

# Athens Drive Band Booster Meeting

Thursday February 2, 2017

Start Time: 7:30 / Attendance: 25

Booster co-president, Susan Harrell opened the meeting and welcomed parents.

Minutes: Approved as presented for January 12, with two minor corrections.

**Winter Percussion (Amanda G.):** No major updates; rehearsals are chugging along.

**Winter Guard (Angie):** Winter Guard is going well. The floor and uniforms have arrived. Parent involvement is high and all volunteer slots for upcoming practices and competitions have been filled. The first competition is this Saturday, February 4th @ 2:50pm at Cleveland High School in Clayton NC.

**Recruiting:** Dillard Spring Fling is April 28th. Winter Guard and Winter Percussion as well as band representatives will have a recruiting table at this event. A few parents will be working on a set of recruiting resources to help streamline student and parent-led recruiting visits to middle schools. We will

**PNC:** We are more than halfway through the year. February events are filled. We have about 15 slots through the end of the year.

**Let's Eat:** The next event is at Chipotle in February; date is still being finalized. 50% of sales go to the band general fund. This is a profitable event for us.

**Durham Bulls:** The team is working on some issues with our Bulls contract and the financial benefits to the band are being evaluated. The coordinators should be better able to update families on the status of this fundraiser at the March meeting.

**Railhawks:** Railhawks is now called NC Football Club (NCFC). They have also bought a women's team called NC Courage. They are still planning to have games at WakeMed soccer park and we will start working games in March. They are applying for professional status, and will need a new stadium to qualify. So we're not sure how that will affect our participation in the long run. For now, the contract is the same as last year. Students 14 and up may work this fundraiser with a working adult. This is a great fundraiser for us -- pays \$20 per shift and proceeds go directly into family accounts.

**Grocery cards:** Susan Harrell is handling this while Jean Burroughs is out of town. Contact Susan to purchase grocery cards this month.

**SCRIP:** Susan H. will be in the band room at the end of 4th period session at the Spring Open House to distribute SCRIP card orders. If you cannot make it to open house to pick up your cards, contact Susan to make other arrangements to pick them up from her.

**Car Wash coupons:** Jennifer reviewed the car wash coupon program. She also asked that parents check their account statements and let her know if any credits for sales appear to be missing, as she has found a small error in her accounting.

**BBQ Sale:** is scheduled for April 28th, 10:00 - 6:00pm. Will be also marketed as a “dinner and a show” event as the Spring musical is that evening.

**Cary Music and Arts Festival:** The date is set for April 23, 2017. This event showcases performance groups from local high schools. We have enough ensembles signed up to offer a 3-4 hour program. Press releases have been drafted and will go out soon. CMAF received a grant award of \$1500 from the Town of Cary to help fund the festival this year. We got one of the larger awards offered this year. Thanks to Michelle Young for her help with the grant application.

**Chaperone Signups:** We have completed the transition to the new signup.com system for chaperone signups. The website volunteer page has been reconfigured to streamline signups for various activities. Documentation for managing signups are also posted on the site. New signup categories have to be requested through the chaperone coordinator team. Entry and maintenance of individual slots can then be maintained directly by the various committee chairs. Sarah Page is still working on trying to implement a calendar grid view. Feedback from attendees is that the system is working well, but the calendar feature is highly desired, by March 2017 if possible.

**All-Band Yearbook (Susan Uy):** Information will be on the website soon so that families can review the yearbook before ordering in late April. Cost will be \$18.86 + \$6.00 for optional hardcover, with an option to add additional personal pages (after the two free ones) for \$3.99 each. Susan is also willing to offer a training session for creating personal pages at or before the next booster meeting.

**Posters:** Susan Uy has designed band recruiting/promotional posters. She has a great discount if we order soon and in

**Band camp:** Dates have been set July 30 - August 4. Other Summer dates for pre and post camp will be posted asap. Dates will be communicated to 8th grade contacts in the emails that go out for Spring concerts. We will also include a calendar at the Curriculum night table from 8th grade families who attend.

**Treasurer Report:** (Richard Spalding & Pam Rusnak): Pam and Richard are switching their treasurers roles, as is customary at mid-years; Richard will be taking and logging payments, and Pam will be taking care of outgoing funds/payments. They are busy reviewing tax documents and filing required annual paperwork. Budget is in pretty good shape. There are a number of accounts for which marching band fees have not been paid. Please contact the treasurers if you have questions about your account or need to discuss payment plans.

**Atlanta Trip (Richard):** Trip date is set for May 19-21, 2017. Cost will be finalized within the next few days The letter, itinerary and forms have been drafted and should go out The trip will include visits to the Georgia Aquarium and World of Coca Cola in downtown Atlanta; a group dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe; a day at Six Flags over Georgia, visit to the Martin Luther King Memorial site; and a stop at Stone Mountain. Will travel on Friday and the kids will miss school that day. Doc will talk with Mr. Mares to see if we can get that day not counted as an absence for senior exam exemptions purposes. Anyone in any of the bands is invited to perform at Six Flags.

**Volunteer Needs for next year:**

- Fruit & Nut sale Co-chair

- Concert Attire helpers
- Senior Recognition Chair
- Railhawks/NCFC Chair
- Mattress Sale co-chair
- Uniforms Co-chair
- Grant Writing Chair
- Gotta Luv Golf Chair
- Meals & Snacks Co-chair
- Bulletin Board Co-chair

**Operations/Transportation:** If anyone has connections in the trucking industry who might offer advice regarding insurance, issues around hiring drivers, etc. contact Richard, Corey or Susan

**Outback Bowl:** is on Jan 1st, 2018. Save dates for this trip: Dec. 28ish - Jan 1ish 2018.

**Director's report:**

- Doc met with Mr. Mares to talk about the scope and quality of our music and performance programs. Mr. Mares indicated that there may be some funding in the future for arts programs and he is interested in maintaining the auditorium better. Doc is very pleased with the tone that Mr. Mares is setting in terms of support for arts programs. The magnet program is bringing in more people for tours and exposing more potential
- We have been formally accepted for performance at the
- Mr. Mares is supportive of efforts to get into the Rose Parade. He attended the parade with the band when Broughton performed in this
- The show is being written for next year. The theme is "Adventure Awaits" with Disney/Epcot music for the opener; 2nd movement will be adventure travel themed; last movement is a salute to adventure heroes like Indiana Jones, Pirates of the Carribean, the Incredibles, etc.
- Eleven students are doing honor band, some in very high positions. Six of them are eligible to audition for All-State. Some are doing a special honor band in February at UNC-G.
- Doc was a clinician for an Eastern NC honors band.
- The entire front page of the last issue of the School newspaper, the Oracle, featured the marching band.

Meeting adjourned: 8:45