

Southington Band Backers

General Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2015

- i. The meeting was called to order by Erik Semmel at 7:30 pm.
- ii. A motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Jon Lamkins, seconded by Dan Ross and accepted by the entire membership.
- iii. Band Director's Report-Mrs. Ossias previously reported that the color guard would like another tree. This is because the judges felt that the flag transfers around the trees were too sloppy. October 19 is the day for deposits to be made for the band trip. The deposit is \$250 and the trip is optional. Students should have come home with all the band trip information. Mrs. Ossias reported that the season is going very well.
- iv. Corresponding Secretary-Tisha Semmel had nothing new to report. She did state that she has more States tickets for sale and that you can use points if you have them.
- v. Treasurer's Report-Pat Brino first reported on the income side changes to the budget since the last meeting. Some membership dues have been collected as Program Guide points were applied. The points from the mattress sale, \$1345, have been applied. There will be a couple of more deposits applied for the Program Guide sales. The Vollaro's reported gross receipts of \$42,410. Bears were purchased for MOTK and are now being sold. Meal plan income is increased because points were applied to pay for it. We have commitments for 4 Gold and 2 Bronze Legacy memberships. On the expense side, the second payment was made for the staff and there is two more remaining. A payment was made for truck rentals as well as for web posting. A new jug was purchased for meal plan and all meal plan expenses have been paid. Under Miscellaneous items, \$245 was paid for a dumpster when we cleaned the greenhouse. This is the last year of Pat's term and he will need a replacement.
- vi. Operations-Donna Fagan has had a meeting for the Nationals tail gate. She will wait until after MOTK to ask for donations. We don't know the number of people attending yet, although last year it was about 360. It was explained that the bus cost, Nationals ticket and tailgate are all incorporated into one price for parents and family members who would like to attend. Food includes hot dogs, burgers, pasta, and dessert. You can still help out, even if you take the bus down. The students' meals were included in meal plan cost. The total cost has been about \$60/person and the Band Backers typically absorb about \$1500 of the overall expenses for Nationals to make it as affordable as possible.
- vii. Student Administration-Diane Peccerillo reported that pit/prop parents were billed for their meals on their student accounts. Program Guide points and mattress sale points have been applied. Statements went out today and most accounts have been adjusted based on points now available. A few accounts remain to be adjusted. Joanne Kelleher stated that people should be hearing from their team captains on a regular basis. Pie sales are the next big coordination and orders are due to team captains by Monday October 19.
- viii. Fundraising-Jen Semmel had nothing new to add.

- ix. Publicity-Eileen Kochol had to leave but she has submitted information to the local papers about MOTK. The sign for the green will be take care of by the Simms family. Eileen needs a shadow and it is not a difficult job. Also, the Vollaro's need a shadow for the Program Guide, as their son is a junior.
- x. Old Business-The Legacy membership remains on the agenda as we try to increase the exposure of the program. Grandparents and past band backer families are great possibilities. We have received good feedback on the program already.
- xi. New Business-The next chairperson meeting for MOTK is Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 pm. The big meeting of all volunteers is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 pm, probably in the library. (The community soup night is that evening in the cafeteria). We are still in need of volunteer gatekeepers. and we hope that all volunteers can be there for the majority of the day/evening. The band banquet is Wednesday, November 18 and donations of raffle prizes are needed. Look for a band blast with more information. It is a fun night and the kids dress up. You can expect awards, videos and speeches. There are more States tickets available and we have reserved 4 buses for family for Nationals. The discussion then returned to MOTK. The first high school band performs at 3:00 pm, and the middle school bands begin at 2:30 pm. We can hopefully open the gates around 1ish to accommodate the middle school parents. This will be confirmed as the event gets closer. If the Program Guides are in, Stephanie Vollaro will sell 100 of them at the volunteer meeting on October 21. This makes it easier for parents with various volunteer commitments to ensure they are able to purchase a guide. The price this year is \$3.
- xii. The next General Band Backer meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, at 7:30 pm in Room C301.
- xiii. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm, after a motion from Jen Semmel and a second by Jon Lamkins that was approved by the entire membership.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Statkevich