

**Clear Lake High School
Falcon Band Booster Club
Special Zoom Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2020**

Attendance:

President – Bobbi Better

Secretary – Suzanne Rupp

Treasurer – Jeanine Rainer

Committee Chairs: Ruth Soisson, Diane Morris, Melissa McKinnie, Deani Quick, Brad Files

Band Directors – John Pearce, Loren Gray, Nick Camacho

President: The zoom meeting was called to order by President Bobbi Better at 2:00 p.m. Bobbi thanked everyone for joining the zoom meeting and briefly reviewed the agenda. She indicated that most of the agenda items were questions that need to be answered regarding the upcoming marching season and how we will deal with scheduled events due to Covid.

Bobbi went through the questions on the agenda. Mr. Pearce stated that he does not have a lot of information at this time. He pointed out that things are changing daily. They are currently waiting on UIL guidelines which should be out later today. He stated that local marching contests have been cancelled.

Mr. Pearce indicated that any marching show would be socially distanced and perhaps just 3-5 minutes of playing time.

Treasurer: Bobbi and Jeanine have decided that the 2020-2021 budget will be the same as last year's rather than make adjustments to the budget for all the changes necessary this year. Doing this will allow a normal budget to be carried forward for the following year. The only change will be in the membership category which will be capped at \$4,000. Any additional funds collected over that amount will be reported under rock-a-thon. The budget will be reviewed and approved at a future meeting. No financial report was given during this special meeting.

Contest Meals: Contest meals will be cancelled.

Game Meals: There will be no game meals. Parents will be responsible for feeding their student as well as providing transportation to the stadium for any football games the band attends.

Uniforms: Uniforms will not be issued this year. Only heat uniforms will be used. Students will be required to arrive at games with their uniform on and no changing of clothes will be allowed.

Senior Mums: To keep with tradition, Bobbi will ask Janet Foltyn to make senior mums.

Trailer: The trailer inspection is due. LaPorte Tire will perform the inspection. Bobbi will ask Matt Vogel for help with this. Mr. Pearce stated that if they decide to just have a fun show then there will be no pit and the trailer will not be used this year. Instead, he will use a box truck to transport instruments. If pit is added at a later time then the trailer will be used.

Band and Clear Connections: Mr. Pearce indicated that Fine Arts on Clear Connections (CC) will take place during seventh period. It will be a face to face class and students will sign on and get daily assignments. Students in CC will participate in after school band activities. There will be a waiver to exempt out of these activities.

Fundraising:

Rock-a-thon: This event is being postponed to Spring 2021.

BBQ and Marching Demonstration: This event has been cancelled as we are not allowed to serve food at school. There was a suggestion that if things change a BBQ could be held later in the school year.

Mattress Sale: Currently scheduled for October 3, 2020. Mr. Pearce stated that a plan needs to be provided to the District for approval. For example, the plan will include setting up assigned viewing times to view mattresses and requiring masks.

Membership: Bobbi discussed membership and rock-a-thon donations. She stated that she would like to allocate all membership dues collected greater than \$40 to rock-a-thon. A membership committee chair is needed.

Summer Band: Mr. Pearce discussed several different scenarios of how summer band camp may look. He is waiting for UIL guidelines and a meeting with Director of Fine Arts. As soon as he knows anything, he will provide the information to parents. He asked that everyone be understanding as things are changing daily.

E-Night: E-night was scheduled for August 4th. Everything will now be ordered through the online store. Mr. Pearce will send out ordering information soon. Credit card payments will be accepted and any fees will be passed on. There will be no Music & Arts related items available for sale.

Band dues will be divided into 3 payments. The first \$100 installment will be due in August. There was further discussion about developing a form that will include both membership dues and band dues. Both will flow through the band booster account. Diane Morris will add a band dues link to the online store.

Melissa McKinnie asked that spirit wear items be added to the online store. Uniform bags will be taken off the required list of items to purchase. The red, white and gray t-shirts will be purchased through the online store.

Band Banquet: This year's banquet will be held virtually. Yearbooks for the seniors have been ordered and they will be mailed to graduates.

Scholarships: Bobbi asked Mr. Pearce to make scholarship presentations during the virtual banquet.

Communications: Ruth Soisson was nominated and agreed to be the Second VP responsible for communications. There being no objections, Ruth Soisson will be the Second Vice President – Communications. Her name will be added to the bank account as an authorized signer.

Until there is solid information about what will be happening in band, it will not be necessary to send out the Band Buzz.

Director Comments: Mr. Pearce discussed some of the changes that may take place in band for this school year. Some changes include students will be spaced out in the band hall, plexiglass shields may be used, there will be no breathing exercises and region may be online. Mr. Pearce is waiting for results of a performing arts aerosols study being conducted by the University of Colorado.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Suzanne Rupp
Secretary