

Spirit of Saginaw Band – Booster General Meeting – September 6th, 2011

The meeting was called to Order at 7:05pm.

Mr. Canfield reported that the band students are doing really well in handling the heat and that there have not been any issues due to hydration. He is encouraging all students to begin using personal water thermos jugs as opposed to water bottles. This switch is to ensure that the students have adequate amounts of water with them, as well as to encourage all band students to become “better stewards of resources”.

He also indicated that he is happy with the progress of the show and that at this point the show is further along than other shows have been in previous years which is impressive as the degree of difficulty is at a higher level for this show.

Mr. Canfield explained that there is a need for the purchase of “prop enhancements” for the show. Red oak has already been purchased, drilled and treated for the battery to use in a special section. There is a need for 8 10,000 candle watt rechargeable “Q Beams” for use as spotlights, detachable mirrors for uniforms and black panels for the sidelines. He feels that these enhancements are going to add more “sparkle and edge” to the show. He would like all enhancements to be in place by October 1st for the BOA competition.

He listed the upcoming contests as BOA, Aledo and HEB for the band in its entirety with Plano and Lonestar competitions being entered by our percussionists. There is a need for \$1,250 to cover the entry fees for these activities.

He also reported that our band has been invited to participate in a “retreat” activity at the BOA contest that will allow for our band students as a section (flutes, trombones, saxophones, etc.) to receive one on one suggestions/improvements/recommendations from higher echelon coaches and judges.

Our band will not be able to participate in the SHS Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 1st as they will be competing in the BOA show at UTA.

A Motion for “Supplements” to the show which includes the purchase of the QBeams, Panels and Mirrors was made by Jane Lyon. The Motion allows for up to \$1,400 to purchase the items. The Motion was seconded by Orpha Crouch. One question arose as to whether or not there was money available to cover this purchase. The question was answered in the affirmative and there was no further discussion. The Motion was put to a vote and it passed and carried.

A second Motion was made by Denise Juarez for up to \$1,250 to cover “Entry Fees” for contests [Boa (\$250), Aledo (\$400), HEB (\$300), Plano Percussion (\$150) and Lonestar Percussion (\$150)]. It was seconded by Alicia Hills. There was no discussion. The Motion carried.

It was proposed by Mary Holstein, on behalf of Greg Farley, that the boosters purchase a light and reflectors for the band golf cart as he feels that there is a safety issue when driven at night.

A Motion was made by Michael Hills for up to \$350 to purchase a light and reflectors for the band golf cart. The Motion was seconded by Greg Baviera. There was no discussion and the Motion carried.

Mr. Canfield encouraged everyone to promote the HOMECOMING MUM fundraiser as it is our “best fundraiser of the year”, and has the potential to net the band a significant return. He asked that the word be spread by whatever means available. It was discussed that a “call out” to all student’s homes from SHS be done to promote the availability. Facebook is also to be utilized as well as links from the SHS homepage. He feels that the mums being sold are a great value for the quality that is being produced.

Shannon Scannell, Treasurer, reported that there will be approximately \$10,000 in the band booster club account after all checks have cleared, but that this is the lowest that they would like for the funds to go so as to have a safety cushion. She reiterated what Mr. Canfield stated regarding the mum fundraiser and encouraged all people with students associated with the band to promote this event.

It was reported that Orpha Crouch has been in the SHS cafeteria everyday between 11am and 1pm with sample mums and order forms. She is in need of help over the course of the next couple of weeks.

A question was raised as to when the band students can wear their mums and the answer was that while the mums cannot be worn when marching (for safety reasons), they can be worn in the stand and during the 3rd quarter, as well as at school on the day of the homecoming game.

Another question was raised regarding the investigation of the theft of band property and goods from the concession stand (pre-season). It was indicated that the theft was reported and that the Saginaw Police Department are working on it.

Mary Holstein, President, reported that the Color Guard had applied to host a Winter Guard contest in February and that they should hear as to whether they were “awarded” the contest by the end of this month. Hosting the contest is both an honor to our program and a fundraising opportunity. The Color Guard is also implementing a Junior Color Guard program that will be open to all students attending any middle school in the district.

It was reported that there is a GREAT NEED for help in the concession stand, and that those not able to help on Friday night have the opportunity to volunteer on Thursday as the band runs the concession stand for the JV football games at that time.

Mary asked Mr. Canfield to report on his EDUCATORS OF THE WEEK Program. Wherein he explained that there are four SHS educators picked for each home game. They are invited to eat dinner with the band and interact with the students prior to the band’s march to the stadium. They are given special seating at the game and are introduced at half time. They are treated as SPECIAL GUESTS of the band and given praise and respect for their efforts on behalf of the students of SHS.

Mr. Canfield thanked the band boosters for their continued efforts on behalf of the SOS band and indicated that the booster club is known at the district level as a positive and successful

organization. He also extended his thanks to the EMS-ISD District for their continued support of the SOS band.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.