

Clark Band Boosters

Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2016

I. Call to order

Irma Trevino called to order the regular meeting of the Clark Band Boosters at 7 pm on August 9, 2016 at Clark HS Band Hall.

II. Report from Director of Bands, Kevin Russell

1. Mr. Russell introduced the band directors & the band council.
2. Regular fall marching band schedule was discussed.
 - a. Regular practice schedule is: Monday afternoons from 4:30 -7 pm, Tuesday from 7-8 am, Wednesday from 7-8 am, and Thursday from 7-8 am and 4:30 -6:30 pm. If a student needs to miss a practice, please contact send Mr. Russell an email at kevin.russell@nisd.net.
 - b. Students will be leaving the practice field at end practice time, so parents picking up students should allow them time to put away instruments/etc.
 - c. There will be no marching band practice the first day of school (8/22/16), and Labor Day Monday (9/5/16). On those weeks, there will be practice on Tuesday mornings from 7-8 am AND afternoons from 4:30 -7 pm.
 - d. There will be regular marching band practice on Thursday football game days, the first one being August 25th, the first week of school. There are 5 Thursday night football games scheduled. No Saturday games this season.
3. Marching band contest schedule was discussed.
 - a. This is a "state" year. State UIL competitions follow an every-other-year schedule. There will be 6 marching contest this year.
 - b. The first marching band competition is October 1st, with US Bands. Then on October 8th, there are two, Northside and the Austin Area. October 15th is the UIL Marching Region. We are off on October 22nd. October 29th is Area UIL. November 4th & 5th is BOA. All times will be determined at a later date.

4. Practice attire was discussed.
 - a. Wear white t-shirt, black shorts, hats, sunglasses, and athletic shoes (Vans or Converse shoes discouraged)
5. Uniform attire was discussed.
 - a. Uniforms (short and long sleeved with white or black gloves and plumes)
Uniforms will provide versatility for various marching shows. There is also a new long sleeve shirt being purchased by boosters for the show.
 - b. Uniforms stay in the band hall and are not to be taken home.
 - c. Students must wear tall black socks with uniform and NO jewelry to promote uniformity and minimize visual distractions on the field. Jewelry worn for religious purposes may be worn, but covered.
 - d. No electronic devices are allowed in the stands during games and contests, but may be stowed in hat boxes on bus and may be used to contact parents for pick-up after games and contests.
6. Parents and students can find important band updates and information on the band website, cougarband.org, and you can request to be a part of the group, Clark Cougar Band, on Facebook, and you can get texts/reminders through the app "Remind," by texting 81010, class code is @de62c. Also, every student has access to their own "Charms" account. Charms Calendar password is "clarkband".
7. Students can purchase the app "drillbook next." (Cost is \$2.99, get reader only version) for mobile devices to have easy access to the marching program.
8. Reminder: Bring water donations, used to keep band hydrated during games and competitions. Students are encouraged to use their water jugs at practice. Kids should eat 3 times a day, keep up with physical conditioning and stay hydrated.
9. The band was on a schedule to go on a trip every other school year. However, since the band attended the Memorial Day Parade in Washington D.C. last May, it was decided that there will NOT be a trip this year.

III. Report from Band Booster Officers

1. President, Irma Trevino

- a. Ms. Trevino introduced the Booster Executive Board.
- b. Booster chair positions still needed are: Hospitality, First Aid, Pancake/Spaghetti Dinner, Senior Recognition, and Funday Sunday. Please contact Ms. Trevino if you are interested.
- c. Ms. Trevino recognized Lynn Gresores in charge of meals and Gailee Gaither in charge of Chaperones.
- d. All volunteers must fill out a background check (found on the band website) each year.
- e. August 11th, Thursday is Prep. Day for band students (yearbook picture/student id., etc.). Students will be released in small groups throughout the day for this. There will be other opportunities for students to take yearbook pictures besides this date.
- f. Panoramic pictures are Friday, August 12th at 2 pm, along with section pictures. Individual pictures will be taken at a later date. Panoramic photos will be sold for \$25-\$35 at the Tailgate Party.
- g. Pool Party for Band is August 12th from 6PM – 9PM at The Woods of Shavano. Soda and dessert donations are requested. Pizza and water will be provided by the boosters.
- h. The week of August 15th, summer marching band practices will be in the evenings from 6- 8 pm. Tailgate party is Tuesday, 8/16/16, at which food/refreshments and band merchandise (including Spirit Shirts, hopefully) will be sold. Courtyard concert is Thursday, 8/18/16. “Back in Black” pep rally is Saturday, 8/20/16. All these dates and more can be found on the band website and in “CHARMS.”
- i. August 22nd, Back & Black Pep Rally, 5PM – 7PM. Call time TBD.

2. Treasurer, Chris Gaither

- a. Mr. Gaither presented the budget from June 1st – July 31st for approval. A motion was carried by Patricia Chavez, and a 2nd to adopt by Walt Nichols.

- b. Mr. Gaither explained how to log into charms. It can be accessed through the cougar band website or www.charmsoffice.com. Password is the student ID, once entered, you may change the password.
3. Fundraising 1st VP, Sonia Carter
- a. Mrs. Carter is making a 2016-2017 band calendar to sell this year. She is looking for business sponsors, will sell ads, and for \$5 you can add your students birthday in the calendar. They will sell for \$20.
 - b. August 20th, After the Back & Black Pep Rally there will be a fundraiser, “dine with mighty cougar band” at Fuddruckers from 7PM – 11PM. 20% of proceeds will go back to the band.
 - c. Mrs. Carter is also planning a mattress sale fundraiser in February.
 - d. There will be another Jazz Band “Swing Dance” fundraiser in February.
 - e. There will be mulch sales for the spring fundraiser.
 - f. In April we will have our “Funday Sunday” & “5K Run” Fundraiser.
 - g. Mrs. Carter will also plan monthly “Dine with the Mighty Cougar Band” fundraisers.
4. Concessions Chair, Carl Popelar
- a. The fall concessions schedule is almost filled, we still need help for two football concessions. Please contact Mr. Popelar if interested. There will be more opportunities for concessions later in the fall for basketball, playoffs and spring events. Mr. Popelar will send an email when these become available.
 - b. Concessions is a great opportunity for students and their families to earn money to pay for band activities. Students can also work concessions for NHS hours. If signed up for an event, you will receive a confirmation email a week before the event. If you cannot make it please contact Mr. Popelar.
 - c. Mr. Popelar explained that if a parent or student sign up for an event, it is very important to show up. If you are unable to attend, please contact Mr. Popelar as soon as possible so he can get a sub. If we are late to an event or everyone is not there, the band is charged with a large fine.

5. SCRIPS Chair, Darlene Reinhard (not in attendance) Chris Gaither covered this.
 - a. SCRIPS program was described. Information about SCRIPS can be found on the band website. SCRIPS consists of a list of companies offering gift cards. The purchase of these gift cards can provide anywhere from 2-15% of the purchase toward student band accounts to pay for band activities.
 - b. Band Merchandise is available to purchase. Such as caps, jackets, booster shirts, sunglasses, decals and yard signs. Please contact Mrs. Reinhard if interested.
6. Communications, Esthela Guerra
 - a. Mrs. Guerra explained how to sync your phone calendar with the band's calendar through Charms. And encouraged everyone to visit the Band Website. Mrs. Guerra updates the band website and Charms calendar once a week. And send informative e-mails to all parents and students.
 - b. Mrs. Guerra will be taking sections photos of kids on Friday Aug. 12th after the panoramic photo. Individual photos will be taken at a later date.
 - c. Mrs. Guerra also takes the photos for the band. All photos can be viewed on the Band website. Photos can be downloaded as well from the band Website.
 - d. Mrs. Guerra also introduced the Band Section Parents.
7. Facebook, Christi Zuber
 - a. Mrs. Zuber suggested that if you purchase anything through smile.amazon.com and click on Tom C. Clark Band, a percentage will go back to the band.

8. Adjournment

Irma Trevino adjourned the meeting at 8:36PM.

Minutes submitted by: Doreen Amft

Minutes approved by: We will get that at next meeting

