

8/9 Booster Meeting Minutes

Directors Update: Mr. Langdale discussed the following

- **WEBSITE-** (cloverbands.com) we keep this updated regularly. You can access the band calendar, the CHARMS site and the BAND APP. Band fee information is available on the website (when payments are due)
- **CHARMS-** how to access this via the website, explained that booster will use this for volunteer sign ups and to see any outstanding band fees and or credits from volunteering at Bank of America.
- **BAND APP-** This is what we are using to communicate, please download this app if you have not done so already. We will post reminders & volunteer needs here
- **Tennessee Trip-** we are competing in Bands of America. We will leave Friday 10/14 from the school, compete on Saturday and then experience Dollywood on Sunday. The band should arrive back at the school Sunday night around 9 or 10. Cost is \$150 per student. You can raise the funds by volunteering at Bank of America at our concession stand. See CHARMS to sign up to volunteer. If you are going to come and watch your student compete, please book hotels and purchase tickets NOW. It is a busy weekend and hotels are already getting booked up. Purchasing event tickets on site will be more expensive than ordering them online now.

New Business:

Fundraising Update:

- **Bank of America-** This is our **BIGGEST** and **easiest fundraiser**. We can keep our band fees so low because we have this amazing opportunity. We work a concession stand at Bank of America (stand 112) All we do is prepare the food and take orders from patrons. At the end of a game or concert we clean up and go home. It is usually an 8-hour shift. There is an online training to complete (take about an hr) Attire is Black or Khaki pants/short, nonskid shoes, clover band visor (they will provide one that we give back at end of shift if you don't have a clover band visor) and a solid black shirt or the black show shirt. Your student earns \$100 in band credits for each person that volunteers in their name. If your student is 16+ years old, they can also work the concession stand. We also have carpools that meet at bagel Boat if you or your student is not comfortable driving in Charlotte. We park in a parking garage too. ANYONE can volunteer for your student. Friends/Family/Neighbors etc. **Any questions, please reach out to Rene Gonzales or Kurt Marty.**
- **SWAG-** we will do more online SWAG orders, so the band doesn't have to have so much inventory on hand. We cannot sell SWAG at the football games but check out the band app on notifications of when we will have the swag shop open after practice nights. **Melissa Brenner heads the SWAG, if you have any questions or want to see a specific item available, she can help.**

Budget Update

Communication Update

- **Band App-** if you have not downloaded this app, please do so. This is what we will use to communicate volunteer needs, swag purchasing options, when fundraisers are due etc.
- **CHARMS-** This is mainly used so you can see how much you owe on band fees, how you sign up to volunteer to work the Bank of America concession stand (earns your student \$100 in band fee credits each time) and how you can sign up to chaperone or help push the pit.

Marching Band Season Volunteer Needs

- **Bus Drivers-** need parents or guardians interested in driving a bus to competitions. Must have a CDL and go through Clover School District training. It takes about 4 to 6 weeks to complete. **NO, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO DRIVE FOR CLOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT.**
- **Chaperones-** If you are interested, we will have sign ups on CHARMS to Chaperone on our competition days. This entails you riding the bus with the kids, making sure they are accounted for, that they go to practice areas at competition. You may also be needed to help make sure uniforms are adjusted, help serving meals just anywhere else we may need an extra hand during competition.
- **Pit Crew –** We will also have a sign up on CHARMS for pit crew. Pit Crew help the kids push/pull the instruments to the competition area. Most competitions we are practicing far from the actual field we compete on. We need volunteers that can help physically push and or pull instruments or props to the field. Just a note the benches as our props this year weigh 75lbs each. We only have 2 minutes and 30 seconds to get all the props and instruments onto the field and only have 3 minutes to remove all items and BAND from the field before we get a penalty.