December 12, 2016 Booster Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 7:00 PM by Tim Beattie

Motion to Approve September 2016 minutes

Larry Brunner and Vince Vance

President Tim Beattie

Tim reported on many areas within the Kiltie organization. For ease of reading and clarity, his comments and reports have been included within the section discussions.

Director's Report by Mark Spreen

We made it through the marching and parade season. We have the sousaphones ready for next year and will be good to good for next fall. Thanks to all that made it go smoothly. We have the holiday concert tomorrow, a fairly easy night, and then our break. We'll be right back into it with the Sousa & Shell Dedication Concert, which includes special guests. Wind Ensemble needs to be seated in the auditorium by 6:45 tomorrow evening and Symphonic in the Orchestra room by 7:15.

Speaking of the shell, the lighting will cost a little over $15K to hook up and get wired into the control boxes. We are looking for alternative funding but Dr. Burns and clubs in RHS are interested in helping. The RHS Faculty A+ bonus was something we were hoping to get money from. In the past, portions were given out to different requests but last years was all given to faculty and staff. They want to do the same this year. We requested 10% of the bonus for the shell. We will see what SAC does. Tomorrow, we will complete shell setup with borrowed lights from Mr. Verdoni. We will test to make sure dance and guard can do what they need with it in place. We will probably use the same lighting setup for the Sousa/Shell concert. Gary Bolinder states we cannot do temporary wiring due to fire codes.

MPA's are coming. We are hosting the Concert MPA the first weekend of March, 2-4th. Solo & Ensemble is February 10-11 at Booker High. Music selection for this must be made before winter break.

Committee Chair Reports:

Vice President Report by Diana Poncelet

Thank you for all the successes we've had this year so far. It takes a village and we have an amazing group of people in that village. Everyone in this room has been behind the success.

Treasurer's Report by Karen Bolinder

Karen Bolinder states the financial reports are available, email her if you would like a copy. Had a good concessions season despite the cancellation of the Venice game due to weather. Luckily the playoff games help make this up. We made $11K after costs and the athletic department share. In response to Gary Bolinder's question asking how this was compared to last year: she said we made more than last year. Gary thinks that the volunteers at concessions have been a big part of this increase.

We will have concessions for MPA's. We get to keep all of this money and made between $3K-$4k at last year's.

Chaperones by Cheryl and David Korwin

Cheryl Korwin says the parents needed a little prodding this year but people stepped up at the last minute. Have a great group that didn't need any hand holding. Tim Beattie states that several people have stepped up, doing a great job, and enjoying it. The kids have been great this year and listened to the chaperones. There's a great dynamic between Chaperones and Field Crew helping each other, great team building. He has spoken with the volunteer coordinator at Venice. She states that she cannot get anyone to help them so thank you to all our volunteers that step up. Mark Spreen says thank you to the Chaperones. It has been easy this year and everything has run smoothly. He will share with the students that their good behavior and cooperation was noticed and appreciated this season.

Field Crew Jon Heath and Larry Brunner

Larry Brunner states they have a great group of hard working parents this season. We are ready for the concert season. Tim Beattie observed that everything has been smooth and that no students had to ask for or were missing stands or seats at the Fall concert. He states that Field Crew needs to clean out the coolers in February.

Concessions Jim Patten / Stand 2 John Sullivan
Tim Beattie states we had an incredible season and all went well. At the final game, our inventory was 9 Cokes, 1 red PowerAde, ½ case of burgers, and 1 case of hot dogs. We didn't have to sell left over items to the Soccer team. Ted Babbitt has volunteered to head up stand 2 next season. Tim will work with Mike and Greta Via since they are a huge help in concessions. Big thank you to Gary Bolinder for the ordering of food, meeting the delivery trucks, and putting it away in the stands. Gary responded with a thanks to Tim for his assistance. There's a lot of driving around. We pay a little more with Gordon Food Service but they're convenient since they deliver everything.

Uniforms Committee and Cathy Snyder
Tim Beattie states that we now have new hose, spats, and hats. We were leery about our vendor in Pakistan but they came through. We will inventory everything we have on hand after uniform check in at the end of the year and mark all new items. We are updating a little at a time, jackets, hose, spats, and hats this year, and will keep updating pieces through the year. Vince Vance has been in contact with a kilt company out of Scotland. They preserve tradition and make the fabric, which means we can't buy huge lots of kilts. He has been discussing fabric weights because if they're too light, the pleats won't stay. Our band kilts are different than competition kilts and lighter. Mark Spreen would like him to investigate this further since we state that our band uses authentic Scottish kilts. We need to continue this. Tim Beattie says we need someone to step up in Uniforms since Cathy has a Senior this year. She's been very happy with the outcome in Uniforms this year since the committee handles many things. Andrea Nolte states that Cathy Snyder is unable to be in the room at tomorrow's Winter Concert. Dave Korwin volunteered to manage the room from 6:30-7:00 p.m. Tim states that he has heard nothing but good things since moving to Pointe/Courtesy Cleaners. Johnny, from the cleaners, is coming to tomorrow's concert.

Media Relations Liz Chelekis
Tim Beattie states that there hasn't been much contact. We need to get concert information out so he will get ahold of her to discuss.

Newsletter Darlene Nicholson
Tim Beattie states he is putting articles together to highlight open positions and descriptions of duties. Rene North has volunteered to do the newsletter starting next year.

Fundraising Liz Heath and Fran LaCivita
Liz Heath states that Der Dutchman voucher fundraiser went really well. We had 53 Kilties participate, totaling $6,400. This is a $2,300 profit, which averages out to $43 per student.

She has been pushing PDQ cards, with reminders being sent out, going to the school, and at concerts. Will be selling before tomorrow's concert. These will be pushed to the next years freshmen to help in their trip costs.

Looking at January 28th or February 4th for the Kiltie garage sale. Checking out future fundraisers such as Yankee Candle or bags. People have asked her about doing these. Yankee would be a spring sale since we don't want to have issues doing a pre-holiday order, especially if items are late or out of stock. The bags are reusable bags, compact, and the orders come pre bagged with the student's name on it, which makes it easier to hand out to the students. Mark Spreen states that Sarasota Middle School does Yankee candle so we have to be careful about selling these.

Trip Accounts
Tim Beattie states we need someone to handle this. It is easy this year since it isn't a trip year. Karen Bolinder states that there are Excel sheets to maintain and lots of bank deposits made during the year.

Awards Ceremony Allison Vance
Tim Beattie states we need to start thinking about and working on this. It'll be here before you know it. Vince Vance states that it will start after Christmas. We need to get pictures of seniors, etc.

Band Shell Vince Vance
Vince Vance states there are a lot of handprints on the shell. We cannot polish or rub it as it changes how the shell looks if you do this. Could we put a blanket or sheet over the doors as they move equipment about? Perhaps we could attach

something to the back of the doors that can be flipped over to the front side of the shell doors for this. Mark Spreen asks that people please observe during tomorrow's concert to see if hand prints or marks are visible from the audience.

Percussion Band Andrea Nolte
Andrea Nolte says congratulations to Mark on his induction. Check the Kiltie Band Facebook page as she has added a linkto a posting of "Best Places to Go in Florida for Christmas". Sarasota made the list for the Holiday Parade, which shows the Kiltie Band.

Guard Mary Ann Naumann
Nothing to Report

Dance Alison Dietz
Nothing to Report

Pipes Kevin Weigand
Nothing to Report

Business Partners Chris Chiodo
Nothing to Report

Old Business

Booster Website
Rene North states the website is looking great. We need to advertise it through posters, etc. to get the word out. Diana Poncelet asked if we could get something posted with website for tomorrow's concert. Rene stated should we get a hand out to include in the programs. Andrea Nolte asked about Alumni information on the website. Diana states that we did have a section for them. Rene will verify this.

Band Shell
Discussion regarding this took place in the above Band Shell section.

Business Partners
Tim Beattie states we need to work on and build relationships. Rene North asked if RHS has business partners and is there any conflict of interest. Tim says that RHS does have established partners. Rene will check with RHS to see if we need to work through them for this or need partners to sign any special forms or agreements.

Mr. Spreen induction into Florida Band Masters November 13, 2016
Congratulations to Mr. Spreen on his induction. Thank you to the staff and Kate for everything they do.

New Business

Upcoming Events
Winter Concert tomorrow evening.

Larry Brunner asked about Wind Ensemble's trip to Gatlinburg. Mark Spreen states the fires did damage many homes but several of the businesses are okay. The big thing for the students is not just this but the beauty of the mountains and trees in the area. Much of this was destroyed by the fire. He is going to check to see if he can find out more information from the music festival to see what their plans are for this year.

Gary Bolinder says thank you to Diana Poncelet for the multiple duties she holds. Also thank you to Karen Bolinder for staying up until 2 a.m. counting concession money after a Friday game.

Motion to Adjourn
Approved by Vince Vance and Karen Bolinder