

**Clear Lake High School
Falcon Band Booster Club
General Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2021**

President: The meeting was called to order by President Bobbi Better at 7:05 p.m. She welcomed and thanked everyone coming. A quorum was present.

2nd Vice-President/Communications: Ruth Soisson had nothing new to report.

Secretary: Suzanne was out so Bobbi presented meeting minutes from the March 2, 2021 and April 12, 2021 meetings. She asked for questions and there were none. Sam Draper made a motion to approve the March minutes and Stacey Fogash seconded the motion. The minutes were approved. Bernie Streeter made a motion to approve the April minutes. Sam Draper seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer: Jeanine Rainer reviewed the financial report for the period April 13-May 9, 2021. A beginning balance of \$77,897.85 was reduced by \$812.50 for private lessons payments and entry fee for next season's Friendswood marching contest leaving a balance of \$77,085.35. Mr. Pearce mentioned that David Ford (clarinet private teacher) would be billing at the end of the semester but Jeanine said there is plenty left in that budget category so that would not be a problem.

Since there was not a quorum in the last meeting, those financial statements had to be approved. Pam Davis made the motion, and it was seconded by Bernie Streeter. The April statement was approved. For May, Sam Draper made the motion, seconded by Teresa Shurtz. The May financial statement was approved. A copy of the financials is on file.

Band Awards Ceremony: Bobbi moved to agenda items and told membership that because of Covid, there would be no banquet this year, but they hope it will be a reality next year. The awards ceremony will not have food and just will be awards in the Commons with a social following. The time is 7-10 PM and the theme is tropical. A mom volunteered to make cookies for seniors and Bobbi has been emailing with Band Council President Emily Harris to help coordinate the event.

Spring Concert: Spring Concert is on May 18th. It starts at 7 PM and includes the jazz, Concert, Symphonic, and Wind Ensemble bands. There will be no restrictions on seating in the auditorium, but masks are required.

Next year's gear/equipment: Sales will be online again and handled by T-Shirt Trends. Information will likely go out at the end of this week or the beginning of next week. Students will order and pay for gear now and then pick it up in August at the pick-up event.

Nominating Committee: This list of officer and board member candidates is attached. There is still a need for President, First Vice-President (fundraising), corporate donations, band banquet, Bites at the Lake, props, and uniform coordinator. Bobbi suggested we vote on the Executive Board and officers for positions that are filled so there will be no hold-up over the summer.

Bobbie submitted the candidates for Second Vice-President (Ruth Soisson), Secretary (Suzanne Rupp), and Treasurer (Sam Draper). Jeanine Rainer moved to accept the board as presented. Stacey Fogash seconded the motion, and the officers were approved.

For new parents, Bobbi said she'd like to explain some summer events, so they know what to expect:

Summer BBQ: It is scheduled for the third week of August marching band camp although Mr. Pearce said the football team has the stadium reserved for that Friday night for a scrimmage so it will have to be another day during that week.

Rockathon: With June marching camp coming up, Jeanine Rainer suggested they look at a different letter/process because so many of the students in 2019 did not send out a lot of letters but instead got many donations through Square. Bobbi said she would meet with the chairs, Leah Moore and Gladys Ruiz, and they (with the directors) can work on updating the form. We don't want to get rid of mail-ins, however, but maybe tweak it.

Equipment Pick-Up Night - August 3rd: Bobbi explained that this is when students will pick up equipment they ordered in May/June and then parents will go to stations to take care of other things like booster club membership, contest meals, game meals, and band dues.

Regarding the band dues, Jeanine Rainer asked if they were going back up to pre-pandemic \$250 and Mr. Pearce said they are not sure yet. That will be something to discuss during budget meetings this summer. Bobbi said we might consider paying more in dues and doing less fundraising, particularly because we do not have a chair for Bites at the Lake.

Director Comments: Mr. Pearce thanked all of the parent volunteers for a successful UIL contest, especially Bobbi Better and Sam Draper, who handled the sightreading room. He said all three performing bands sounded great and got straight 1s.

Winter Guard also placed second at their final competition and placed first or second at every contest this season.

Final concert will be next Tuesday, May 18th and on May 19th, there will be a Color Guard solo/ensemble show from 6-9 PM.

There will be a live grad band again this year. Members are posted at the front of the band hall.

They are moving the band calendar from Charms to google and Mr. Pearce suggested people sync their phones up with that. (The booster website has the google version on it.)

There was a show reveal at the UIL performance. Next year's show will include Symphonic Metamorphosis and Rhapsody in Blue – tentatively called "Metamorphosis in Blue."

Someone asked if there would be a spring trip in 2022 and he said they are planning on one and they are in the process of refunding the Spring 2021 payments for those who requested a refund.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Jeanine Rainer
Treasurer