

Clover Band Booster Club Meeting
September 12, 2017
Clover High School Band Room

Meeting was called to order by President Mike Bono. There were 35 in attendance.

Heather Hermansen made a motion to approve minutes from last meeting. Denise Bono seconded the motion. No discussion. Minutes approve by verbal unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanine Shriner. Currently have an available balance in checking of \$15,600. We have \$38000 in upcoming expenses. There is \$2300 owed to student ledgers. There are 66 students out of about 160 who are current on dues payments. That leaves about 100 students who are not current. The band does not "take possession" of the dues until the total \$550 is reached. So far, Panthers has paid us for one event. As soon as they pay, money will be distributed to student accounts. We had \$25000 cut from our budget by the district office. We raised about \$3500 with SnapRaise to wrap the trailer. We have hired a truck driver to transport our trailer to competitions and games. The cost is \$25/hour that includes gas and the truck.

As of now, we don't have the funds to do all that is planned. Without funding, we may have to cancel the overnight trips we have planned. We are in big trouble. We cannot take this band to the "next level" without support. This means pay your dues, participate in fund raisers, attend meetings. We are not getting enough volunteers. We need to sell BBQ tickets.

A questions was asked about whether or not there were still outstanding balances on student accounts from last year. Jeanine stated that the books were closed and we had no debt carried over. Each year it is budgeted that 85% of dues will be paid. If a student does not pay what is owed, he/she cannot march at graduation or register for the following year.

The Board is aware of those who are working to pay their fees. It was also reminded that students who are having financial difficulty can apply for a scholarship to assist with this.

Ronnie Knight suggested that we generate and provide job descriptions for each of the volunteer jobs. We need to have better organization so that the parents who show up to help will have a better understanding about what is expected and where to "plug in". Heather Hermansen suggested that those parents who work the pit write up the description since they are the ones who know the job best. Susan Coble, Chaperone Chairman, will now be communicating with chaperones via Charms. This will enable good communication with these volunteers.

Mike responded by stating that job descriptions for all the volunteer spots will be provided in the welcome packets next year.

Meals Update: Boosters will be providing meals for mini camp on Friday and Exhibition Day on Saturday.

Fundraising:

Panthers: We have worked 4 events as of today. The last event was an record breaker for us with over \$41000 in sales plus tips.

BBQ: We still need lunch delivery help on Friday. The sale will start Friday lunch and end Saturday lunch. We should be finished in plenty of time to see the competition at Olde English. Keep in mind that we will also be serving the kids BBQ before they depart for the competition. We will also be having the bake sale at the BBQ.

Fish Fry: Mike Bono stated the need to vote on whether or not to cancel this event. Over the past 5 years of 30 years, ticket sales have declined. We must sell 2000 tickets to break even on cost. Anything over 2000 tickets would be profit. We made \$4000 in profit last year over 3 days. Considering the increasing cost of the fish and the work involved, volunteers required, it is almost no longer worth doing. It requires 60-80 shifts per day and much of this has to be done by adults. Kids cannot operate the fryers. There is much prep work and clean up. A survey was sent via email to parents on the subject. As of 3 days ago, only 45 people responded. 77% said we should continue with this event. 40% said they would help.

As of now it is scheduled for October 28 and 29. This is Halloween weekend. Some feel this would be a conflict with the Halloween festivities. The main people in charge of this event are not available to help on these dates.

Jeanine Shriner made the motion to cancel the fish fry. Beth Jenkins seconded.

Discussion: Can we do the fish fry for 1/2 fewer days? No, cost would still be just as high and still a lot of work. Can we combine with another group, for example the Choraliers? Most probably would not be interested. Can we perhaps do spaghetti dinners instead? A suggestion was made to host a haunted house and/or fall festival in place of the fish fry. This generated a favorable response among the group.

Mike called a vote. The record shows 2 opposed, all else in favor by show of hands. Motion to cancel the fish fry passed.

Going forward we will plan to collect additional fundraiser ideas to have in place of the fish fry.

A print out of the final draft of the truck wrap was passed around.

Meeting was adjourned by Mike Bono at 8:05 pm

