

## *Minutes from the Sept. 10 Booster Meeting*

1. **Welcome**- Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Scott Chan, Booster President, welcomed everyone. Minutes were reviewed and approved by motion from Becky Cox, seconded by Denise Pitt.

2. **Principal Ken James** was introduced, and presented his decision to move the marching band to the southern end of the stands. His reasons included that he had received complaints from spectators, football parents, and staff members that the band was too loud, and created a visual obstacle to the game. He also stated that he found it highly unusual that our band sat at the 50-yard line, because “no other school that he had ever been at” allowed their band to sit in these prime seats. He stated that it was a football game, not a band performance.

A 45 minute question/answer period ensued. Several parents were visibly upset, and voiced their opinions and concerns. Mr. James was unapologetic, and finally Scott Chan concluded the forum by “agreeing to disagree”.

3. **Treasurer’s Report**: Amber Labrum provided the financial report:

Expenses: 7180.99

Income: 8147.43

Tax Credits: 4420.00

4. **New Business**:

- Mr. Kiesgen reported on the jazz group “Dubblestuff” coming to perform at Basha. More details to follow.
- Mr. Kiesgen also reported that a second performance would be added on to the Bands of America competition in Las Vegas. The marching band will first travel to St. George, Utah for an invitational Friday night (Oct. 24), then continue on to Las Vegas to compete there on Saturday. Some details were discussed, and questions fielded from parents. More detailed information is coming, but it was mentioned that we would need a “Food Manager” for the trip—parent/s that are willing to plan and serve several meals to the students over the duration of the trip.
- Tracey Sweeney gave information regarding hotel room availability for any interested families. Parents can book a room (through Tracey) at the Hilton Garden Inn (where the students are staying) for \$99/night. Tracey also reported on the availability of a “booster bus” if enough parents were interested in signing up.
- Scott stated that the Charms website is up and functioning, and we are currently investigating how to allow credit card payments through the website.
- Discount Cards were introduced, and Tracey and Scott discussed the recommendation that every student sell at least 2 to cover the cost of the specialized UnderArmor shirts for each student. The cost of the cards is \$10, and we make 100% profit on them, so it is a very lucrative fundraiser for us.

- Festivals: Preliminary information was shared on the needs for the AZPAS festival and our own invitational, “Sounds Along the San Tans”, e.g. tables, chairs, canopies, etc. Mike Volpentest reminded everyone about the need to donate water and soda for the Concession stand. If we can get enough donated through our families, this will be pure profit for us at the festivals.

**Additional Items:**

- Bashas’ “Shop & Give” program was introduced by Patty Chan, and small reminder cards were available on the table to remind families of our sponsorship number. Patty stated that all one has to do is tell the cashier to link their card to “24523”, and thereafter we earn a percentage of sales.
- Everyone was reminded about our Panda Express fundraiser evening the next day, Sept. 11, and encouraged to attend. A reminder was also given about upcoming Rubio’s and California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser nights.
- **Band Council:** Rebecca DeLong reported out on the upcoming fundraisers for/by students: Cell phone drive, “Can You Spare a Dollar” campaign, and Car Washes. Car Washes will be divided up by section; Percussion will staff the first one.
- Questions were fielded by Mr. Kiesgen regarding illness, missed practices, and ineligibility for performances.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40.