

## ECHS BAND BOOSTERS MEETING: August 25, 2009

**WELCOME:** Co-Presidents, Jim and Laura Johnson welcomed everyone to our first official meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Minutes of last meeting approved. Motion to accept as read- Jennifer Pummill, 2nd motion-Beth Brown.

Volunteer forms: Great response from parents. Committee leaders were reminded to contact everyone who volunteered, including those who did not specify an event. We want all parents to feel connected and welcome. Senior committee leads especially need to consider successors to their positions.

Freshman Orientation: July this year, previous years have held the meeting in the spring prior to entering high school. Mr. C. and Board to review and plan date for incoming freshman.

Band Camp: Awesome camp this summer. Tammy Cook (Food Mom) and her volunteers were recognized for their efforts providing snacks during the 2 weeks. Each class donated fruit on a daily basis to ensure freshness. Freezer-pops were a hit with the entire band & guard! All items were donated by parents.

Bowling Party: Aug. 5 at Rainbo Lanes (\$215, including shoe rental), was attended by 125 band members and many chaperones. 14 doz. cookies (Walmart-\$28 our cost), 60 pizzas (Papa John's-\$295 our cost), 6 cases of donated water used.

Parent Preview: Aug. 6 @ Rice Field. The band performed to show their accomplishment during band camp. The parent attendance was very high, indicating great support of the band! Board members were introduced. New show merchandise sale items on display, orders began, "Forever"Band T-shirts were available for purchase (over \$130 collected). Next year: need more on hand!

Band Trailers: Maintenance performed and ready to roll (\$102.41 parts, \$100 labor).

Student Acct.: Letters sent out to parents with balance information. Thank you to Sherrie Anspach for providing the balances. Questions need to be directed to Gary Ganger or Mr. C.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Director's Report: Mr. Carnall reported the show is done-3 or 4 weeks ahead of schedule! First football game was a great performance and showed a very self-disciplined group. They have a "big sound" this year, with good marching. The color guard is doing very well. The battery (drum line) is "fantastic," a big turn around for them! Very pleased with progress of everyone. Weekly practices will continue on the same schedule: evening practice day moved to Wed. to allow the Ft. Wayne staff to assist. Thursdays are review for the weekend contests. Mr. Serge has made a grassy area available to the band for the grass experience, as the football field is in use during the week. A big thank you to him.

Sat. 8/29/09 is "Tech Day" with 8-5 practice. The show staff will be present to assist with visuals, etc. to "fine-tune" the show. No Labor Day Parade this year.

Uniforms: 2 weeks to fit and ready the new uniforms! Hats will need the "bling" attached. Guard uniforms will arrive first of Sept. Flags need mending & laundering.

Photos (by Steve Allen Photography) are planned for Friday 9/11/09, 3:30-6 pm.

Calendar: A newsletter with upcoming calendar available soon. June 6, 2010 Commencement, with the trip to Disney World planned for June 7 (6 days). Cost \$898. More information soon.

Contests: Stressing the importance of competing with performance scores, NOT other bands! The goal is to improve the scores, each performance. It is a big band this year - 165 members!

Treasurer's Report (Sherrie Anspach): Summer has the bulk of expenses! Band fee payments need to continue, to ensure the timely payments of the band's expenses (contest entrance fees, staff payroll, etc.). Other bills are yet to come in. Specific questions can be directed to the Co-Presidents or the Treasurer.

Pit Crew: Gary Ganger is in charge and reports that we have a very able crew this year, with experienced members and new members. Repairs have been underway, need new tires/wheels on the mallet instruments (difficult to roll). Crew shirts \$25 with names embroidered, if purchasing. Some shirts from last year are available. Plan to order jackets again (\$25). Old towels are in need for wiping down the instruments (rain!) and will be stored in the trailers. Tarps may help protect the instruments without covers. The sound cart needs a new handle. The crew feels they have more flexibility and speed this year and do not need a golf cart (which takes up trailer space).

Props: coming soon! Jeff Steele and Kyle Hannon are coordinating the construction and need many volunteers: for the construction AND for the movement on and off the field!

Video: Freshman parent, Jeff Pummill introduced himself and explained his ideas for this year's dvd. He would like volunteers to send photos from phones, cameras, video, etc. Send by email. He would like ANY photos (candid shots, etc. but please let him know who is the subject).

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**Fundraising:** Kris Martin

Peelers: Great response this year. \$4800 to st. accts. and \$2800 to the band. Few are still out (each member is responsible for 5 peelers cost).

Hacienda Night: Oct. 5, tokens will be available in Sept.

SCRIP: This month's order was BIG! Great participation by many. Unfortunately, the plan to have Martin's SCRIP on hand for weekly purchase, will not be possible at this time. We will continue to revisit this plan and may offer Martin's SCRIP at a later date.

Ad Program: new this year (entire Music Dept: Choir & Orchestra) will participate. Forms are available to take to various sponsors. These businesses will have opportunities for advertisement (promote their business and encourage music in the schools). 40% of the amount will go to the student account of the one obtaining the donation! Window decals will be available to those making a \$25 or greater donation. Kim Clark explained the ads. Send her the info to make your own ad for your band member. She will be coordinating the business ads, send ideas to her for the book.

**MISC. Business:**

Friday Football Dinners & Contest Days: The band boosters are providing dinner for the entire band on football game days and away contests. Food donations will be recruited. Wed. night practice will be the night to drop off non-perishables. Some ideas for goodie bags are PB&J, chips, apple and cookie, drinks.

DVD 08-09 season: Deb Lytell reports that some still need to pick up their DVDs.

Window paint: Nancy Daning donated a large box of various colors of window paint. It is a great way to get the "band spirit."

Next meeting is in 2 weeks, Sept. 8.

Motion to adjourn: Tim Carnall, 2nd. motion by Shelly Lynch.

**Members present:** Shelly Lynch, Beth Brown, Jack Cook, Linda Stevenson, Karen Crosby, Jen & Jeff Pummill, Deb Lytell, Julia Glaser, Deb Smith, Beth Floyd, Marty & Phil Lehman, Sharon Lemasters, Gayle Holycross, Connie Siler, Greg Slutz, Fred Thomson, Deb Crissinger, Sherrie Anspach, Gary Ganger, Sue Ciba, Kimberly Clark, Kris Martin, Jim & Laura Johnson, Nancy Taylor (and sorry, one name not decipherable).

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Taylor, Secretary  
ECHS Band Boosters, Inc.