



# Soddy Daisy High School Band Boosters

## Meeting Agenda

8/12/2024

### 1. Call to Order

1. In attendance: Mr. Light, Angel Rouse, Jody Whitmire, Lauren Wolff, Lindsey Childs, Darlene Blevins, Mandy Suttles, Tim Woodward, Karen McCuiston, Jeremy Waddell, Jamie Kemp, Teresa Grainger, Carlye Rankin, Derek and Jennifer Daniel, Bob J. Rouse, Laura Ferebee, Amanda Mallard, Didier Perez, Susan Chassity Shaw, and Cassie Griffin

### 2. Reading and approval of previous meeting's minutes

Mandy Suttles made a motion to approve the meeting notes and Darlene Blevins second the motion. The minutes were approved.

### 3. Reports

#### a. Treasurer

Lauren Wolff went over the income and expenditures. Our current balance is around \$54,000.

#### b. Fundraising

Miller's Ale House is our first Dine to Donate event on Monday, August 26th

Other fundraisers coming up:

September 18<sup>th</sup> - Buddy's BBQ is donating 10% of total sales for the day.  
You do not have to mention the band.

Also looking at but these are not approved yet:

I [heart] Mac and Cheese

Texas Roadhouse

Crumble Cookie or Dirty Dough

Mod Wash

Jen Tindell is looking for a hotbox to keep food warm during TMI in October. If you know of someone who has one, please contact her.

#### c. Concessions

We have had 3 events so far and concessions is going well. A SignUp Genius will go out soon for parents to sign up to help in concession on their child's section night. Every family is asked to have at LEAST one person to serve in concession on their child's assigned night.

d. Equipment

Jody is looking for volunteers to help with pulling equipment to the football field for home games and the full band away games. If you are able to help, please see Jody Whitmire to exchange contact info.

e. Color Guard

nothing to report

4. Reports of special committees

a. Chaperones –

There is a new process for the forms for background checks. Now instead of filling out the forms and bringing them to Light, you do it online. The link to the online form is on the band website. It is under “Background Check Forms” on the website. Email Angel to let her know you sent the form. If you already filled out the form and turned it in, you are fine. If you have NOT filled it out yet, you will need to do it electronically.

5. Unfinished business

a. none

6. New business

a. Upcoming Events & Announcements: Mr. Light went over the upcoming calendar items. The calendar has ETSBOA events listed. These events are not Soddy Daisy events. It is either an event that Mr. Light has to go to or an event where students will be trying out for an honor band.

Our first home game is August 23<sup>rd</sup> against Rhea County.

The next game is Ooltewah. It will be a pep band game. All away games will be pep band games except for the Hixson game. It costs \$1,000 just to pull out of the parking lot for the whole band to go to an away game. It is required that every student goes on at least one pep band game. There will be a sign up sheet in the band room during the week of each away game. We will not be going to Loudon game at all. The bus quote was too expensive even for the pep band to go. We will go to the Hixson game on September 27<sup>th</sup>. If it is their homecoming game, we may or may not go as a whole band, depending on when they do their homecoming events (before the game or at half time).

Bus sign ups are on the board. Seniors sign up first and get first choice, followed by underclassmen. Students will ride the same bus the entire year when we take the whole band.

No band on Labor Day.

October 4<sup>th</sup> is 8<sup>th</sup> grade night. Any 8<sup>th</sup> grader is able to come participate with the high school band.

Marching Band Competition dates are listed on the band website.

We are getting ready to transition over to a new system for accepting payments. You will get a text message about it in the near future. It will show every payment you have made and the balances on the account. The company name is CutTime. When you get a text message from them, it is NOT spam. Mr. Light will send a message through email and let you know that it is about to start.

If you are not on the email list, please let Karen McCuiston know you are not getting emails. Her email is kmccuiston@comcast.net. If you have HCDE email, it will kick back. Also, EPBFI and comcast get kicked back a lot. Because we blind carbon copy emails, those companies do not like it.

Be careful when working with kids or around kids. Never with a capital N, NEVER touch a kid in any way or form. This goes for students in our band, or ANY student on our campus. If you are having issue with a student and their behavior, find someone in authority to help with the situation. The school nor the band will be held liable. Behaviors such as these will not be tolerated and the offender could face being banned from school property. You have been warned.

b. Questions from boosters?

Are guard allowed to go to pep band games? If there are slots open and not filled, they can sign up, but instruments are priority since the instrumentalists are the ones playing the pep band music. If color guard come to the game on their own, Mr. Light is not in charge of them. They may sit with the band but they are not the band's responsibility.

Can my student come to practice if she is dismissed for a dental appointment, say at 1:30? Yes. Please do come! Even if a few minutes late, that will be fine. If your child is out of school and it is unexcused,

they are not allowed to participate in any after school rehearsal or event.

Are show shirt orders coming? Yes, waiting on fundraising approval. They will be \$20.

Mr. Light said this has been a great start to the marching band year. The kids have been wonderful and have been drama free. Great job!

Jen Tindell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jody Whitmire seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.