

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
CLAY CHALKVILLE BAND BOOSTERS CLUB**

On September 12, 2011, the Clay Chalkville Band Booster Club met in the Middle School Band Room. President Bill Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following officers were present: Doug Demedicis, First Vice President of Fundraising; Scott Hancock, Treasurer and Christy Little, Secretary. The following band directors were present: Dr. Walker and Ms. Wambles from the Middle School; Mr. Williams from the High School.

Mr. Kennedy explained the difference between being involved and committed. He thanked everyone for being committed to this band and booster program.

Mr. Kennedy stated that minutes for the August 8th meeting were distributed via email and posted to the websites. Ms. Little indicated she had a paper copy if anyone needed to review. Mr. Kennedy asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. There were none, and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved.

President Kennedy turned the floor over to Scott Hancock for the Treasurer's Report. Scott distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report for August and September. Mr. Hancock reported that the Middle School Jamboree brought in \$2050 which we normally do not have the opportunity to take in. Following the report on the income for the Pork Plate Lunch, Mr. Hancock encouraged everyone to shop at the Clay Piggly Wiggly since they have been so supportive of the Boosters. Mr. Hancock stated that not included in the September report is the money from the Oxford game which is \$6064. There were 2 questions raised regarding the report. They are, with the explanation:

- Bob Adams cleans the stadium and the amount listed is for an invoice which included 3 games
- \$800 is the supplement for the Middle School band director assistant(s) which is paid monthly

Mr. Hancock also encouraged everyone to sign-up to work concessions which helps make money for the boosters. Mr. Kennedy asked if there were any corrections or additions to the report or if anyone had any questions. There were none, and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Treasurer's Report was adopted as presented.

In the absence of Rodger Edmunds, Mr. Kennedy took the floor for Concessions. He thanked everyone for helping, stating that this is the single biggest revenue source of the Boosters. Typically there is a clean-up day before football season starts but that did not happen this year. There will be a cleanup day on September 17 at 8:00am. Band kids will be allowed to help. Someone with sheetrock skills would be helpful as there is a bad spot to be fixed.

There was also discussion about the fact that Rodger sends a list of volunteers to the office at noon on Wednesday. This list is what is given to the Athletic Boosters to know who is supposed to be allowed no parking payment/no ticket purchase. Please remember we are trying to cultivate a good working relationship with the Athletic Boosters so sign-up before Wednesday noon. There was also discussion of whether or not there will be reminders of signups. Mr. Kennedy reported that Rodger copies all of the volunteers on the email list he sends to the office. Mr. Williams reported there are some kinks about having a "review" available on the website for the games signed up for and that there is a spreadsheet in the works to be made available on the website.

The Hewitt JV game that was cancelled due to weather has been rescheduled for Oct 24th.

The floor was then turned to Doug Demedicis. Doug reported that the Middle School Applebee's pancake breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, October 8. The High School breakfast was scheduled for October but will be changed to a Saturday in the spring. He stated will be picking up the tickets on September 26 and will get the tickets to Dr. Walker and Ms. Wambles. Dr. Walker advised that there will need to be parents to do the selling and money taking from students. If the directors get involved the money will have to go into the school account. A question was raised if there was a pre-sale quota - there is no per student "pre-sale" quota for the breakfast. There was discussion of take-out - containers available in the concession stand which will help keep the Applebee's cost down. Mr. Demedicis will be discussing cost, time, etc with the manager when he picks up tickets on the 26th. Dr. Walker stated that he feels sure that Ms. Williams will plug the breakfast in the school announcements. Question was raised as to whether or not the Elementary School would make the announcement as well.

Doug reported there are still 2 advertising spaces available on the calendar. Each space is \$150. Printing is free – donated by Instant Sign Center. Banc Corp South is one of the feature ads. Regions chose not to participate. It is a 12-month calendar. The calendars will sale for \$5.00 each. There will be 1000 calendars to sale with profit being \$2500 and \$2500 to the students trip account.

There were other fundraising ideas suggested to be considered. They are: Belk Discount coupons for \$5 and for next year potentially having 2 calendars – one for Middle School and one for the High School. There was discussion of the Belk fundraiser. The fundraiser is to sell coupons which are for 70% off. It was mentioned that the best sales occur the day of the Belk sale as people are walking in the store – pre-sales are slow. It was also mentioned that there could be a stipulation to work in the store to be able to participate which should be checked.

There was a question regarding whether or not we would have the Winter Festival (Arts & Crafts sale) again this year. Doug stated that the decision had not been made and he would need help. He was asked if he was given the “binder”. The binder is the book of how to setup the festival. Mr. Demedicis stated that he will get with Dorinda Lutz regarding the “binder”.

Mr. Kennedy stated that we have 2 outstanding compassionate directors who are at the Middle School teaching 400 kids. He then asked for reports from the directors. Mrs. Wambles stated she had no report this month.

Mr. Williams stated that he is in his 8th year as a director and can’t think of when he has seen this much parent support. He thanked everyone. He stated that the High School website is up and is the primary source of information of what’s going on at the High School. He asked that everyone subscribe to get the latest information and updates on classes. In Mr. Wallace’s absence, Mr Williams gave the full High School report.

The High School Band Jamboree will be September 24th with call time at 2pm. The Jamboree will be at Gardendale High School. On October 1 is competition in Hartsville with a 12N call time. October 8 is competition in Hanceville with a call time of 12N. It’s looking like we maybe in the playoffs, it’s still early though. November 8 is the Fall Concert in the High School Auditorium. December 10 is the Winter Festival and parade.

The Shades Valley game is at Shades Valley and the busses will leave at 5:30pm. If you want to chaperone, please contact Lana Smothers. At 3:15pm the students are to go home to rest, eat and prepare mentally and physically for the game. The directors will not be at the school. The directors have to eat as well. There will be no supervision and students are NOT to be on school grounds. All of the school staff has been notified. They should be back around 4:45pm. The itinerary will be posted on the website. It was noted that the Colorguard and Dance line do not receive notices from the band directors but do have access to the websites and the sponsors pass information to them.

Dr. Walker stated that he was grateful for the tremendous support of the boosters and officers. He stated that because the Boosters pay \$800 for Mr. Jones to help the directors they were able to spend \$4000 for 2 tubas from the school account. It was good to be able to make the purchase when the need arose. This was only possible thru Booster support.

Dr Walker stated that there will be a pep rally on Thursday where the students will wear blue jeans and band t-shirt. There is a need for parents to help with setup and supervise. The MS will play at the games on October 6 and October 13. They need to be there at 5:30pm and will be there until 7:30pm. They will play the 2nd half of the 7th grade game and the 1st half of the 8th grade game. Parents are asked not to sit next to the band. The band will be sitting on the opponent’s side so that the parents can hear them. Parents are needed to supervise the stairs and traffic, as well as handling the truck and equipment. The students need to be given money to eat at the game. There was a suggestion to pre-sale tickets for concessions.

Dr. Walker stated that the chair auditions will be the 7th and 8th. Mark Borden from International Baccalaureate School has chosen the MS as his work study program. He will be at the MS on Mondays to help the directors. The kids are working on hard on some tough music.

Dr. Walker stated that the MS cheerleader sponsor has offered an opportunity to the Boosters to work concessions at 2 University of Alabama games with the cheerleader parents. The games are November 5 and November 19. We need 8 volunteers and 2 alternates for the games. Transportation and other information will be provided later. It was noted that

we do a good job we could be possibly work concessions every year. It was mentioned that there are other booster organizations that use this as their only fundraiser and it is enough to support their club.

Dr. Walker stated that there are 123 students going on the trip and 59 chaperones have signed up. Of the 59 there are 5 that have not signed up to work concessions. The Hagans are the head chaperones for the trip. He also stated that there is a need for a seamstress to help measure for the tuxes and dresses. There will be more information about this later.

Darla Peace brought up the fact that the new uniforms have only been used for a few weeks and the rear-ends are already dirty and picked. She and her mother have looked for material that can be used at games for the students to sit on. Her mother – Sarah – has found a material that would be a good choice. It is a marine vinyl which is navy in color. Sarah found a person in Oneonta that gave her a good price because he was a band parent. The estimated cost for the amount needed to cover the bleachers is \$500. The cost was discussed and noted as a small price compared to the cost of replacing the pants of the uniform. There was a motion made, seconded and unanimously carried. There was one stipulation made – Mr. Williams is to check with other schools he knows and see what they have used. Mr. Williams will make the inquiry tomorrow and let Darla know whether or not to proceed with the purchase. There was a discussion of the Shades Valley game this week which has concrete bleachers and will pick the pants. Ms. Joyce will bring rolls of garbage bags to roll out to sit on as a temporary solution.

It was also mentioned that the students need to be reminded to pick up after themselves following the game.

It was noted there were approximately 45 attendees at tonight's meeting. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Christy Little
Secretary