



# **Soddy Daisy High School Band Boosters Meeting Minutes October 2, 2023**

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## **Call to Order**

Angel Rousse called to order the regular meeting of Soddy Daisy High School Band Boosters at 7:02 p.m., October 2, 2023 in the SDHD Band room. In attendance were: Light, Rousse, McCuiston, Williams, Suttles, Tolley, McCanless, Schug, Woodward, Whitmire, Beeler, Lively, Wolff, Beck, Tindell, Putnam, McCullar, Swanson, Grainger, Neighbors, Kuffrey, Mabry, Ferebee, Eames, Watson, Mosley, Carpenter, Hake, Hubbard, Meade, Hickman, Royer, Hammonds, Franklin, Orman, Harris, Bacon, Westover, Leamon, McKnight, Parker, Rathman, Millard, Kilgore

## **Reading and approval of previous meeting's minutes**

Mandy Suttles made a motion to approve the minutes and Don Tindell seconded the approval. The minutes were approved.

## **Reports**

### **a. Chaperones**

If you have already sent in your forms, you are good to start chaperoning.

### **b. President**

No report.

### **c. Treasurer**

Greg reported that there is just over \$80,000 in Booster Account right now.

### **d. Fundraising**

Carmen spoke about the need for help with sponsorships from local businesses and restaurants to help with covering the food for the Hospitality Room. This is the room for our judges, band directors, bus drivers, etc.

There is a separate SignUp for the Hospitality area for our volunteers. This SignUp will be for families to send in food that will be available for students and TMI volunteers.

**e. Concessions**

TMI is an all-day concession event. We will need lots of volunteers for that event. We have acquired more freezers and fridges for concessions for TMI. We will need help with replenishing items as they get low (condiments for burgers, rotating drinks in to the fridges). SignUp genius has slots for concessions.

For Senior Night, we need to make sure senior parents are not working concession. If you are an underclassman parent, please fill in for those senior parents who are supposed to work concession on Oct. 27.

William Blount is 8<sup>th</sup> grade night. All 8<sup>th</sup> graders from SDMS and LMS will be invited. We typically serve them a meal after halftime in the bandroom and we will need helpers for that.

**f. Equipment**

Jody Whitmire is needing help during TMI for Pit Crew. We will have 13 bands in the competition so we will need lots of help all afternoon and evening transporting equipment for the bands.

**g. Color Guard**

No report

**New Business**

TMI volunteer needs – The SignUp Genius has been sent out and we need all families involved. Every family should find at least one family member to work during the day for at least one shift. There is a job to fit every person.

Students will be able to volunteer after the National Anthem until the dinner break. Students will leave at that point to eat and get ready to perform.

Last year we made around \$48,000 at this contest. This is the biggest fundraiser the band has during the year.

**Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business.

## **Questions:**

What advertisement is available for corporate sponsors who may want to sponsor Hospitality or another area. Answer: Signage in the media center. Announce over the loud speaker.

Suggestion for selling VIP seating in the stadium next year. Sell \$100 tickets, have special seating, hospitality services, golf cart transportation. This would be 100% profit.

## **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

We still have rehearsal this week Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00-6:00

Pep Band game this week to East Ridge.

No game on the end of Fall Break

No school Monday, October 16. No sectionals that day.

Last year we did a Friends and Family Show at the end of the season. Mr. Light will let us know more details later.

The Soddy Daisy Christmas Parade is the last event the band participates in as a Marching Band for the school year. The city of Soddy Daisy sets that date. It is always on Sunday, first day in December, with a 1:00 call time.

We need to be visible in the city events because we are asking for money from the city.

Christmas concert will happen sometime during the first weeks of December. Mr. Light is still working to finalize the dates based on LMS and SDMS schedules. Mr. Light has to take many things into consideration before setting the dates. He is not sure at this point if we will have the concert at the school gym or Red Bank Baptist Church.

Band Trip:

Spring Break 2024 – March 11- 16 - Disney

Travel agent - Argonne Tours – out of Atlanta

All information will come out in an email from Mr. Light so be looking for this information forthcoming.

Price is based on 100 participants.

Questions from the floor:

- How many people do we have to have in order to make the trip? He will take as many as sign up but we may not be able to play if we do not have a good representation of the band.

- If we have more than 114 sign up, we have to get another charter bus. Then the price will go up until we reach capacity for the extra charter bus which is 175.
- How much will it cost for meals in the parks per day? Plan on \$25 per meal.
- If parents go, will they have to ride the charter bus? Parents that pay as a chaperone will have a seat on the bus. If they choose to drive, they will still pay for the seat on the bus. They can ride the bus from the hotel to the parks since they paid for the seat. If parents choose to drive but make own arrangements at other hotels, etc., there will be no room on the bus for them. Those spots are already paid for by other parents.
- Do you have a certain number of chaperones needed? 1 per 15 students
- Do you have to have a background check to travel on the bus? Must be background checked to travel on the bus.
- How long does it take to get the background check back? It takes around two weeks.
- Can students roam free or do they have to be with a chaperone? Each student will be assigned a chaperone. Students can travel in groups. They will have check-in times to meet the chaperones. Each student gets a nametag and will get names and phone numbers of chaperones.
- What if we do not get to perform at the workshop? Then you will have more time in the parks.
- What is the least amount of people we would take? 56 (the size of the charter bus)
- Will there be fundraisers available to help with the cost? The problem with fundraising is that some will not pull their weight and the federal government laws say we have to equally distribute that money between every band member even if the student did not contribute or is not even going.
- Currently have \$10,000 in overdue band fees. Will this trip happen even if students owe regular band fees? Any payments made would go toward clearing band fees first.
- Will you notify those who have outstanding balances? Yes. There are lots of problems with the county's new online payment system. Mr. Light is working on getting questions answered. He is hoping to have all the problems taken care of before the first trip payment. He will send out an email letting us know
- Can siblings go? As long as the parent is going as a chaperone. They will have to be in the chaperone's room and the chaperone will be in charge of that sibling. They will not be part of the band student group.
- When will the email be sent with the information about outstanding balances? After Fall Break unless Mr. Light hears from Central Office this week. Deadline to pay band fees is December.
- Is there a cancellation policy if we end up not getting to go? Mr. Light will get that to us.
- Will there be a nurse to give out meds? Yes.

A motion was made by Jen Tidwell to adjourn the meeting. Andrew Orman seconded the motion and the booster meeting was adjourned.