

Band Booster Meeting via zoom
March 23, 2021
6:00pm

1. Call to order – 6:03 pm.
2. Attendance – please see list of names at end of notes
3. Treasurer Report – balance in account is about \$24,000
 - a. Outstanding Band Fees (about \$11,209 in fixed fees; \$5300 in miscellaneous fees)
 - b. Hardships – please contact Mrs. Griffis
 - c. Not all due at one time – can pay as you go (\$5 or \$10 per week)
 - d. Paper Statements will be mailed – sometime next week, still need to make some updates.
4. Directors Update
 - a. Hope everyone had a great spring break
 - b. Leadership applications will be released soon
 - c. Dance and percussion auditions are in the works
 - d. This year is starting to close out and we are focusing on next year
 - e. Trying to come up with fundraisers to help alleviate costs still owed this year
 - f. Band awards – normally come to the auditorium, eat cake, watch video, and then leave. Trying to do more of a banquet and make it a bigger celebration. Sandy will provide more details.
 - g. May 4th – spring concert / venue will be told soon / trying to have a large audience for those that support them all year (safety will be a priority)
Fees – really concentrating on this now because \$\$ is being spent. Many instruments have already been bought from the \$\$ raised from the Snap Fundraiser. Need student to start paying their activity fees. We do not want people going into debt for next year. If you need to make arrangements for payment, please contact Griffis. Especially Seniors! If you have outstanding fees it will prevent them from graduation activities, etc.
 - h. Band Awards will also cost \$\$
 - i. State – student must upload the video for state solo and ensemble. Students should know how to do that because Griffis has told them.
 - j. Band trailer – **ACTION ITEM!!!**

Received a quote for the trailer and it was \$7600 + \$ to wrap the trailer. We need LOTS of photos ~ High resolution and high quality to make a huge and large collage for the trailer. (no screen shots from any social media site) Last year photos, this year photos are all welcomed. Would prefer group photos, section photos, action shots, but will take individual shots as well. We want to have a big collection to create a great wrap of our band students for the trailer. Please email photos to: alonsohighschoolbandboosters@gmail.com and use Subject Line: Band Trailer Photos
Mrs. Griffis wants to be bombarded with photos!!

Side note: Virginia is doing the slide show this year so if you would like to submit photos for the slide show, please send those in as well to the same email address above, use Subject Line: 2021 Band Video. These photos do not have to be good photos / resolution.
 - k. No rehearsals for month the month of March was a great break.
 - l. Rehearsals will start again the first week of April.

5. Old Business

- a. Board Nominations/Committees – if more than one person is seeking a position, then we will hold a vote.
 - i. – Executive Board nominations accepted through April 30
 1. President
 2. VP- Fundraising
 3. VP- Volunteers
 4. Treasurer
 5. Secretary
 - ii. – Nominations accepted via email (alonsohighschoolbandboosters@gmail.com)
 1. Include name and position
 - iii. – Various committees available
 1. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0548A4A62BA75-alonso2>
- b. Band Spiritwear Website
 - i. Still active
 - ii. New Dancer jacket available
 - iii. http://stores.inksoft.com/alonso_high_band

6. New Business

- a. Fundraisers
 - i. 1. Car Wash
 1. This Saturday, March 27 9 am - 2 pm
 2. Two shifts – 9 - 11:30 am and 11:30 am – 2 pm
 3. Need a few parent volunteers – please show up that day if you can, regardless of spots open in Charms. We never turn down parent volunteers for any event!
 4. **Need sponges/towels/soap/hoses – send email to Sandy if you can supply any of these.**
 5. Each band/dance member were given 5 tickets to sell
 6. See Mrs. Griffis for extra tickets
 7. Money or left over (unsold) tickets due on Monday, March 29th. Students accounts will be charged if money/tickets not turned in.
 - ii. 2. Coming Soon – Virtual 5K
Tina will assist / establish this fundraiser which will be held in April. \$ raised will go towards kid's band fees.
 - iii. Anyone else have any ideas for fundraising? Please let us know. Email band boosters / Mrs. Griffis or Sandy.
 - iv. If your student has credit in their account and they would like to donate their amount (thank you!), please email Mrs. Griffis and Melody.
- b. Spring Concert
 - i. – Tuesday, May 4 at 7pm – **Seeking Venue**
Anyone have connections to a large inside venue? We do not want to limit attendance. We are hoping to have this concert inside for better acoustics. Please let Sandy know.
- c. – Band Awards
 - i. – Friday, May 14 (time TBD)
 - ii. – **Seeking Venue** – we are going to call some places and get quotes but need assistance! Anyone have connections or can assistance to call and get quotes ~ Bayanihan Arts & Events Center (this is where prom has been held) or Yankee Stadium (this is where homecoming has been held), USF?? We need help finding places so we can enjoy dinner, have awards, announce next year's band theme, and invite all band students (150) + 2 parents / adults.

BAND CAMP DATES:

- Sunday July 25 – Thursday 29th from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.
First hour will be for check-in on Sunday the 25th
- Tuesday, August 3rd from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursday, August 5th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., then a parent performance and a parent meeting right after. Please mark your calendars ~ lots of good info!

Will be sending out contact form to get shirt and short sizes once we get closer to the date.

Closing Remarks ~ Mrs. Griffis:

- Please sell car wash tickets and be there to help
- Send in photos for our new trailer
- Help Sandy find an Awards Banquet and Spring concert venue
- Spread the word about band and share the audition information, especially with incoming freshman families
- Be on the lookout for summer band leadership camps. Any in person band camps that you see, jump on them because they WILL have limited spots. FSU will have them in person. It is a great experience, and summer band leadership camp will be required if you want to participate in Alonso Band Leadership next year. USF band camp is virtual. UT cancelled their summer camp. Any information that you get about band camps for this summer, please share with Mrs. Griffis, Sandy or post/share to our Facebook pages, etc.

7. Q and A / Discussion

- a. Will band be performing at graduation? – as of today this is not known yet. It is being advocated at the district level.

8. Adjournment – 6:45pm

Attendees:

Amanda Griffis	Sandy Anderson	Joanne Westmoreland	Karen Kilkelly
Amy's iPhone	Angie Smith	Ann Esposito	Amy McBride
April (Jonas's Mom)	Bamby Maves	Brandi Gracyalny	Bridget Cermak
Camden Ross	Cindy iPhone	Emily Diaz	Erika Leak
Gina Licari	Karen Ring	Kim Von Burg	Kristen Vega
Lori Caro	Marisela Suarez	MaryJo Eutsler	Mell Comperatore
Michael Dixon	Myriam Pelaez	Patricia Perez	Patti Thompson
Robin Hetro	Shawn Etheridge	Stacey Cox	Tina Lecorchick
Tonya Sanchez	Tracy Maguire	Venola Smiley	Xavier Joseph

Zoraya Betancourt