

FBO Meeting 9/1/15

In attendance: Beth Saas, Dave Saas, Amy Savignac, Mark Holmes, John Shafer, Robin Shafer, Amanda Dulevitz, Shannon Russell, Kimberly Holtzer, Tarina Thibeault, Scott Evans, Janet Evans, Mark Nesbit, Jay Brown, Rebecca Krauss, Michelle Weaver, Bill Charboneau, John Kurfees, Tripp Burton, Todd Bonshire, Donna Snyder, Andrew Paul, Heather Wheeler, and DaWan Morgan

The meeting was called to order at 7:01. The minutes were presented to the board for review. Dave motioned to approve the July minutes, Mark seconded.

Treasurers Report: Todd, we are where we need to be financially (see report)

Volunteer Coordinator: DaWan, approximately 30 spots were filled for Friday night's game, trumpet and mellophones have snack duty, Props had 3 people, Pit had 6, everything is now on Volunteer Spot.

Just a reminder if you are chaperoning an event, you can only chaperone as you must remain with the kids. Do not sign up for Props or Pit.

Rebecca asked if snack reminders had gone out, yes and they can be found on Volunteer Spot.

Fundraising: Beth, (see report) Our many sponsors are on the back of the competition t-shirts. Please thank our vendors if you use their business. Country Chevrolet made a sponsorship donation and are now featured on the Rally Towels.

Beth noted that there has been confusion over Spirit Wear with the Athletic Boosters. Per the written agreement of 2104 (see attached agreement), the Athletic Boosters agreed to sell sports specific spirit wear only, such as Fauquier Basketball. It was noted that "Athletics" is not a specific sport. Mr. Burton is fine with having the Boosters put "Athletics" on the apparel rather than being sports specific as agreed upon.

We reminded Mr. Burton that this is our biggest school fundraiser, where the Athletic Boosters have many. A parent pointed out this causes a significant gap in our budget and it makes for an uncomfortable situation. Another parent stated that this issue was resolved last year and we are having the same discussion again.

It was noted by another parent that the Band Boosters were given the spirit wear opportunity in 2009 from the prior administration. After the written agreement in 2014, the FBO bought Athletic Booster inventory as a good faith gesture, much of this inventory is still on hand. The Boosters seem to be pushing the line bringing in spirit wear to sell at the concession stand. Mr. Holmes suggested that next year we get together with the boosters and work out an agreement. Beth pointed out that is what we did in 2014 with the written agreement and all changes and requests to the agreement by the FBO were cleared with Mark. Mark agrees that Beth clears everything with him ahead of time, and that the Athletic Boosters did not ask for prior approval for the "Athletics" line.

Beth asked the room how many parents had students in both band and sports. Over half the parents in attendance raised a hand. Another parent, speaking as a parent of a student band/athlete pointed out that the boosters have multiple ways of fundraising and the band has one. Ticket sales to all games go into the Athletic Departments funds and Boosters have concessions and 50/50 raffles at every sporting event. It is noted that the parents must fully fund the \$50,000 music program through fees and fundraising. It's concluded that it's an imperfect system.

Marching Band Pictures will be in October. We have a parent coordinator and a specific date will follow.

Apple picking fundraiser: Scott states that Bill Green would like to have the kids out to the orchard to pick apples. Pricing was discussed and we need to pre-order the apples. A concern was expressed on how to get the kids to the orchard. It will cost \$30 and hour per bus plus mileage, would we make anything after paying those fees? Mr. Holmes offered to pay for the buses. After further discussion, it was decided to hold the fundraiser. Forms will be distributed in September with a due date of September 30th. Scott will work on order forms and details.

VA Diner will start Oct. 7th. DaWan needs to fill out the contract and return it to VA Diner. Orders can also be done online with a shipping fee if it isn't being delivered to the school.

Santa Village is Nov. 21 and DaWan has a table reserved for us. The proceeds go to the After Prom Committee. If we decide to show Polar Express that day it would cost \$130 for the copyright. We can use the Falcon room or gym to show it.

Mr. Paul also suggested that we do a "safe Halloween" fun event for Pre K-5th grade. We would charge an admission and have band kids run events like making ghosts, face painting etc. Funds would go toward the End of Year trip.

Mr. Burton asks how much money the school has given the band. Mr. Paul says it bought sheet music once 5 or 6 years ago. Mr. Burton offers to give the band \$1,500 and will attempt to make this an annual funding.

Rain Jackets for the marching band are in process. A sample should be in any day now. Due to the tails on the uniforms the jackets required an alteration.

New Business

Repairs and maintenance to the scaffold was discussed. It will cost about \$100 to put breaks on the wheels and the powder coating estimate was around \$900. It was agreed to table the painting until we see if we are under budget with props. Breaks approved for purchase as part of the Props budget.

Friday September 25th from 3-10pm is FBO Cleanup day with a cookout from 5:30-7:30. The cook out includes all band members and family. We need the basement and closets cleaned and organized, maintenance on the shed roof and the practice field tended to.

Band Directors Report

Mr. Paul expressed many thanks to all of the parents for a successful start up to the band season.

Dr. Tim field trip deadline is Friday September 4th. Cost is \$53. There will be 2 buses this year.

Steel Pan Ensemble starts this week and Jazz Ensemble next week. Both ensembles will be held during A+.

Letterman jackets are now on sale.

A request was made for help with concert uniform tux's and black dresses. Please see Mr. Paul for details.

There is a request from the school nurse to help with hearing and vision screening on September 18th during the school day.

All spirit wear is on the website: Fauquierfalcongear.com

Yahoo emails for officers and volunteer positions are an ongoing issue. Mr. Paul suggested holding a training session with FBO officers and class reps 30 minutes before the next FBO meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 13th 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.