

**Tabb Tiger Band Parents Board Meeting
October 13, 2014**

Meeting was called to order at approximately 7PM.

In attendance: Carol Miller, Joe Ott, Jennifer Williams, Julie Byrd, Joe Matchette, Todd Boyd, Andee Boyd, Sue Carneal, Pam Kelly, Cha McLaughlin, Beth Broderick, Bernadette Marinaro, Karen Taminger

Julie Byrd, President, opened the meeting and requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved. Julie asked that each board member introduce themselves and provide information about their particular areas.

1. Adam Waller– Mr. Waller thanked everyone for volunteering and supporting the band. He discussed the final performances for the marching season including homecoming and the Warrior Classic in Hampton. The Hampton competition is not a US Bands and will be a great opportunity for parents to see the band without going to VA Beach. He discussed how seating is assigned for the National Championship. We currently have the highest score right now in the state. Our score from the Virginia championships will factor into this. The plan for Nationals is to do a final performance at the school and then head to Allentown on Saturday evening. The schedule for the National competition will come out about 2 weeks prior to the event. Mr. Waller has already done room assignments for the students and also has a block of chaperone rooms reserved but isn't sure how many. We discussed that there are still students who have not paid for this trip yet. He will ask Terri Young to send out a reminder email. US Bands has provided us with pre-sale tickets that will be \$21 instead of \$25. Carol Miller asked about the number of Pit Crew and Chaperones who can get in for free. Mr. Waller will check on the number of free tickets we will have. Mr. Waller has been very pleased with the marching season so far.

Mr. Waller also discussed Honor Bands for this season including the UVA Band Day on November 22 which is the day of the Junior Class Ring Dance. This is \$25 and includes a rehearsal on Saturday and then a performance on Saturday night. He encourages students to consider this if they are interested in marching in college. Va Tech is also offering in January a concert band sort of like district band where students audition and then are placed in a group. CNU is also hosting a band day Jan 10 same day as all-district band rehearsal but they will allow students to skip the morning rehearsal for the district auditions. The students will get to perform in the Ferguson Center. The honor bands are by director nomination. Color Guard is open for UVA day. UVA day is open to Juniors and Seniors and the other colleges have their own guidelines. Mr. Waller will put together some information on these honor bands and send out.

Homecoming game is this Saturday, the 8th graders will be performing the pre-game show. We will plan to leave after half-time so that students can have time to change before the homecoming dance.

The percussion class has been invited to perform with a group at Liberty Baptist. They are doing the Little Drummer Boy and want a marching drum line. This will be on December 7 and the choral group will also be doing some work with them.

We will not be doing the Yorktown Day parade because it is on Sunday.

2. Joe Ott, Treasurer reported our current balance is \$10,269. Joe thanked Bernadette for keeping track of uniform costs. He discussed the year book ad and that he has not taken this out yet. The deadline is November 1. Mr. Waller said that he is normally approached by a student because they have quotas. Joe discussed clinicians and Mr. Waller indicated that there will be some additional clinicians needed for concert season. We are currently on budget for this area. There are still 15 students who have not paid their activity fee. The board will deal with this issue.

4. Jennifer Williams, Student Accounts Treasurer. Jennifer reports that she has \$5195 in student accounts. There are 46 dormant accounts \$1796 in these dormant accounts. Jennifer asked about how to deal with these dormant accounts. \$737 of these funds are from seniors who graduated 2 years ago so this money should be now moved into the general fund. We now have about \$1000 reserved from Freshman who didn't sign up for band their sophomore year and we should hold that money for another year to see if they sign up for band again. We discussed again, the approved use for funds in these student accounts. Can the money be used for personal lessons, instrument repair, rental, etc? In the past, funds were approved for all of these types of expenses. Mr. Waller thinks that personal lessons are an appropriate use for these funds. The board does not agree with this. Julie Byrd expressed her opinion that the band is providing a means for fundraising and the funds raised should stay with the band. Jennifer will work on modifying the descriptions on the web site regarding this and will also formulate an email clearly identifying how funds can be used. Jennifer will also post a list of student accounts in the band room to remind students so that students can be reminded of what's in their accounts.

3. Carol Miller, Secretary & Chaperone Coordinator. Carol Miller discussed chaperone & transportation requirements for the Nationals trip. There is a 54 person bus and there are 52 students attending. Mr. Waller explained how rooms for students are assigned and we will need about 5-6 chaperones. Pit crew needs a minimum of 7 crew but would like to have 10. Todd Boyd currently has 5 volunteers for Pit Crew. Chaperone rooms will be \$90 split between 2 chaperones per room. Julie researched a 15 passenger van and it does have a hitch to allow it to tow the trailer if we want to do that. The van would cost approximately \$25 per person. Mr. Waller feels that the band could pay for gas for the van to haul the trailer. Todd Boyd indicated that Carl Rodgers tried to rent a van to tow their Boy Scout trailer and the rental company would not allow this. Todd and Carl are both willing to tow the trailer if necessary. Carol & Todd will coordinate chaperones & pit crew for the trip and Julie will continue to research the van. The band will spend just one night in the hotel.

4. Shannon Walker, Vice President & Fundraising – Shannon will continue to be acting Vice President, however, since her son is no longer in the band, she would like for us to find another VP ASAP. Julie suggested that an underclass parent would be the best fit for this position so that there can be continuity for next year.

Chick-Fil-A raised \$138.

Fruit sales are coming up

5. Julie Byrd reported on volunteer hours that were reported for August and September.

Committee Reports:

1. Battery Fundraiser -- Mr. Waller reported that he is still working on this.
2. Fruit Sales – Sue Carneal reported that sales are about half way done. Online orders are doing well. There are still packets available. The sale ends on October 31. Sue will be available to collect order

forms in several different ways. Sue has a list of people who volunteered for distribution. Sue asked if students could help if the truck comes in early and Mr. Waller said absolutely.

3. Hospitality – The Senior Recognition went well even though it was pulled together at the last minute. The only other event is the banquet at the end of the year.
4. Remembrance – Beth Brumfield is sending out Birthday greetings via email. She sent belated greetings to students who had Birthdays over the summer.
5. Scrip Coordinator – Joe Matchette got in touch with Jennifer Wright and she is sending him the information to him. Joe is planning to simplify the list of gift cards.
6. Spirit wear – Andee Boyd reported that she has a few extra t-shirts. Carol asked if Andee had additional items like cow bells and thunder sticks. Andee has some of these available for Nationals.
7. Uniforms – Bernadette Marinaro has loaded up the chaperone bag with extra uniform pieces. She is also working on some repairs and getting a better idea of hem length. We discussed hem length and Mr. Waller will get a uniform length for pant hem to provide for us. There are still 2 students who have not picked up their marching uniforms for the next football game. Shoe orders have come in and several other items have been ordered. Windbreakers should be in by the end of this week. Several students still need to be fitted for their concert uniforms & tuxedo shirts.
8. Additional questions – Beth Brumfield asked about getting more interest and information from 8th graders. Tiger Café was briefly discussed and Julie is still looking for a chair. Julie feels that this will be an important fundraiser to have so that money is available for summer. Mr. Waller said that there is not a date on the calendar. Jennifer Williams asked about getting our band in the newspaper. Sue Carneal asked about getting our achievements on the morning announcements. Mr. Waller will take care of this as well as getting information on the Y-Line.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10. The next meeting will be November 17.