



Soddy Daisy High School Band Boosters Meeting Minutes August 14, 2023

Call to Order

Angel Rouse called to order the regular meeting of Soddy Daisy High School Band Boosters at 7:00 p.m., August 14, 2023 in the SDHD Band room. In attendance were Joshua Light, Angel Rouse, Karen McCuiston, Martin McCanless, Tim Woodward, Marie Williams, Carmen Tolley, Greg Schug, Jody Whitmire, Teresa Grainger, Joy Rathman, Amanda Lively, Darlene Blevins, Donna Meade, Lindsay Westover, Heather Kuffrey, Amanda Lynn Mallard, Don and Jen Tindell, Amanda Harris, and Tony Blake

Reading and approval of previous meeting's minutes

Jen Tindell approved the minutes and Martin McCanless seconded the approval. The minutes were approved.

Reports

a. President

Angel stated that we need chaperones for the games, both home and away. If you go to the band website sdhsband.org you will find the chaperone forms under "info." There are 3 forms under Background Check Information that must be filled. These are required by the county. Turn in the bottom two forms to Mr. Light. If you are a school employee and have currently had a background check you will only need to fill out the Volunteer Request Form. Information about how to obtain your background check can be found on the website. There is a code to enter at the agency you choose to use. Make sure to use that code so the results from the agency will be sent to Hamilton County.

On the Volunteer Request Form, fill out the highlighted parts and make sure to sign the bottom portion. Waiver agreement needs to be turned in also. Bottom two forms on the website are turned in to Light. The top one is given to the agency you use.

b. Treasurer

Greg reported that there is just over \$55,000 in Booster Account right now. Big ticket items coming out recently are for Color Guard uniforms, 4 iPads for concessions, show t-shirts, drum equipment and repairs to instruments.

c. Fundraising

Carmen reported that our first official fundraiser was Parent Preview Night. We made just over \$1400. We budgeted for 200 plates but sold 208. Around 40 tickets were not fulfilled so we had a little bit of food left over.

Concessions is the ongoing fundraiser for the fall Football season.

TMI will be the big fundraiser for the fall.

\$13,326 currently raised on SnapRaise. \$13,016 of that is from email responses. Only \$50 has been raised through social media. 1124 emails have been sent to "Legacy Supporters." We have 180 new supporters. Over \$75,000 was raised through SnapRaise in the past which was used to purchase our new uniforms. The sound equipment and drumline equipment have both been funded by SnapRaise. The store on SnapRaise is available but does not have a return for the band except they give us points to use. It is a good place to get a nice piece of clothing with a nice logo, but it doesn't really give us a kick-back.

Band jackets will be available to be purchased for \$65. We will do them sooner than April this year. After marching show shirts are taken care of, Mr. Light will begin to work on the Band Jackets.

Show shirt forms will be sent home soon for those who wish to purchase additional shirts. Horizon graphics owner is on extended medical leave. We are inventorying the shirts we have on-hand to see how many we will need to order. We will likely be looking for someone to print the additional shirts. Order forms will be sent out next week.

Concessions

Concession clean up day was a success. The Snack Shack was put in place, restrooms and concession stand was scrubbed, grills were cleaned, etc. Executive board approved to purchase a new grill and prep table. We are talking to an electrician to get the Snack Shack with power. Coke trailer is ordered for the first game. SignUp Genius will be sent out soon for volunteers for working concessions. Concessions volunteer jobs will be based on instrument sections (e.i. Trumpet families may be in charge at one game. Flutes and another section's families may be in charge for the next game). Be watching for notification for which night your child's section is needed. Concession volunteers will need to stay after the game is over to finish up with cleaning and prepping concession for the next game.

d. Equipment

Jody Whitmire is looking for volunteers to help move equipment. Contact him through text/phone if you have 4-wheeler, trailer, etc. that can be used or if you are interested in helping with the Pitt Crew.

e. Color Guard

No report

New Business

Budget for 2023-2024 was sent out on July 21st. Mr. Light went over the budget to see if there were any questions. The budget approval was presented to the Boosters as a motion from the Executive Board. Tony Blake seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Unfinished Business

New payment system implemented by the county this year. You can go online and everyone will show a 509.75 balance. System is set up for the maximum amount possible so this includes things like gloves, shoes, band fees, etc. even if you did not need shoes. There are some glitches in the system so we are unsure how this is going to pan out. If you pay through the school, You will be charged a percentage. The best way to pay is to write a check to the band and put it in the box in the band room.

The shoes have been ordered for freshmen and those who needed new shoes. Once Mr. Light gives the students the shoes, there will be a \$40 charge added to your child's account. The band has its own payment system called Charms. You can access that through sdhsband.org and you can pay fees there and not go through the school. Charms keeps up with any money paid in during the whole time your child is in the band.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Calendar items:

Calendar is on the website for you to see events coming up. Some away games will be pep band games, especially if they are out of our county or if they are having a special event (Homecoming, Senior Night, etc). We will not go as a full band unless we know we will be able to perform our entire show. We take one bus to the pep band games and 3 buses to the whole band games. A pep band sign-up sheet will be in the band room in the next couple of days for students to sign up. Pep band is determined on a first come first serve basis.

Everyone is asked to perform at one pep game. At pep band games, students are allowed to go the concessions stand and eat after half time. Pep band games dress code will vary based on the weather. Sometimes students will wear the summer uniform (what they wore to the Parent Preview- khaki and show shirt) and sometimes students will wear school gear (SDHS shirt, jeans, etc). Mr. Light will announce what is to be worn before each pep band game.

We will likely take the full band to the Central High School game.

Sectionals are every Monday. Band is every Tuesday and Thursday through Marching Band season. No sectionals on Labor Day although the calendar says so.

Friday games will have call times. Students will go home then come back at the designated times. Students do not eat in uniforms so they will need to eat beforehand or wait until after the game.

Questions from the floor

Joy Rathman: Have we ever thought about doing banners for the band seniors? Mr. Light will look into that if the boosters would like for us to do.

Have we ever thought about painting music notes on the ground for the Trojan walk area from the concession to the band stands for the seniors? Mr. Light is not opposed that but we would need to run that by the administration for approval.

Lindsay Westover: When do students need to have their flip folder? Mr. Light stated that by the first game students should have their flip folders so some students will need theirs by this Friday at the Pep Band game. Lyres are not required but are helpful for some instruments.

A motion was made by Jen Tindell to adjourn the meeting. Martin McCanless seconded the motion and the booster meeting was adjourned.