

## **BEYER BAND AND COLOR GUARD GENERAL MEETING**

**September 6, 2011**

Type of meeting: General Meeting

Location: Beyer HS Band Room

Attendees: Board Members-Charlene Cano, Carol Chladek, Jane Johnson, Patricia Christensen, Scott Halderman, Michael Faircloth, Mr. Rivera, Nate Bourg, Parents

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of the 8-1-11 General Meeting were approved with no changes.

### **Introductions**

Parents, Board, and Directors

### **President's Message/Welcome – Char**

Char welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and shared with new families, what they can expect at these monthly meetings and to feel comfortable attending and participating with comments and/or questions which are always welcomed.

### **Band Directors Report – Mr. Rivera**

Mr. Rivera shared with everyone the positive response and compliments he received from Administration and Athletics on the effective role the Band played at the game Thursday night.

It was a much improved performance over the last two years, especially with the Band on the field at the beginning of the game.

For the game this Friday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, students should wear a solid color shirt of red, white, or blue, or a Beyer shirt. We will be honoring the 9/11 Responders on this evening.

Mr. Rivera will be inviting the local middle schools to play with us at the 10/6 game.

Parent question – can students be released early on Thursday night games? Administration is pushing us to stay for the entire game; fortunately the only other Thursday night game is the evening before a furlough day.

### **Public Input**

-Saturday, 9/17 – Danielle Boudreaux has offered her home for a get-together for anyone interested, especially new parents to the program, to inform and share what to expect this year and at competitions. Char will send a separate email with the invite and how to contact Danielle if you are interested in attending. Everyone is welcome to attend. Thank you Danielle!

-Mr. Rivera encourages all parents, families, friends, neighbors, to attend our competitions. Beyer is known for having the loudest group of supporters for our kids!

-Question – what can we do to get more parents involved with the program? Hopefully with the new earnings system this year, more will stay involved. Nate pointed out that with our weekly email communications to reach everyone, that in some ways this could work against us in meeting attendance. Maybe we should have something at the meetings that aren't part of the electronic communications. Danielle suggested parents in attendance to give their raffle tickets to the students to be redeemed at school the next day for some type of reward.

Becky suggested we set up a buddy system to contact freshmen parents on a regular basis in hopes they will begin to feel more comfortable and willing to attend or participate in an event.

### **Budget – Jane**

A current copy of the budget, income and expenses, was passed out to all. Expenses this year total \$101,400.00 with Staff being the largest expense, almost half of the budget. We have 13 staff for Guard and all the Band sections. Their talent and experience is what makes our program the best! Second largest expense is travel for Championships coming in at \$14,000.00 this year - \$6,000.00 for buses and \$8,000.00 for hotels.

We welcome all donations from parents as well as businesses for products or services. The largest amount of income is Donations which are down at this point. We will need cash donations to begin coming in. Periodically, we may ask for specific donation amounts towards upcoming events if we are short funds. We will never exclude any student from participating or traveling but we will need to have cash for everyone to participate/travel. We do not want to have to cancel any trip or competition due to lack of cash.

### **Upcoming Fundraisers and Events – Trish**

-Benefit Day/Rummage Sale – fly-by tickets are available; about 120 are sold; we expect a high return this year

-March-A-Thon – budget is \$5,000.00. If students raise this amount, they will have earned a dance party. Cash rewards to the top 3 sellers.

-VIP Discount cards – this is extended one week so we can sell them at Benefit Day

-Texas Roadhouse BBQ – sponsored by Athletics; we will get to keep a portion of our ticket sales

-Uno's Family Night – Wed, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>. This is in place of the Chevy's night due to a scheduling conflict at Chevy's.

-Band Camp – Sept 30<sup>th</sup> & Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, \$5.00 spaghetti dinner and talent show

-MIV – keep selling ads! Proceeds from our ads & presold tickets stay in our program; we don't have to split with the other schools

-Japanese Home Stay – a great experience; you are matched with two same sex students in your home for approximately 5-7 days and you will earn \$25.00 per student towards your donations to the program

-Local Grocery Store cards & Escript is available from Trish

-Qdoba cards are coming – cards are \$10.00 each and we keep \$9.00 of that

### **Committees – Char**

Community Partnership – this committee will solicit help from local businesses for donations and/or sponsorship. The mail campaign has begun and soon some online applications will be sent out. Parents, your company is welcome to participate and we also invite other parents to join the committee.

### **Casino Night – Char**

This will be in January at the Sylvan Club – we are receiving free and reduced cost donations on prizes, the facility, gaming tables, food prep, and much more. More details to follow as we get closer to January.

### **Bingo – Char**

Char is researching what is involved to begin this year round fundraiser which will require regular parent help. A Bingo program has a great return potential. There are some up-front costs involved. More to come on this.

### **E-waste – Scott**

For this Benefit Day, both of the companies we use were not able to provide a truck on site so we will have to stack and store for pickup the following week.

### **Benefit Day Donations & Sign-ups – Scott**

Food donation sheet was passed around. Anyone donating food will need to drop off by 8:00 am Saturday morning of Benefit Day.

Our souvenir table is set up at each monthly General Meeting for you to purchase pins, shirts, hats, etc.

Door prize drawings for one of the new decals.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.