

**Clear Lake High School
Falcon Band Booster Club
General Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2021**

President: The meeting was called to order by President Bobbi Better at approximately 7:00 pm. Bobbi welcomed and thanked everyone for joining the zoom meeting.

2nd Vice-President/Communications and Secretary: The minutes from the previous meeting (11/02/20) and the financial report were sent out in advance with the meeting notice. However, a quorum was not present so these were not discussed or voted on. Ruth Soisson took minutes for the meeting, since Suzanne Rupp (Secretary) was not present.

Treasurer: Jeanine Rainer was present, but the financial report was not discussed due to a lack of quorum.

Mattress Fundraiser – Bobbi

Bobbi mentioned that Ben Marsh would be joining the call soon and would be discussing the Mattress Fundraiser. She shared that Clear Brook would be having their mattress sale on March 6th (Saturday) and that Clear Lake's Band and Orchestra "Combined" sale would on March 7th (Sunday). With little effort, the band made about \$3,500 last year. The purpose of the sale is to offset the fact that the Rockathon and Bites at the Lake were cancelled. The proceeds will be used toward the purchase of a cab for the 18-wheeler.

Mattress Fundraiser – Ben Marsh

Ben joined the meeting and shared the following information:

- There are 75 mattress stores from Dickinson to Clear Lake.
- 10% of the population buys a new mattress each year.
- Sales are up due to COVID since people are spending more time at home.
- The mattress fundraisers this year are very different due to COVID: spread mattresses apart into a larger space, each customer given a mattress protector upon arrival, use of hand sanitizer, customers screened by volunteers before entry, and a sign-up Genius to regulate traffic.
- A parent volunteer from Band or Orchestra is needed to make the sign-up Genius. Six families are allowed each hour (from 12 pm to 6 pm) for a total of 36 families
- Possible spaces for the sale: Krueger Hall, Cafeteria, Band Hall (and nearby hallways). Ben prefers to use Krueger Hall if available (no tables to move).
- Ben has minimal overhead and can share 50% net profit (no store, employees, warehouse, etc.)
- They have name brand mattresses, layaway, all forms of payment and financing and the mattresses are delivered to individual homes.
- Other things are sold at this sale: beanbag chairs, weighted blankets, pillows, bedding.
- Delivery is from 3-6 weeks (depending on the manufacturer).
- \$100 discounts for faculty, medical personnel, first responders, and other pandemic "heros"
- Parent volunteers are NOT expected to be mattress salesmen. Ben does not advertise prices or list mattress types "on-line." Ben's "staff" do not get paid a commission.
- Send the message "Clear Lake" to 474747 to get reminder texts.
- Parent meeting is Feb. 8th from 7-7:30 pm.

Next Year's FBBC Board and Committee Chairs - Bobbi

There will be 19 positions open next year due to "senior" parents leaving and some positions meeting their 2-year term-limit. Some examples are Treasurer, FBBC President, BATL chair, Chaperone chair, Rockathon chair, Color Guard liason, Game Meals chair, etc. The most immediate need is a nominating committee for the board positions. Bobbi will send out a request to current Band and Color Guard parents. Mr. Pearce will reach out to intermediate schools for active booster parents who will have freshmen next year. Jeanine will send Bobbi a list of the job descriptions for each board member and committee chair.

Spring Trip – Mr. Pearce

Mr. Pearce is still not sure of the status of the Spring Trip. Currently, the district won't approve trips. A decision will be made in February.

Other Spring Events – Mr. Pearce

Planning to do all the events, but will be different due to COVID. Solo and Ensemble will be on February 6th (CLHS will be hosting). There will be no Bites at the Lake (BATL) and ensembles will be recorded. UIL will be on two Saturdays in April (April 17th and April 24th). One Saturday will be the non-varsity UIL and the other Saturday will be varsity UIL. The Spring Concert will be on May 18th (seating will be limited and audiences will be rotated between each band performance).

Other Band Business – Mr. Pearce and Bobbi

- Butter Braid sales were \$3,600 (usually about \$2,000).
- Next year has been declared a "State Year." A full marching band show and program is planned.
- Winter Guard is preparing a show and it will be performed for the school parents (Date/Time: TBD). This is usually performed at BATL.
- Region Band News: 42 students advanced to "Phase 2"; 32 students made "Region Band"; 9 students made "Area." These 9 students will be submitting their recordings this week and will be judged on Saturday.

The date of the next meeting of the Falcon Band Booster Club will be announced by email.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ruth Soisson
VP Communications