band general fund and 20% to the two scholarship funds (includes activities like carwashes, carnivals, Winterguard Competition, and the Golf Scramble)
- iii. SCRIP program- this program will be changing based on information received by Lori Roeckers about IRS restrictions for 501(c)3 non-profit organizations.

Tom Pickard moved to approve the 2005-06 Budget as proposed. Marilyn Hubbard seconded the motion and the Boosters voted to approve the Budget.

- VII. 2005-06 Band Season- Mr. Christian addressed the group with information on the upcoming year. Estimated Fees sheets were passed out for Wind Players, Percussion, and Color Guard.
- a. Important notes- Email addresses should not be shared or sold. Changes should be submitted to directors. Parents need to give permission to publish numbers in the Band Handbook and also for the publishing of photographs on the Band or School websites and in the newspaper. Travel and medical forms need to be returned by Thursday, May 12th. No medicines, including Tylenol, can be given without the forms being turned in.
 - b. Band will be going to Main Event on the last day of the first week of June camp.
 - c. Estimated fees were briefly explained:
 - i. Fair share fee goes beyond what the district will cover and is paid by every Band student, paying expenses like the marching and music techs.
 - ii. Meal fee is paid by all and will cover 20 meals for each student during marching season. Providing meals to all students is a safety and energy issue.
 - iii. Uniform Maintenance Fee is paid by all for cleaning, altering, and repair.
 - iv. School Owned Instruments Cleaning Fee and Special Usage Charge is only for students who use school owned instruments.
 - v. Miscellaneous items were explained as follows:
 - 1. Water jug- students need to bring every day of marching season.
 - 2. Rain gear is a heavy weight poncho.
 - 3. Band polo shirt is optional for Color Guard. The Band wears it as the casual marching uniform at the first two to three games.
 - 4. Garment bag will go home and come back on Fridays.
 - 5. Tote bag is optional, but very handy.
 - 6. Percussion music accessories, in place of lyre, include gloves for cymbal and wind players. Students need to keep up with their gloves.
 - 7. The Color Guard also purchases wind suits.
 - vi. The Band may hold a garage sale type event for out grown items to benefit Band students.
 - vii. Other intermittent fees discussed:
 - 1. An accompanist for UIL and Ensemble costs \$35.00.
 - 2. Spring trips- the Band goes out of state every other year. This school year the Band went to Colorado. The students will choose the next out of state location. No Band in LISD goes out of the country any longer. The fee for out of state trips will be held to around \$650 to \$850. During even numbered years, the Band trip will be in state, using chartered buses to places like Corpus Christi or South Padre Island. One of the benefits of the trips is the good recordings made of the Band performance.
 - 3. Band Banquet was discussed.
 - viii. Due Dates for fees:
 - a. June 1st - \$125 fair share fee
 - b. July 1st - \$100 meal fee and \$30 uniform maintenance
 - c. July 25th – registration

- d. August 1st – deadline for miscellaneous items fees
 - e. September 1st – school owned instrument fee due
 - f. September – private lessons start
- ix. Accounts and payments-
- 1. Monthly statements will be provided by Bob Will, Treasurer.
 - 2. Locked deposit box will be installed outside Band workroom for checks only. Paypal is available on website.
 - 3. Trip accounts will be changing due to IRS rules; probably go to a point system. Fundraisers are opportunities to help pay for items and activities.
- d. Mr. Christian said that he is excited to see the students and their enthusiasm. He reported that numbers would be growing significantly. He thanked parents for their time and for coming to the meeting.

VIII. Additional new business

- a. Fundraising Committee- Fred Maynard asked for volunteers to let him know if they can help Robyn Cooper on the Fundraising Committee.
- b. Website- Fred announced the website address of VRHSBAND.ORG and mentioned that Executive Board members' email addresses are on the website.
- c. Meetings- Fred announced that Booster meetings are the second Tuesday of each month in the Band Hall and will begin in July.
- d. Fred Maynard reminded parents of the football scrimmage and carnival on May 20th. Volunteers are still needed.
- e. Fred Maynard also reminded parents of upcoming events:
 - i. May 14 – Yard sale
 - ii. May 16 – End of year concert at CPHS PAC
 - iii. May 20 – Football scrimmage/carnival
 - iv. May 21 – Band Banquet
 - v. May 31 – Ranger Band Night at Fuddruckers, 4:00 to 9:00PM, coupons at vrhsband.org
 - vi. June 4 – Carwash fundraiser at Applebee's, time TBA
 - vii. June 25 – Carwash fundraiser at Walgreens, time TBA
 - viii. July 12 – Band Booster Meeting, 6:00PM, Band Hall
 - ix. July 25 – Registration night for returning Band members, time TBA
 - x. July 26 – Registration night for new Band member, time TBA
 - xi. July 30 – Carwash fundraiser at Walmart, time TBA
- f. SCRIP- It was announced that forms are available. Policies and procedures will be updated shortly.
- g. Band Banquet- It is being planned by the Band Officers. The cost is \$12 per person. Parents are invited this year, but may not be in future years. There will be a barbecue buffet, beginning at 6:00PM. There will be a dj, awards, recognitions and a video.

- IX.** Beverly Lentz moved to adjourn the meeting. Teresa Muller seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned by Fred Maynard.

Thank you to Sharon Powell for recording the minutes to the meeting in my absence.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Schweitzer
Band Boosters Secretary

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