

SONORA BAND BOOSTERS MEETING MINUTES

FROM December 3, 2013

Call to order:

- President Rivers called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Minutes:

- Brief review of the key points of last month's meeting, read by President Rivers.
- It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the minutes.

President's Report:

- Welcome parents to our monthly Band Boosters meeting!
- A motion was made to begin the monthly booster meetings at 6:00pm during the winter months. It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve this new start time. We will try this for the next couple of months.
- On behalf of the Sonora Band Boosters Club, I would like to say thank you to our parents and students who have participated in providing snacks for all of our events. All of our donations to our organization have been greatly appreciated by the students and adults! We will have another opportunity to provide snacks for our winter concert this coming Tuesday the 10th. I will be sending a current snack suggestion schedule for the students, and if the boosters can provide any alternatives, please let me know!
- Our current Cookie Dough fundraiser was a success, and I would like to thank our students and parents for their support of the band and color guard! We sold 170 boxes of cookie dough, and the delivery date for the band is this Thursday the 5th. Please allow your students a couple of extra minutes, for we will be having the students come to pick up their orders at the end of the school day. I would like to buy a gift for the top three sellers of the cookie dough fundraiser with the permission of the band boosters. Our students did great job!
- Our Band and Color Guard website was updated over the Thanksgiving Holiday! The fundraiser page was updated for the SCRIP Fundraising Program. SCRIP, or substitute money, is a fundraising program that we all can use year round for many daily purchases. This is done through purchasing gift cards from the many retailers who participate in the program. When a gift card is purchased, we receive a portion of the sale as revenue for the booster club. For more information please visit www.sonorahighband.com/fundraising for the ability to view and download the forms needed for the SCRIP Program. I will also create and send home an information packet regarding the SCRIP program for your review, and future purchases for your family and friends!

Treasurer's Report:

- Waiting for bus invoices, maybe two invoices for October, and an additional three for November. Our account looks good as of the moment, but when the invoices come in, we will have a lower amount in the account. We will have the popcorn fundraiser start soon to accumulate more funds. Private buses were an option, but the reviews were very dismal for the companies. All of our outstanding balances have been paid, including all of the marching band apparel purchased last month from our students.

Director's Report:

- Winter Concert on the 10th of December. Choir goes first, and we will follow after. We will probably play through the intermissions with solos and small groups.
- Early release this coming Wednesday the 4th.
- District is coming down on groups who sell baked goods at events. There is an online course available, and a certificate can be printed out. Please check out the site, complete the course so we will be in compliance with food sales.

- Finals on the last week before winter break. No zero period on Tuesday and Wednesday, but we will meet on the 19th for secret Santa party for the band.
- No school on the 20th. The break is two days longer because of furlough days.
- Food drive on the 21st of December. This is a big event for Sonora, and we raised \$30,000 dollars for 115 families. This year may be more difficult to raise money because of Thanksgiving being so late. The band was the top contributor of money for Sonora. Boosters are invited to participate in the food drive!
- First day back to school is a booster meeting on the 7th. Early release is scheduled for the next day, and open house on Thursday the 9th. We will have two days to practice that week. On the 9th is a late start day (no zero period.)
- Orange County department of Education has a grant (S. Mark Taper foundation) that we could take a look at. We could apply for a grant to help buy a trailer or truck, uniforms, refurbish our instruments, a new banner, etc. We would try to write a grant, and the opening would begin in December. The website is: smtfoundation.org. We can use this money to repair instruments, Uniforms, our banner, and overhaul the instrument room. The grant normally takes a year to receive, and we could use the money for the trailer.
- A question was asked about maybe using just one uniform instead of the current two blue and white uniforms. More research will done on this when the time gets closer for rehabilitation of the uniforms. The district may contribute to our account to help with the cost, but more research is needed, and we need to verify the amount in our account.
- Band clean-up day went great, and I am very happy! The students did a productive job, and they worked very hard.

Officer's Report:

- **Vice-President:** Absent tonight.
- **Secretary:** Change coming regarding the uniform care forms very soon!
- **Uniform Coordinator:** Discussion of the needed dry cleaning for the white uniforms.
- **Fundraising:** Popcorn Fundraiser is being planned for the near future. These fundraisers help support the band and color guard with costs associated with parades, entry fees, uniforms, band supplies, etc.

New business: The Band Boosters have been discussing and working on the future purchase of a vehicle or trailer to haul all of the necessary instruments and support equipment to our games and performance events. Research will be done to find a haulage vehicle that will meet our needs both financially and for the many years of use to come for the Sonora High Raider Regiment. We will also be looking into finding potential sponsors, donations, and fundraisers necessary for this purchase. If anyone has more information to help us with finding vendors and/or manufacturers, etc. for this endeavor would be greatly appreciated!

Joey Reynaga wants to organize a group of students to carol in front of grocery stores before the food drive. They will be playing their instruments, and he would like to start this Friday, December 6th. Hours of commitment can be a couple of hours at a time, and he is going to work on a schedule. Please encourage your student to participate!

Next meeting:

- January 7th, 2014 at our proposed new start time of 6:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.