

Flat Rock Band Boosters

Executive Board Meeting
September 12, 2011

Matthew Price, Youlanda Davidson, Anna Regi, Susan Eason, and Tracy Ploeckelmann were in attendance. Meeting began at 6:30pm.

Reports

Treasurer: Anna Regi stated that funds available are approximately \$11,000.00. Some parents still have not paid band fees or returned signed contracts.

Booster Status: Matthew asked if the Booster Club was incorporated and Anna confirmed that we are. Anna is currently working on finishing the paperwork for 501C-3 status. She stated that she needs help from Matt compiling an inventory of band assets. Specifically, she needs a list of instruments, musical compositions, and other equipment owned by the band along with the value of each. Matthew agreed to help put together this information. Matthew stated that we must begin using Robert's Rules of Order in all of our meetings. We must make sure to document everything we do, because at the end of the year we'll have to submit all of our documentation to the FCBOE for approval.

Clinicians: Matthew mentioned that Mr. Lugo is coming in to help the students once a week for \$150.00. Do we have enough funds to continue doing this for the rest of the year? A discussion ensued about what was done last year. It was decided by all to reassess the situation later in the year.

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Parents were in attendance. Matthew Price, Youlanda Davidson, Anna Regi, Susan Eason, and Tracy Ploeckelmann were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Youlanda Davidson at 7:05 pm.

Youlanda introduced herself as Booster Club President and called Matthew Price up to speak to everyone.

Orlando trip: Matthew Price reminded parents about the Orlando trip and that the first payment was due in October.

Percussion Practice: Matt explained that he wanted to work more with the percussionists. To do this he was going to set up percussion practice on Wednesdays after school. The practice would begin this Wednesday September 14. A parent asked if percussion practice would just be scheduled as needed, or if it would be a weekly event? Matt answered that it would be weekly, on Wednesday from 3:40 – 5:00pm.

Practice records: Matthew said that practice records are being completed by 85-90% of the students. He stated that low grades on progress reports are probably due to not turning in practice records.

Officers: Matthew introduced the officers of the Executive Board.

Band: Matthew mentioned that the first football game will be tomorrow (Sept. 13) and the 7th – 8th grade Symphonic band will play. They must wear the blue polo shirt, jeans, and tennis shoes. The game starts at 5:00pm. The 6th grade concert band has received their first piece of music and is doing great. They are eager and excited. They will have a costume concert in the FRMS gym on Oct. 27. Mr. Price will determine guidelines for costumes. Matt says that before each class begins, the whole band recites the band pledge everyday. He uses it to redirect when someone gets in trouble.

Treasurer: Anna gave the financial report. There is approximately \$11,000 in the bank. She stated that 66% of band fees have been collected. Notes will go home soon to those who haven't paid.

Old Business

Box Tops: Youlanda gave the details about the competition that began this week. The class that collects the most box tops will win a pizza party in December. There will be other prizes such as passes to Dixie Land and Six Flags. She stated that the goal was to raise \$2000 this year. All box tops collected will go to the band as they are the only organization collecting them at school.

New Business

Robert's Rules: Youlanda said that we would be using Robert's Rules of Order to conduct our meetings and gave a general overview of the rules.

Magazine Sales: Starting Sept. 20 through Oct. 7. Students may sell door-to-door and/or online.

Volunteers: Youlanda said that volunteers are needed for chaperone, concessions help, 6th grade costume concert decorations, transporting instruments and Icee sales. Tamatha has a list of dates available. Donations of drinks are still needed for concessions.

By-laws: Matthew put the by-laws on the overhead projector for everyone to see while he discussed the purpose of the booster club. He explained that each parent was a member of the booster club. He stated that our goal as a booster club is to do what's best for the kids. He explained the expulsion language that was to be voted on and that it was a "worst case scenario" to remove a board member. Anna Regi motioned for adoption of the expulsion language. Susan Eason seconded. All voted in favor.

Questions: A parent asked if there was a direct donation option, where someone could just write a check to the band boosters instead of participating in the various fundraisers. Many people thought this was a good idea. Youlanda and Susan asked if we could create a form for people to use. The executive board will look into it. A parent wondered if the time that the Pep Band plays at football games can be counted towards practice time? Matthew replied in the affirmative.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Anna Singleton, seconded by Beth Knight-Scott. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.