

East Clinton Band Boosters  
November 6, 2006

Present: Sam Minge, Kathy Keltner, Jani Anderson, Sue Reynolds, Susan Thompson, Cathy Jones

Susan Thompson presented a treasurers report, including money donated toward the uniform drive. Report of donations is attached. Uniform drive account: \$9,614.30. Checking account \$5,378.89.

Mr. Minge presented boosters with an invoice for drill writing. Kathy raised an objection to boosters paying salaries such as drill writing and assistant band director supplemental. She questioned the role of boosters in financial support of the band. Mr. Minge noted that it is common for boosters to pay supplemental for assistant staff and drill writing.

Kathy reported she mailed applications for Kroger cards. She is awaiting a response. Sue suggested we apply for Target school dollars. She will research.

Kathy requested Mr. **Minge have Bill Hargrave put up the money box.**

Kathy brought up the breakfast with Santa. She asked the group for input. Sue noted that events in December are sometimes not well attended as it is a busy time of year. She asked for a vote—breakfast with Santa will not be scheduled. Motion passed.

Jani asked for details on the honor band auditions, which are scheduled for December 2 in Hamilton, OH. Mr. Minge will send home details.

Kathy reported on scheduling for chili supper. Parent's night was suggested, however it is not listed in the schedule.

Kathy asked for a report on novelty sales. We still have a need for a more permanent booth during football games. Cathy suggested we set up a booth during boys' basketball games. She suggested we offer face painting. Jani will recruit volunteers based on the varsity home basketball schedule on the school's web site.

Sue pointed out the sales during the last band concert. The boosters agreed to set up tables for clothing items after all concerts.

Kathy will place our first scrip order this week. She will report the results at the next meeting.

Mr. Minge reported that the band recorded a parade videotape for the Disney trip recently. Trip arrangements are being finalized.

Next sale item is butter braids. Magazine sales end this week, and a sale of kitchen gadgets and kitchen items are scheduled also.

Mr. Minge will review final judges comments from Saturday's preliminary competition. He reported that the band received higher scores than in previous years. He has also received very positive comments from teachers and parents.

Mr. Minge reported that Colonial Music was bought out by a national chain. The change affects boosters in the way payments are made for services only.

Needs for 2007 Marching Band season

Mr. Minge will recruit Wilmington College students who are interested in community service to help direct and assist the band.

Volunteers are needed to build carts for pit equipment. Crews are needed to set up at each event. Uniform attendants are also needed for plumes, hats and uniforms as the band comes off the field. Mr. Minge also pointed out the need for snacks and water at competitions. Parent volunteers are needed to organize.

Jani suggested we contact parents during the initial instrument fittings in order to recruit volunteers.

Uniform purchase

Mr. Minge presented the group with an initial drawing for the purchase of 60 new uniforms. Boosters has raised  $\frac{1}{2}$  the cost of uniforms, which will be our down payment. Continued fund raising will raise the remaining amount. The group agreed to put up a display during the Christmas concert for the uniform drive. Sue will make a sign indicating the amount raised so far and how far we have to go.

Kathy asked for a motion to purchase the uniforms using the design presented by Mr. Minge. Total purchase price is \$14, 010. Company requires a 50% deposit, which is \$7005. Sue made the motion, Jani seconded. Motion passed.

Auditions

Cathy suggested we require auditions for guard next year. Mr. Minge agreed, and explained the requirements for audition. More discussion to follow. Kathy then asked about the possibility for marching band auditions as well, and going to a volunteer marching band with the course receiving  $\frac{1}{4}$  credit. Discussion followed. Mr. Minge noted he was in favor of such a program and indicated he would need our support with administration. He explained the change in numbers for both concert and marching band he expects to see with such a change.

Respectfully submitted by: Sue Reynolds