

NORTH CANYON HIGH SCHOOL
STARS OF THE NORTH”
BAND BOOSTERS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
February 8, 2007

Meeting called to order by Sue Cutaia, Vice President, at 7:05 PM.

Attendees: Sue Cutaia, Chris Eaton, Matthew Sbalcio, Carla Whitmire, Kim Bigley, Marcia Page, Sandy Stegen, Michelle Day, Aaron & Linda Lauas, Erika Wade, Donna D’Hoostelaere, Susan Eaton, Pam Weber, Felise O’Brien, Rene’ Suderman, Kim Hedlund, Mary & Greg Lints, David & Ethan Weissman, John & Kathy Leech, Pam Good, Mark & Tracy Holohan, Mary Ann Shipley, Michelle Mybeck, Eric Murray, Emily Smith

Location: NCHS Band Room

Minutes:

The minutes from the January 11 meeting were read. Rene’ Suderman approved of the minutes for the boosters and Michelle Day seconded it.

Treasurer’s Report:

Some business Band Shares came in since our last meeting (\$490). In addition, several Car Show registrations have been posted (\$190). Matthew will explain the donations in the statement during his Director’s Report.

Secretary’s Report:

The 2007-2008 Executive Council nomination period is now open. Forms are available after the meeting and will be available on the band’s web site. The nomination period closes after the March boosters meeting. Ballots will be available at the April meeting and voting will take place during the May meeting. Details on the duties of the officers can be found in the constitution & bylaws which can be found on the band’s web site.

Director’s Report:

Two weeks ago, Matthew was contacted by the Pointe Hilton about a DHL sales meeting that was looking for a drum line to perform. Our drum line played for the president’s entrance and for their efforts, DHL donated \$1,500 to the band. The boosters and Matthew decided to use part of this donation for the down payment towards the Spring Trip.

We also received a donation from Scripps-Howard from Susan Eaton’s work. They gave the band a grant for \$964.70. This will be used for equipment.

The Western Regional had auditions recently and 4 of our band students were selected. The boosters paid for the registration fees and they will perform in a concert at Mesa HS.

Correspondence:

We received some more registrations for the Car Show in our PO box (7 total).

Old Business:

Fundraising (Band Shares Program): Eric Murray discussed the three different types of shares.

Corporate: Sell within your business network.

Friends/Family: Send it to out-of-state relatives.

Neighbors: Sell to acquaintances that may have been in band in their youth.

The boosters were given a form letter and were encouraged to send it out to everyone they know. You can personalize the letter. Follow it up with a phone call. You are selling a share into a vision – Your Student. Shareholders will receive a post card from our trip thanking them for their support.

The plan is to have a potluck and a silent auction at a shareholder meeting prior to a concert. The shareholder idea is to constantly develop it. This has been a successful program within the Boy Scouts.

A question was asked that if a neighborhood raised \$1,000, would the band be able to perform for them. Matthew said this was reasonable.

The proceeds from the Band Shares go 100% back to the band.

We are holding off on the student shares for now.

Fundraising (Other opportunities): Sue mentioned the ProEm events that are available to do. Workers can be paid for volunteering at events.

The Simple Fundraiser was also discussed. For attending a time share presentation, the student can receive \$100 for their individual account.

Candy sales will begin next week. We need volunteers to pack them into boxes after they arrive. Anyone interested was asked to see Sue after the meeting.

USA Fundraising will do a presentation with the students on February 21. This will involve selling pens.

Eric is working on a day with Boston Market, which will give 20-40% of their proceeds back to the band. He is looking for a volunteer to help with scheduling this. He also mentioned Orick vacuums. They give proceeds from the purchase of their equipment back to the band. It would involve a sales presentation at their store.

Car Show: The signup sheets are on the table and duties are broken down into time shifts. The longest shift is 3 hours. Descriptions of the jobs are also listed so people can see what are involved in the tasks. Students are encouraged to sign up and help. Tony Cutaia would like to see a couple of band performances during the event so people will know exactly what they are supporting.

Spinato's Pizza Nights: We made over \$200 on our night for January. Eric will confirm the next one scheduled for February 26.

Supply Room Clean-up Day: This will be held on Saturday, February 10. Everyone will meet in the band room at 8 AM. We need to move everything out and figure out what needs to be saved.

Discussion Items:

Spring Trip: The dates for the trip are April 26-29. Matthew passed out a sheet of what the payments are expected to be.

Flying was determined to be the best way to travel. The flight departs at 10 AM on Thursday. This gives the students the afternoon to plan an activity. The performance at the festival would be either Friday or Saturday. This would be their educational experience. The band will be judged on stage in a competition. There is an award ceremony on Saturday night. Sunday, they would spend the entire day at Great America amusement park (included in festival package). The flight would arrive back in Phoenix at 9:30 PM.

The first 2 payments (due on February 21 and February 28) are for airfare. The airline being used is United.

Matthew encouraged the boosters to try the Simple Fundraiser. It does not take a lot of time, has no obligation, and you can add \$100 to your student's account.

Sheets are available with the executive board that show student balances for previous fundraisers.

Matthew will check with the bookstore to see if anyone has tax credit money credited to him or her from November and December of 2006. This would also be applied towards the spring trip.

Because of the short notice to raise funds, Matthew announced that he would allow tax credit money for 2007 to be applied towards the trip. Tax credit forms are available after the meeting. If you use this form, you must write 2007 BAND TRIP on the form AND on the check to get credit for this. The maximum allowable tax credit per married couple is \$400 per year.

Chaperones will have to pay to attend the trip also. We need 6 chaperones (3 females and 3 males).

For anybody that financially cannot come up with the money, the boosters will do what they can to help pay for that person; but we would hope that the student participate in the fundraising.

The hotel details have not been announced yet.

Food is not included in the total. The boosters will try to offset some of those costs. We will see later if the boosters can pick up the cost of the optional breakfasts. One dinner is provided free of charge on the awards night. Festival entrance is included in the fees.

Don Sehorn has volunteered to drive the instrument truck up. We would like to see if anyone could get us a donation of a truck for this.

The competition will take place at Foothill College.

We will get a district bus and leave from the school on Thursday morning to the airport. These 2 days of school for the trip, (Thursday and Friday) will be excused absences from school. There is no testing on either of these days.

Excess funds in a student's account can be designated to another student or parent.

Students will probably gather at the school at around 6:15 AM. Concert uniforms will be worn for the performance, which will be taken up to northern California on the truck with the instruments. We will probably need a second person to ride in the truck. This truck would leave on Wednesday night, or really early Thursday morning. Students will have a 2 bag limit. Boosters were asked to see Matthew or the Executive board if they are interest in being a chaperone.

Carla Whitmire talked about the Band Share packets that everyone received.

The letter is to be sent out to friends, family, and anyone else who is donating. The student should write their name by "Name of Band Student they are supporting". She reminded the boosters that people want to invest in the arts. Especially, if the person involved knows what they are doing. We will put this letter on the web site. Band Share certificates will then be mailed out to shareholders.

Cash will not be accepted. The money that is turned in must be in the form of checks or money orders only. You are encouraged to copy every check for your own records. List the name on the check on the corresponding chart.

Students were asked to write a personalized welcome note. In addition, a thank you letter after someone donates.

All fundraising solicitation letters need to be returned by March 15. The 22nd is the deadline for funds to be applied to the student for the spring trip. These moneys must be turned into the safe. Matthew is not authorized to handle the money. Please turn it in with one envelope per student.

The board will process checks on a periodic basis.

Students will send postcards to the shareholders from San Francisco.

It was asked if there is a minimum amount of people required to go to make the trip possible. Matthew suggested 92% as a number needed to compete.

Michelle Mybeck asked about the structure of the band for next year. Matthew answered by saying that we are expanding the band program. They are trying to put Concert and Jazz Band back into the regular schedule. He will leave Wind Ensemble at Zero Hour. Information on these courses is in the course catalog. Wind Ensemble will be audition only, plus IB students. Everyone else would join Concert Band. This would avoid having freshmen taking Zero Hour. All students would most likely meet during Zero Hour on 2-3 mornings a week during Marching Season. There will also be night practices.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting which was approved by Kathy Leech and seconded by Michelle Day.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Prepared by Chris Eaton, Secretary