

**Godwin Band Boosters
General Membership Meeting
Sept. 8, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by president Laura Hudson at 7:30 p.m.

Laura welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone to sign the attendance sheet that was being passed around the room.

It was voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the September 3rd meeting. The minutes are available on the band's website at www.godwinband.org.

New Business

Laura read a thank you note received from Cindy LaFratta, the former president of the Boosters, for end of year gifts last spring. She also read thank you notes received from Charlotte Campbell and Clay Bradshaw, last year's recipients of the Timothy Sullivan Memorial Scholarship.

Laura had a list of people she wanted to thank including:

- Angie Smith and all the car wash helpers
- Rob Roop and Joe Droter for getting the equipment ready for the season
- Vicki Deland and any Band Camp helpers
- Corrine Cooper, Hospitality Committee for setting up last week's picnic
- Everyone who pitched in to help clean up after the picnic
- Kathy Dawson and Joan Law for getting all the uniforms ready

Laura placed the order for the 3 letterman jackets and they should deliver within 6 weeks.

Football games will begin at 7:00 p.m. this year.

There is no competition this weekend, but they are starting soon.

Sign up sheet for the Field Show is posted.

Treasurer's Report – Marilyn Moore

See attached report

Outstanding fees need to be paid to run the band smoothly. Checks will start going out to pay for meals starting Friday. If you would like to pay your fees on a payment plan, please call Marilyn to work out an arrangement.

We have already begun to receive entry fees from other band for our show.

Please fill out forms in order to be reimbursed so that Marilyn will have a paper trail on all expenditures so that any audit will go smoothly. If you would like your reimbursement check mailed to you please include your name and mailing address on the reimbursement form. Please use envelopes, available beside the Booster mailbox, for any payment that you are making to the boosters. If you have a question about the balance of your student's account please contact Marilyn by phone or email. Payments for Spring Trip can be made at any time.

Ways & Means – Angie Smith

3 car washes were held over the summer and they took in around \$1800. One more is coming up possibly on Sept. 26th.

The first fund raiser, "Enjoy the City" coupon books, is finished. 57 books were picked up for a total of \$1690 in profit. All students need to turn in the money that they collected for these books as soon as possible.

The Flag/Pizza Kit fund raiser will run next from Sept. 15th – Sept. 29th.

We will have a Yankee Candle Fund raiser in mid October for one week.

Fruit Sale will begin on Oct. 1st.

Cookie Dough Sale will be in January.

Please make sure your child's name is on everything that is turned in for fundraisers so that their accounts will be properly credited.

There was discussion about entertainment books, which we have sold for many years. We are selling the "Enjoy the City" coupon books in place of the entertainment books because it is something different, they are less expensive, and the profit is better on them.

Chaperones – Vicki Deland (absent)

Friday night dinner is all set. The kids will be having Rudino's and it will be delivered at 5:15. Chaperones are all set for Friday night.

Someone asked if we would be selling concessions during the 3rd quarter of home football games this year. So far we have found out that we cannot drive a truck into the stadium, so it is not known whether we will be able to provide concessions during that time yet.

Equipment – Joe Droter/Rob Roop

The budget for equipment is spent due to recent repairs on the truck, The ATV is having some issues, but everything else is running. The equipment is getting old and decisions should be made soon about future plans for repair or replacement. Perhaps Bingo can fill the gap in the budget?

Hospitality – Corrine Cooper

Senior Banquet will be held on the Friday of the Deep Run game, the last home game on November 6th. Corrine is looking for anyone who is willing to help the hospitality committee for this dinner.

Uniforms – Kathy Dawson/Joan Law

All uniforms needing alterations have been signed out and they are awaiting their return.

Newsletter – Kirsten Edwards for Melinda Whitehead

Information for the newsletter will be uploaded by Thursday night so if you have information that you want to publish in it, please either call or email Melinda tonight or tomorrow in order include it in this week's letter.

Mr. Auman's Report

Mr. Auman discussed the possibility of the boosters participating in Bingo as a fund raiser for the general band fund. He said that the drama boosters would be participating 1 Monday/month at the Columbian Center on Pump Rd. and that Mr. Damron projected as much as \$5000/night profit. The only expense would be the permit fee from the county. The rental is taken care of, advertising is taken care of. We would work for a portion of the proceeds. It is a philanthropic activity for the Knights of Columbus. We would probably need 15 adult volunteers per night. There is a smoking and a non-smoking section. There was a motion from the floor that we pursue Bingo as a fund raising activity. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the general membership.

The Drama Department will be presenting Sweeney Todd as the Spring Musical this year and they will be traveling to Scotland next summer. It is possible that the orchestra pit will join them. The Drama department hopes to raise enough money this year to provide at 50% subsidy for the kids.

Please call Mr. Auman with any problems or complaints or concerns you may have about your child in the band program.

Remember that practices end at 6:00 p.m. but the kids need to get in from the back field after that.

Football games start at 7 this year, instead of 7:30 as they did in previous years.

The band calendar is updated and available online. The Field Show dates are good, but the locations have not been finalized.

We will not be participating in the Tucker Free-For-All this year, as it falls on a religious holiday.

Early bird begins at 7:25 and does not usually meet on Tuesdays because of department meetings that Mr. Auman must attend.

There will be a Richmond Brass Consort performance at VCU the 1st Tuesday of October at 7:30. This is a musical group that Mr. Auman performs with.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Thompson, Secretary
Godwin Band Boosters

