

Title: September Booster Board Meeting

Date: 10/19/2023

Starting : 705pm (motion to start Joel 2nd Patsy)

Ending: 810pm (motion Patsy to adjourn, 2nd Joel)

Agenda:

1. Julio

- Julio - Motion to approve the September 2023 Minutes- Nancy Seconded- Patsy
- President Julio Del Rio- Any discussion- none approved
- Henry Chilvers- Trailers
 - 7x10 trailer at Auto Fair was \$2800. Now asking \$3900 for it. He said he would negotiate. My thought at \$2800 families pitch in 50 bucks to replace props and uniforms trailer. It is a little bigger than the current one.
 - Q: Moira- How is it in comparison to the ASB trailer?
 - A: Henry- smaller
 - A: Henry- he knows it is good condition
 - Q: Jeanne- Would we sell what we have?
 - A: Julio- That would be something to be discussed.
 - Q: Jeanne- Would he take a trade in?
 - A: Henry- no
 - A: Moira- We cannot sell because it is owned by the District.
 - Q: Joel- Why are we trying to get a new one?
 - Q: Antoinette- Why are we discussing a new trailer?
 - A: Jackie- it is awesome to be open minded. He sounds shady about changing prices.
 - A: Henry- seemed like a good deal. Wanted to share
 - Q: Karla- Would this trailer have more room? If we have more room, can we cash out?
 - A: Henry- We would get rid of the smallest trailer.. Who is going to tow? Get rid of one we do not like.
 - A: Quest- As a new tow person, the trailers are going to get roughed up. Something we need to

think about. There will be less people to tow. We need to discuss and bring up once in a while.

- A: Henry- I have been looking for over a year and this is the best size/price ratio. James just had to patch the prop wagon.
- A: Joel- I also patched a trailer.
- Q: Jeanne- Can you search how much the small trailer is worth to see if it would offset a newer trailer?
- A: Henry- Jack had trouble finding info. Pictures are on FB. Patching roofs on trailers.
- A: Henry- I will call tomorrow to let him know what the decision was. He will let him know about a donation idea.
- Q: Julio- To see if it is worth it? Do we want to do research?
- A: Karla- We should find out research and see if we can sell smaller trailers. Let's find out the process.
- A: Moira- We are allowed to sell, but cannot trade. We are looking at the possibility of the ASB trailer, but still looking into it.
- Q: Claudia- Is this something we should really be entertaining, when we look at the thermometer and have
- Q: Julio- Do we want to shut it down?
- A: Bobby- If you want to look Henry great! Look into more details. No one says you have to search.
- Q: Stephanie S- Do parents want to look into it together?
- Motion Joel- I make a motion to make a trailer committee.
- Moira 2nd. Joel will work with Henry on trailer committee.

- Questions sent in by Boosters:

- Joel Saavedra

- Q: In regards to Budget- It is more helpful for parents to have a more detailed report for parents. Can we get more detailed info on the spreadsheets?

- A: Nancy- Please email me if you have questions. We created some more detailed information on spreadsheets and passed out today.

2. Evan- Program updates

- This week we have more of the show on the field at comp.
 - We will not end in the same place past drum break.
 - Movement 3 going well. We have learned all of the movement 3 drill. It is not perfect yet. Putting music out there next step
- Instrument inventory is updated. All instruments used by students are in Google Sheets document, with the student name and instrument/instruments checked out. Students are not to be using any instrument not checked out to them. All Nick Rail instruments are accounted for.
 - Q: Joel- Are the instruments from Nick Rail in U Building?
 - A: Evan- No, students checked them out. IF they are not checked out, they are in empty lockers or shelves. Waiting for 2 tubas; they are still awaiting parts.
 - A: Karla- Tubas are part of the instruments.
 - A: Nancy- We have not paid for repair yet. Balance will be paid when they come back.
 - Q: Jeanne- Do you know who is renting?
 - A: Evan- I do not know that. Will be a great next step to see if anyone would rather use a school instrument.
 - Q: Jeanne- Maybe Sharon can create a document to go out to parents to find out who is renting?
 - A: Sharon- I think the Director of Bands would be a better person to create the document and send it out since he will need to access the information directly and collect data.
 - Q: Stephane S - If anyone is renting please let Evan know?
 - A: Evan- I will find out from the parents.
- Football game- Arroyo Seco and Alumni Night. Mr. Fulleman will have 43 8th grade students. All kinds of instruments. This is the first time they have euphonium players in years. There are 2.
 - Q: Alicia- Are students wearing shakos Friday?
 - A: Evan- Uniforms not shakos
 - A: Jeanne- Don't forget to wear badges and introduce yourself to 8th grade families.
 - A: Henry- Thank 9th grade families too because they are still trying to feel comfortable.

- A: Jeanne- The sooner we break barriers the better with families, the better.
- Comp on Sat at Simi- Call time 11:30 for loading crew; all kids by noon; show at 5:30; awards 8:30
 - Q: Karla- Do we know if we need canopies for the students Saturday?
 - A: Moira- They are already in trailers. 2 in trailers and great tarps that Jeanne donated.
 - A: Jeanne- On Friday night I can bring my pop up too.
 - A: Sharon- Thank you to all who responded to pop up request in Remind for the Royal show. I want to thank parents publicly for coming to the rescue.

3. Moira

- First-Aid/CPR training
 - We have a parent who is offering to teach for free.
 - For parents and students.
 - Moira can set up.
 - The parent is certified to teach and will not cost boosters anything. Please email Moira.
 - Q: Jeanne- Can you send out an email?
 - A: Moira- I will be in Band Blast.
- District Clearance Volunteers:
 - District added video on suicide prevention and postvention. It is due in April and is 60 minutes.
 - At football games you CANNOT go on the field if you do not have a volunteer badge. Need to have a badge for first aid, pit, and props. If you have any questions to be cleared please ask or email Moira.
- Food at Competitions:
 - Last comp there was not enough time for food.
 - Many kids don't bring money or bring food.
 - There is a parent who has a grill and will bring to grill hot dogs and veggies dogs next comp.
 - I keep a pocket full of 10's to give money to those kids.
 - I have a few parents donating the dogs for the kids.
 - My concern is these kids are not eating something more substantial.
 - A: Joel- We tried to do this at a Winter Guard competition last year, and it got shut down.

- A: Alicia- Maybe they will allow if you use propane. I would call Simi High School.
- A: Henry- Go outside the gate.
- A: Julio- It is worth calling to check.
- A: Ashley- People bring spreads all the time.
- A: Moira- There are kids who do not have the money and the time to eat so just want to make sure they do not go without during a long day.
- A: Deanna- We could use crockpots and generators. I have a large one we can use.
- A: Henry- Chafing plates can be used too.
- A: Moira- We need to provide something more substantial other than snacks.

4. Andrew

- Fundraising Updates
 - Flag Fundraisers- Donated for 10 rifles bring flags \$525
- Dine Out Nights
 - Del Taco- donated 20% of sale from day \$1,050
 - C&C - donated \$100
 - Gilchrist- I hope everyone had fun. Huge thank you to all who helped volunteer and baked or donated. We did REALLY well- \$4,228.20. Hoping we can do another Gilchrist event later in year.
 - Winter Guard Popcorn- 4 days; thank you all who supported. It was quite simple for the amount of money raised. Thank you Vernice and Antoinette! We sold \$5,800. \$2,900 went to WG
 - Winter Guard Cornhole- 12/2 fundraiser. More info coming out soon. Thank you Vernice and Antoinette for organizing this event.
 - Sounds of the Stadium- \$1,610 all together. Sold some decals as well. Raffle raised \$425.
 - Gift Wrapping - We are looking at booths and try at Target and Walmart.
 - Vincenzos'- November 30. It will be a Jazz Night and Mr. Block will send out information.
 - C4C - Will do another Clothes 4 Cash event, for 3 weekends in January after the holidays.
 - Big Chicken- 10/26 (next to Target). We will get 20% of the proceeds. They are also donating some gift cards too.
 - Jersey Mike's- Last fundraiser is 10/20.

- Designation of Fundraising Proceeds-
 - For transparency and to make things clear, when the program does fundraising events, we will be sure to say where funds will go to.
 - Smaller things will be for general funds, unless there are specific needs.
 - Inform people ahead of time so Boosters know where their money is going.

5. Jackie

- PR
- Social channels:
 - FB, Instagram, Tik Tok- trying to get sponsors. The more shares the better it is to sell the program to local businesses.
- Fundraising Ideas:
 - Came up with new fundraising ideas that are digital
 - \$100- send message to student and promote business on IG.
 - \$500- Reel is created to promote a business to get their product or service in front of families.
 - \$250- Business or people to get featured in our weekly email Blast through the end of the school year.
- Concert sponsorships:
 - Reserved parking in front, seating. Do not have to wait in line - 2 levels
 - \$250 4 tickets
 - \$500 second level
- Smugmug:
 - Please upload photos and videos. Thank you Alicia for your photos. Please upload and ask students too. Will be used for end of year video.
- Youtube:
 - Please follow us on YouTube.
 - Q: Alicia- the \$100 shout out how long does it stay on IG?
 - A:Jackie- it will stay up. If you do by Dec 1st, will ask other leadership to share.

6. Mike and Nancy

- Budget Updates:

- Mike is out of town
- Trial balance- \$54,605.08
- Emergency and Transportation Account- \$19,811.02
- Cash on Hand- \$100
- Equipment Fund- \$1096.65
- Scholarship Fund- \$2105.94
- Uniform Fund- \$5109.20
- Undeposited Funds- \$0
- There is a detailed trial balance of what was spent for September. Will now be shown for the rest of year.
- Taxes are filed.
- We have some expenses that were presented by Rob and are over budget. They need to be approved by Booster because they are over \$500.
- Guard Flag and Costume Budget is \$5,750. There was \$177 left after costumes and flags were purchased. Rifle donation covered most the cost of the color guard rifles. Used balance of \$177 to pay remaining amount for rifles. That left \$65 dollars in budget. The current invoices add up to \$978.
- Q: Patsy- What about fundraising money?
- A: Nancy- We have to use fundraising not specific to color guard.
- Q: Alicia- Can we use GC fundraising funds?
- A: Nancy- yes
- Q: Antoiniete- These are flags we are currently using?
- A: Nancy- The receipts are for: gold tape, 15 jedi robe costumes, prof belly dance costumes, 12 dowels, rods and electric tape.
- Q: Jeanne- Do we need to make a motion?
- A: Julio- Yes we do because the amount for the receipts is over 500
- Q: Patsy- For any project should Boosters be asked beforehand? What is the right procedure? Just trying to clarify.
- A: Nancy- Yes that is the right procedure. There was one invoice over \$500. The other invoices were below that amount.

- A: Joel- We went up 5 students in Color Guard. Maybe we need to look to augment the budget to reflect added students?
- A: Jeanne- I motion to move funds, \$978.54, from general fund to line item of Color Guard Costumes and Flag
- A: Second Eddie-
- Q: Deanna- Band and Color Guard are together Marching Centurions. Does everything we fundraise go to general fund, go to general fund? Then it gets pulled from there?
- You mentioned Rob went over budget.
- A: Ashley- The line item for costume and flags, and that was spent brought it to \$65 .
- Q: Patsy- If something is already in the budget, you do not need to approve?
- Q: Deanna- It would come out of general fund, but if not budgeted and over \$500 need to ask?
- Q: Jeanne- If we run out of fuel then we would have to do same thing, correct?
- A: Moira- Ideally, because of Bylaws, we should ask beforehand.
- A: Nancy- Items were purchased before the bud was set. We have a plan for next year. Evan is in agreement with the plan. It is a learning process.
- Vote- Passed

7. Other Discussion:

- Ashley-Payroll
 - Oct payroll will be covered by the district except for 2 staff members who have not turned in papers. We will pay them.
 - Q: Joel- I thought we had motioned to have paperwork turned in by October 2?
 - A: Ashley- Those were for clearances.
 - A: Evan- all staff are cleared.
- Evan- Metronome issue:
 - The metronome is the loud clicking thing that helps students stay in time at rehearsal. It is a Long Ranger/speaker.
- Ours does not work.

- In place of the speaker, we have used a guitar amp. Problem is that it is not as loud.
- Long Rangers are not made anymore, and do not know how to fix them.
 - A: Bobby- In the summer, I had removed the battery and charged it to a car battery. It took a few days to charge. It is a small battery. I do think they sell replacements. It did take a charge and lasted a little bit.
 - A: Rodrigo- the power drained.
 - Q: Karla- Can we research where to get a battery?
 - A: Evan- The replacement metronome is a little bit bigger and designed for DCI. It is marching band and drum corp standard. Would be great to have it for rehearsal purposes.
 - A: Julio- I did some research also. The cost was about \$800 bucks. That was the cheapest I found. Ebay and Amazon run about \$1,200.
 - Q: Stephanie S- We only need 1?
 - A: Evan- We can go with one. We have a few different cables. We can use guitar amps too, but speakers are ideal because they are not plugged in.
 - Q: Jackie- Is this something that you would use in other music classes?
 - A: Evan -probably not.
 - A: Jackie- There is the WISH foundation for things like this. Put in a request, but needs to be something you could use in more than one class. Teachers do not take advantage of this. Has to be a teacher to request from WISH.
 - Q: Quest- Is this something you use in WG Rob?
 - A: Rob- no
 - A: Stephanie S- We only have a few weeks left.
 - A: Karla- Let's see how long it takes to get it.
 - Q: Stephanie S- Maybe we should look to purchase when we are in a better position? Maybe we should look into fixing it to get through the season?
 - Q: Jeanne- Would you let me take it home? My husband can usually fix anything, and a battery is about \$81 dollars. He might be able to fix it.

- Q: Evan- Could you take the metronome and cables too?
The metronome works by itself and cables come out staticky.
- A: Bobby- Go buy an Interstate battery.
- A: Jeanne- Duracell Ultra is what I am looking at.
- A: Denise H- Donors Choose would fit in well with that. If you get me info, I can put together the info for you, but the request has to come from you.
- A: Alcia- We need microphones too. Throw that onto Donors Choose too.
- A: Stephanie S- The sound system needs updating. You said a tech is coming to look at the mixer? Updating the sound system is what I was going to recommend.
- A: Jeanne- Does WG need it?
- A: Stephanie S- It is a Marching Centurions thing. When talking about fundraisers, the sound system is something to discuss.
- Sharon- November meeting
 - I will not be at the November meeting due to parent conferences.
 - A: Joel- I will fill in. I will listen to the recorded meeting to take notes..
 - A: Sharon- Thank you Joel!