

**MINUTES – SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL
BAND PARENT ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**

August 4, 2009

ATTENDING:	P.L. Malcolm	Director
	Andrea Newhouse	Director
	Cherie Heckford	President
	Scott Smith	Vice President
	Michele Wawoe	Treasurer – Student Accounts
	Kevin Fletcher	Web Master
	Penny Fletcher	Photo/Video Chair
	Terry Sisaleumsak	Fundraising Chair/12th grade rep.
	Gary Vogel	Alumni Rep.
	Joe Heckford	

Cherie Heckford opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m. She welcomed everyone in attendance; indicated that we were looking forward to an exciting year; and asked that we institute a new procedure. All committee reports will be e-mailed to the Board by the Friday before our meetings so that all Board Members will have the opportunity to study the reports and prepare questions. Oral presentations will thus take less time and be more effective at the Board Meeting.

Mr. Malcolm then spoke about what has been going on and what will be coming up in the future year.

Two summer practices were held – they went very well. He said that the Band Council had met that morning and then outlined what would be happening during band camp. As the football field has had a sprinkler system installed and new sod installed, no one is allowed to use it right now. Therefore, the students will be practicing their marching in the old gym in the mornings and on the practice field in the evenings. He reminded everyone that parking will be a problem and students should be dropped off at the bus ramp or park by the pool.

Since we will not have a field on which to hold our show for the parents on Friday night, the kids will march into the auditorium and play there.

Previous Minutes: the previous minutes were discussed. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the previous minutes with minor typographical corrections.

Treasurer's Report: financials were passed out to the Board Members present. Cherie advised the Board Members of the purchase of a snow cone machine. This promises to be a big money maker. Motion, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Band Camp: Cherie announced that Scott Smith would be running Band Camp this year, with Aurora Reyes as his second-in-command. Scott will be there the entire time; Aurora will be there for meals to the end, except for Tuesday when she will be at Band Camp all day. Scott Smith addressed the need to be flexible with the new challenges we will have at band camp. Aurora Reyes indicated she has 7-10 people signed up for each day and she needs cell phone numbers to contact people as they will be spread out over the campus. A cell phone sheet was passed around.

Registration Nights: Aurora Reyes announced that the notary services are covered. Cherie announced that we now have a credit card machine that will be used. Minimum purchases on this machine will be \$25.00. We will be able to use this service during football season on the field. Scott Smith stated he will man a welcome area and attempt to recruit incoming 9th grade parents. It was agreed that shoes will be charged at \$35.00 for anyone needing new shoes (other than gunkies).

London Trip: The proposed trip to London was discussed. Cherie has had several telephone conversations with Jonathan Whaley, our contact in London. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$2795 per person. A payment schedule that had been proposed by Jonathan Whaley was presented. It would be \$100 in November 2009; \$300 in March 2010, \$600 in May 2010, \$800 in September 2010, with the balance (@\$1800) due in November 2010. It was decided that a survey would be handed out at the parent meeting on Friday night of band camp to see what the interest level is.

Letterman Jackets: Cherie corrected a prior Treasurer's Report indicating a lower profit that had been reflected on the Letterman Jackets. She reported that we actually made a profit last school year of approximately \$1200.

Tax Return: Cherie reported that the accountant has the information needed for the tax return; the BPA has purchased the Quickbooks program; the tax return will be filed before August 15.

New Business.

Secretary Position: Cherie announced that the Bozarth/Simmons family has moved to Lake Howell, opening up the Executive Board position of Secretary (formerly held by Michele Bozarth) and the Committee Chair position of Photo/Video (formerly held by Bryan Bozarth). After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to appoint Dave Darby to the position of Secretary.

Photo/Video: On motion seconded and passed, Penny Fletcher was appointed Chair of the Photo/Video Committee.

Schedule Pickup: it was discussed that volunteers are needed on Monday and Tuesday, August 17 and 18, for schedule pickup to sell locks, sodas, chips, etc. Gary Vogel volunteered to work on Monday the 17th; Aurora Reyes volunteered to work on Tuesday the 18th. Cherie said her daughter, Kayla, had offered to work both days; Aurora said her two sons also would work both days.

Web: Kevin Fletcher presented a new web service to the Board which would save money and enhance our services. He also presented a service with which we could send blast e-mails to our parents. Both ideas were discussed, motions were made, seconded, and passed to accept these two new services. Kevin will take care of implementing these changes.

Kevin also presented the idea of placing the photos and videos predominantly on a Band Shutterfly account. The administration and uploading onto this account could only be accessed by authorized persons. This was formalized into a motion, which was seconded and passed.

Fundraising: Scott Smith reported that he had spoken with people at UCF about working concessions at the football field and arena. Although these spots are pretty full, he has some preferred status and we may be able to get in. To be considered, we need a minimum of four people to show up at UCF on Saturday, August 22, from 9-2 for training. An e-mail will be sent out soliciting volunteers. Sherry Quest, Joe Heckford, Scott Smith, and Aurora Reyes offered to participate on the spot. UCF pays 9-11% of the retail sales to the school. The workers would have to purchase a shirt (\$7). Workers must be at least 16 years old; 18 to work around alcohol. A motion was made, seconded and passed to move forward with this plan.

Newsletter: Michele Wawoe spoke about getting out the first newsletter. She has asked for articles for the newsletter by August 24.

Drum Major Camp: Mr. Malcolm reported that our drum majors made pass and review again this year. This has been consistent for the last 10+ years. We should be very proud of our drum majors.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m.