

East Clinton Band Booster Meeting
February 6, 2006
7:00 p.m.

Present: Sam Minge, Music Director, Sue Reynolds, Secretary, Jani Anderson, Cathy Jones, Assistant Treasurer, Susan Thompson, Treasurer, Kathy Keltner.

Mr. Minge expressed thanks to all who helped with the chili supper this past Saturday. Mr. Minge will send thank you letters. Sue will write a letter to the editor of the Wilmington News Journal thanking all participants.

Mr. Minge announced the next band concert, scheduled for March 2. The Kings Island trip is scheduled for May 20, tentatively. The performance will be held at Middletown Christian School in Franklin. They are asking for \$100 deposit to reserve our space.

Looking ahead to next fall Mr. Minge has begun work on the music arrangements for marching band. He gave the group details and plans to send a packet home with each student for parents' information.

Mr. Minge is looking for a color guard assistant, to be paid from school funds. Kathy Keltner asked what role Mrs. Hayden will fill. Not determined. Mr. Minge explained the budget for marching band and the supplemental contracts. Outside of Mr. Minge's supplemental contract, there are additional \$500 and \$1500 supplemental contracts for band assistants. Approximately \$1500 is needed from band boosters to supplement the staffing, since there are no additional monies available from the school board. He plans to ask for a \$50 band fee per student to help offset the costs of staffing, drill, and uniform maintenance and purchase.

Mr. Minge has developed a better system for exempting students from marching band due to medical or sports conflicts. Along with the new system a grade point expectation will be put in place.

Disney trip:

The trip is scheduled for spring of 2007. He estimates the total cost per student/chaperone to be \$600. To help fund the trip Mr. Minge discussed the scrip fund raising program and the need for a volunteer to manage the orders and distribution.

Uniform drive: Total amount needed for new uniforms is \$20000 for 60 uniforms

Mr. Minge discussed the idea of obtaining new uniforms in small steps—starting with new black bib pants (approximately \$45/pair.) The idea of a mailing to start off the drive was discussed.

The golf outing was also discussed, with funds going toward the uniform drive. The need for a uniform drive chairperson was discussed.

Chili supper report:

Susan Thompson reported that the committee earned a total \$800.45.

Sue Reynolds reported that the committee earned \$90 on the sweatshirt sale. Sales will continue on the web and at future events.

Cathy Jones reported that the supper should start earlier next year, as a large crowd was missed. She also suggested we run a PowerPoint presentation during the event. Mr. Minge will ask Thomas Rupp to put together the presentation. Sponsors, band video and upcoming events will be showcased.

More trays are needed! Susan will investigate.

Upcoming events:

Kathy Keltner reported on a fund raising opportunity through Community Market. Raffle tickets toward a shopping spree will be sold for \$5. The winner will be allowed a 90 second shopping spree. Kathy Keltner will organize this event. Each student will be given 10 tickets to sell.

Kathy Keltner also reported on a planned Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 8, along with an Easter egg hunt. The event will be held at the school, and photos with the Easter Bunny will be available. The drawing for the Community Market shopping spree will be done during the breakfast, with the spree being held the week before Easter.

Bingo: March 25, 2006. Kathy and Sally Orihood will organize this event.

Kathy suggested the boosters do another chili supper during homecoming.

Cathy suggested we make aprons embroidered with East Clinton Astro Band Boosters for use during our fundraising events. Kathy Keltner volunteered to make the aprons.

Sue will handle the advertising of events with press releases, radio spots, flyers, cable access and web site listings.

Election of Officers:

The need for a president and vice president was discussed. Mr. Minge is researching the existing bylaws for updating. Duties of each office were discussed.

President: lead meetings, recruit volunteers, spokesperson for the organization, attend most events, introduce events, delegate responsibilities.

Next meeting scheduled for March 6, 2006.