

Clements High School Band & Color Guard Booster Club

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 14, 2021 via Zoom

Members Present: Jeff Johnson, Leslie Flynn, Kate Thane, Preston Winton, Steven Dratler, Andrea Fox, Donna Camp, Holly Bence, Michelle LaDoucieur, Veronica Butler, S Lai, Haryoto, Ansen Sobrinho, Diane Navarro, Minna, Meredith Kornegay, Shellie Guidry, Jason, Guidry, Jocelyn Edwards, Barb Roy, Tiffany Jen, wenjie, vy?, Annie Cote.

Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Andrea Fox. First order of business is to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Minutes from past meetings can be found on the new band website under the booster club tab. A motion was made by Barbara Roy to approve the minutes from the December meeting. There was a second made by Michelle LaDoucieur. Minutes were approved.

Director's Report: (Mr. Johnson): Mr. Johnson announced CHS had been assigned a student teacher for the spring semester. He introduced Mr. Steven Dratler.

Mr. Dratler gave a brief biography including growing up in Sugar Land and familiarity with the CHS band program. He is a trombone player and hopes to graduate from Sam Houston State in May. He is excited to be working with the students.

Mr. Johnson added that Mr. Dratler has been very receptive, and they are off to a great start.

Student accounts are reconciled. They are being verified for accuracy, but are on track for refunds by the end of the month.

Indoor rehearsals have started with about ½ of the students participating in either Symphonic or Concert band. That number is similar to the number that participated in marching. It has been extremely fulfilling for the staff to be able to work with the students in person. We are following the same check-in procedure as for marching with temperature checks and the online health questionnaire. For longer rehearsals, they are running fans during breaks to circulate the air. The outside doors are left open during all rehearsals. He thanked the band booster club for purchasing the fans.

Letter jacket orders are due tomorrow. The students earn points based on their accomplishments, but most seniors should have points solely by 4 years of band participation. Order forms are located on the band app.

The area audition recording window closed yesterday. Twenty-eight band students qualified and submitted recordings which will be judged on Saturday. He indicated he would post the results on the band app on Saturday evening or Sunday.

Mr. Johnson reminded everyone that all uniforms, both concert and band as well as district owned marching instruments should be returned to school.

He commented that there was a rumor that there might be a state marching competition for 6A next year. CHS already has a show ready to go. Hopefully by August we will be able to return to a traditional marching schedule and attend football games and competitions.

Mr. Winton gave a brief update on the Color Guard. Winter guard is underway. Mr. McCarthy has completed another session. They have chosen music from the Wizard of Oz. About 23 middle school students are involved. The first show will be at the FBISD Guard Preview Night on February 17th at Hopson Field House. This will be the only live performance of the season.

Mr. Johnson added that the other guard performances will be live streamed on the band app.

President's Report (Andrea Fox): There are several open board positions next year including Treasurer, Secretary, VP Band and VP Guard. A nominating committee has been formed with Barbara Roy, Beverly Conatser, Ansen Sobrinho and assisted by Mr. Johnson and Ms. Flynn. She suggested that anyone interested in a position could contact her directly and she would review the duties of each one. She added that Veronica Butler who has strengthened the Sponsorship Program over the past few years will also be leaving. Although it is not a board position it has been a tremendous benefit to our success. Her replacement should be someone who will maintain the strong relationships she has already created.

The Treasurer position is the most critical. It would be ideal for the candidate to have either PTA or PTO treasurer experience or an accounting background.

The nominations will be announced at the April meeting and voted on in May.

Treasurer's Report (Donna Camp): Ms. Camp reported income of approximately \$1440 most of which was from New Orleans trip refunds. The expenses were about \$2,500 for winter guard with \$140 for area registration fees and another \$850 miscellaneous expenditures mostly associated with the Holiday Concert.

Ms. Fox asked if there was any other business. Michelle LaDoucieur asked if there were any plans for an end of year event. Mr. Johnson said they do hope to have something similar to the Holiday Concert at Mercer. He said an outdoor event is preferable to anything indoors.

At 6:22 Ms. Fox asked for a motion to adjourn. Michelle LaDoucieur complied and the motion was seconded by Donna Camp. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.