

# **Clark Band Boosters Meeting Minutes**

March 1st, 2016

## **I. Call to order**

1. Irma Trevino called to order the regular meeting of the Clark Band Boosters at 7:00 PM CST, on Tuesday, March 1st, 2016 at Tom C. Clark High School, San Antonio, Texas.

2. Irma mentioned that our Band 2<sup>nd</sup>. VP, Mr. Carl Popelar will talk first because he needs to go and work on concessions.

Mr. Popelar mentioned that concessions are going great this school year! We have made \$4000 so far. He mentioned that he needs people to work on concessions for this Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will start at 3:30 PM and will end at 8:30 PM at Gustafson stadium which is located at Culebra Rd. and 410. He needs 8 people total to work on concessions. Only 5 people have signed up for this day. He said: "Traffic is not a problem at that time" He knows that at that time students are at school and that can be an issue for some people to sign up. Mr. Popelar mentioned to let him know ASAP if anyone can work concessions that day. Mr. Popelar will send information via e-mail.

**Irma Trevino** mentioned that if we don't have enough people working in concessions; Clark will get fined for \$300. Irma encouraged people to volunteer and contact Mr. Popelar.

## **II. Report from Director of Bands, Kevin Russell**

Mr. Russell went over to the scheduled band events.

1. He mentioned that the Winter Guard will compete this Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> at Hardendale HS.
2. Band Pre-UIL concert will be on March 24<sup>th</sup> we'll have three judges coming and all bands from Rawlinson MS and Hobby MS.
3. On April 5, 6 and 7 will be the UIL Concert and sight reading contest.
4. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April, Band students will have afternoon rehearsals for the Battle of Flowers Band festival and Battle of Flowers Parade a couple of hours after school.
5. On April 20<sup>th</sup>, students will go to the SAISD's Alamo Stadium and have a rehearsal for the Band festival. The rehearsal will be during school time.
6. On April 21<sup>st</sup> in the evening will be the Band Festival at the SAISD's Alamo Stadium. Mr. R. mentioned that is a very cool performance, is an unusual and exciting festival.
7. On April 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Battle of Flowers Parade.
8. Mr. Russell is concerned about the weather conditions for the parade, reason why students will have rehearsals. But he will have the students ready for the summer.
9. Mr. Russell said: The week of April 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> will be a crazy week; we'll have band events starting on Thursday and ending with the Funday Sunday on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>; he mentioned that we will have the shortest fiesta parade. Also, he mentioned that on that Sunday, we'll have the Funday Sunday 5K run/walk in the morning. Mr. Russell said it is fun and he encouraged everyone to sign up for this event. It will take place in the Shavano Park area.

10. DC Trip – Mr. Russell mentioned that every child will must be able to go to the trip. Every student should have good grades and no classes failed for the six weeks period. He mentioned that Band Directors keep an eye on every student's grades and encourage them to do well on their classes.

### **III. Report from Band Booster Officers**

#### **A. President, Irma Trevino**

1. Irma Trevino talked about the Pre UIL concert; she mentioned that students need to wear their concert uniform. This event will be on March 24<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs. Trevino mentioned that tickets for the Battle of Flowers Band Festival are here. She asked to send the money for those tickets for everyone who wanted to buy them. She also mentioned that we have extra tickets available for sale.

#### **B. Treasurer, Chris Gaither**

1. Mr. Gaither presented the actual-to-date budget.  
There are no changes in the budget. A motion was carried by Walt Nichols and a 2nd to adopt by Jennifer Minton.
2. Mr. Gaither mentioned that students account will go out tomorrow Wednesday March 2nd. Credits have been applied for the Jersey Mike's fundraiser. But it hasn't been applied for the Mattress fundraiser and the Swing the Night Away with the Clark Jazz Band. Most of the people have paid off the trip. The next trip payment is due on March 11<sup>th</sup> and April 1st is the final payment.
3. Mr. Gaither mentioned that if you have a senior and have a sibling in the band we can transfer the senior's money that is left on his/her band account to the sibling in band.  
**Doreen said:** Unless it is something you have been paid for concessions, we cannot have that transfer.
4. Mr. Gaither mentioned that if anybody cancels the trip at this point, we cannot refund the money. Mr. Gaither encouraged buying the trip insurance.  
**Mrs. Charlotte Contreras** expressed her experience from the trip to Chicago. Her daughter had appendicitis so she was so thankful that she bought the insurance. And for only \$65, her daughter got covered for the doctors and hospital.
5. Mr. Gaither updated the trip chaperone account. Mr. Gaither mentioned that some people are having problems logging into charms with their id. He recommended resetting the password. Those are changes that charms had made.

#### **C. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President in Charge of Fundraising, Sonia Carter**

**Mrs. Irma Trevino** recognized the Jazz band for the fantastic performance on the Swing the Night Away event on Saturday February 27th. She asked if everyone saw the KSAT12 video that was posted in the Band Facebook page.

1. Mrs. Sonia Carter thanked everyone for helping and being at the Swing the Night Away event on Saturday.
2. Mrs. Sonia Carter mentioned that we made \$3000 with a zero budget. Everything was donated for this event. The Place was donated by the church, we just paid \$150 for the custodians to set up the tables and chairs and put them away at the end of the day. We were in charge of cleaning up everything because the next morning a mass was on the schedule.

Mrs. Carter said: "The Jazz Band kids performance was amazing"

3. Mrs. Sonia Carter talked about the Mattress sale. She said we made \$5000 and this money will go to all students' accounts that sold mattresses and volunteered that day. She said that she needs to give the list of those students to Mr. Chris Gaither.

4. Mrs. Carter mentioned that the Spring Mulch fundraiser's order form and money collected are due tomorrow Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pick up Mulch day is on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Clark Band Practice Field.

**Parent Question:** if a person cannot be there on Saturday, how can she get it?

**Mr. Russell** said: we'll work something to bring it to you.

5. Mrs. Sonia Carter mentioned that on March 30<sup>th</sup> we'll have a Whatanight!! Dinning with the Mighty Cougar Band from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Whataburger located at De Zavala Rd. and IH10.

6. Mrs. Sonia Carter mentioned that we have forms available for the Funday Sunday 5K. She said: "If your student participate in the 5K and/or refer someone to this event he/she will be eligible on the \$150 drawing."

#### **D. Communications Coordinator. Esthela Guerra**

1. Mrs. Esthela Guerra talked about charms. She mentioned that we send e-mails thru Charms. She explained that Charms only allow us to send one attached file per e-mail. Lately she has sent several documents attached on a zip file and has had several questions from people asking her why they cannot open the zip file. Mrs. Guerra explained that everyone needs to use their computer to open those zip files; smart phones do not read those files and won't be able to open those files. Mrs. Guerra mentioned that she always publish all documents at the Band Website. Some documents that she sent via e-mail; and everyone can download those documents from there. She also mentioned that she updates the Band Website once a week, usually on Sundays. Mrs. Guerra encouraged everyone to visit the band website at [www.cougarband.org](http://www.cougarband.org)

2. Mrs. Esthela Guerra mentioned that we still have DVDs from the Holiday Concert available for sale. The cost of the DVDs is \$20, 100% of the DVDs sales will benefit the band. She asked if someone was interested on buying a DVD to come and see her after the meeting.

#### **Mrs. Irma Trevino**

1. Mrs. Trevino mentioned that we need water donations for upcoming events

**Mr. Tim Petersen** mentioned that he will go to Costco. We'll need sports bottles of water for the Fiesta Parade. And regular bottles of water for the upcoming events.

2. Mrs. Irma Trevino mentioned that at the Funday Sunday event we'll have Elementary performances and the fiesta commission will be there. She said that we need to raise money for the band; and we'll need vendors. Mrs. Trevino explained that last year we had 10 vendors and all of them were set up with tables. She said: "Is a lot of fun and family oriented event".

3. Mrs. Irma Trevino mentioned that we need donations for the silent auction. Mrs.

**Charlotte Contreras** said that she will send an email about it to all section parents.

4. Mrs. Trevino mentioned that we will need chaperones for the Battle of the Bands, Battle of the Flowers parade and for the UIL events.

**Mr. Russell**

1. Mentioned that we will need chaperones for UIL for every day of this event. Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup>. We'll need just a couple of chaperones per bus.
2. Mr. Russell mentioned that we are not a featured band this year at the Battle of the Flowers Band Festival. He said that the performance will be different this year. We need to be there earlier than 6:30pm on April 21<sup>st</sup>. He said that the Band will go for a 20 min. presentation. Mr. Russell mentioned that Hardendale ISD will play a song that features all color guard and percussion and some trumpets. Those students will have more rehearsal time.

**D. Memorial Day Parade Trip Chair, Christi Zuber**

1. Christi Zuber mentioned that there were some issues with the hotel accommodations. They had rooms for us all spread out in 9 floors. So we'll move to another hotel closer to downtown. Mrs. Christi Zuber said we'll stay at the Hilton Mark Center in Alexandria. We will be accommodated in 3 floors.
2. Mrs. Zuber mentioned that if someone has a direct question, please e-mail her at [bczuber@msn.com](mailto:bczuber@msn.com)

**Mr. Russell** mentioned that it is important to fill out a waiver for the parade in Washington DC and for the Battle of Flowers Parade. Students that are 18 years old can sign up by themselves.

The Nominating Committee for the Band Booster Board 2016-2017 school year are:  
Joan Petersen  
Miguel Figueroa  
Doreen Amft

**IV. Adjournment**

Irma Trevino adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.  
Minutes submitted by: Esthela Guerra  
Next meeting: Tuesday, April. 5<sup>st</sup>. 2016