

Clements High School Band & Guard Booster Club Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 13, 2020

Members Present:

Jeff Johnson, Leslie Flynn, Kate Thane, Bryan Waites, Darren Martin, Andrea Fox, Shellie Guidry, Holly Bence, Barbara Roy, Veronica Butler, Michelle LaDoucieur, Meredith Kornegay, Jocelyn Edwards, Donna Camp, Leslie Wolff, Mitch Yeh, Carolyn Andrews, Ann Vilarreal, Beverly Conatser, Alice Chan, Allie Lam, Ann Layton-Haire, Harvey Simmons, Ashley Garcia, Ashmi Kesaria, Biju Sethi, Daryl Cote, Jay Yun, Karen Beyer, Larissa Rios Friddell, Lily Wang, Noel Nguyen, Qianyue Luo, Rajeswari Mahesh, Salima Pirmohamed, Shirin Bhanvadia, C Canete, T Sanchez, Shamsha, Sejal, Vivian, Ranga, Angelina, Ansen, Hayoto, Hay, Kamran, Minna, Pam, Tim, and some other's that did not have identifiable names (iPhone, Mama's iPad, 713-443-6008, Dewey's awesome mom, NEWT host)

The meeting was called to order by Andrea Fox at 6:00 pm.

A proposal was made to approve the minutes for the May 2020 meeting. That meeting was done via email, and addressed new board members and the budget. The motion was made by Leslie Wolff, seconded by Veronica Butler, and the minutes were approved.

Director's Report: (Mr. Johnson)

FBISD will offer online education only for the first four weeks of school, with a possibility to extend this another four additional weeks pending. The tentative date for the first in person marching band practice is Sept. 8.

There will be no contests, nor UIL performances this school year. The marching band will be expected to attend all in district home and away games. There will be no transportation provided due to social distancing requirements. Private transportation will be required of all students to and from the stadiums. The current plan is that during home games, Clements marching band will sit in the visiting section. They will be spread out far enough to allow for spacing. This is dependent on whether the visiting team's marching band attends the game.

Although there will be a Homecoming game, there will not be a dance. Therefore, no mums will be sold this year. The first football game the band will be attending will be at Mercer Stadium on Oct. 9.

This year's Marching Show is The Beatles. For sanitary reasons, the traditional band uniform will not be worn this year. All students will wear their band tee, khakis, and tennis shoes to any performances. All of the purchased gear has arrived at the school, but has yet to be sorted. Watch for a communication when it is ready to be distributed.

The previous Clements Band website will not be used going forward for privacy reasons. Band Directors, students, and parents are to use the BAND app that was implemented last year for all communications including calendar information. Charms will continue to be used for financial bookkeeping, but has not been updated yet to reflect current balances. It is recommended that the Charms website be used, but not the app. The code is CLEMENTSHSBAND (all caps).

The decision was made to switch fundraising to FANANGEL rather than the previous platform, because FANANGEL costs less to use. This allows the band to keep more of the money raised. FANANGEL uses crowdsourcing for direct donation, rather than selling overpriced products that would have to be sorted and distributed. In light of the hardships some our Clements' families may be experiencing this Fall, all fundraising will be postponed until the Spring.

Booster Club meetings will be held the second Thursday of the month for the remainder of the year. If these dates are to be changed, notice will be given ahead of time.

Color Guard Report: (Mr. Darren Martin)

Color Guard has had two virtual practice sessions so far this summer with full attendance. For the first time we have had incoming students (middle school guard) with previous experience, making the virtual platform training a little easier.

Costumes and flags have been inventoried, washed, and sorted. They will be recycling old costumes for The Beatles show this year. That way, should the situation get worse, money was not wasted on costumes.

The Color Guard app should soon merge with the Band app to streamline communication.

President: (Andrea Fox)

An audit is needed at the end of August, possibly Aug. 29. Barb Roy and Meredith Kornegay volunteered to join Andrea and Donna.

The BFW fundraiser that ran from mid July through mid August has completed. Cliff, the owner will let us know how much was raised.

A reminder was given that current Criminal Background Checks will need to be filled out with FBISD before volunteers begin working at the school.

Band VPs:

No Report

Color Guard VPs:

No Report

Treasurer's Report: (Donna Camp)

No Report due to transition

Committees:

Sponsorships (Veronica Butler)

No report

New Business:

None

Upcoming Dates:

Next Booster Club meeting will be Thurs. Sept.10

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Michelle LaDoucieur and seconded by Veronica Butler.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.