

**Clear Lake High School
Falcon Band Booster Club
General Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2021**

Welcome: The meeting was called to order by Ruth Soisson at 7:06 p.m. She asked everyone to sign the attendance sheet and noted that a quorum was present. She thanked everyone attending and mentioned that the agenda would be modified to allow the Mattress Fundraiser presentation to take place at the end of the meeting.

President: Ruth gave a report on FBBC membership. She reported that the goal was to have 100 families join FBBC. As of now, 93 out of 150 families have joined FBBC which is very close to our goal. The breakdown by class is 80% seniors, 65% juniors, 50% sophomores, and 75% freshmen. Freshmen and senior parents seem to be most enthusiastic about band. Need to find ways to motivate the “middle” classes to join.

2nd Vice-President/Communications: Lisa Russell was not present, so Ruth reported that the deadline to submit fully edited input to the Band Buzz is midnight each Wednesday. The DRAFT Buzz will be reviewed Thurs/Fri. The FINAL Buzz will be issued each Sunday via e-mail and also posted on band website (in case the email is not received).

Secretary: A special tribute to Suzanne Rupp, Secretary was read by Ruth Soisson followed by a moment of silence. Suzanne passed away on August 19, 2021. Information about her funeral arrangements were shared and Ruth reported that the booster club would be making a donation in her honor. Dawn Duncan is serving as acting-Secretary. Minutes from the July meeting had been emailed previously. There being no changes to the minutes, a motion was made by Sam Draper to approve the July minutes and was seconded by Kevin Black. Minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer: Sam Draper presented 4 proposed budget amendments. These are shown in the attachment. After presenting the first two budget amendments, she asked if there were any questions. There being no questions, Sarah Hall made a motion to accept budget amendment #1 and #2 and was seconded by Jennifer Aber.

Next, Sam reviewed the two budget amendments related to the purchase of the new “tractor” or “cab” for the 18-wheeler. After presenting budget amendment #3 and #4, Sam again asked if there were any questions. There being no questions, Chris McGarity made a motion to accept budget amendments #3 and #4 and was seconded by Mike McGarity.

Sam Draper next discussed the July 1, 2021 – August 23, 2021 financial report “post amendments” (which is also attached). Total income was \$75,726.16 and total expenses were \$39,204.68 during this period. There being no questions, Cindy Snapka made a motion to accept the financial report and was seconded by Anthea Guest.

Committee Reports for Current Activities:

1. **Chaperones/HAT Team:** Ruth reported that 50% of the band parents submitted Volunteer Forms at Pick Up Your Equipment Night and have a desire to volunteer in one or more roles. This is a great starting point and we expect more volunteers after the first game. A Jotform for each game will be emailed to everyone to indicate what job they want to do for that particular week.

<u>Volunteer Update*</u>	
HAT Team	53 people
Game Meals	46 people
Chaperones	38 people
Truck Drivers	11 people
Pictures	12 people **
Video the Show	1 person ***

* We received 70 volunteer forms out of the 150 families (≈ 50%).

2. **Game/Contest Meals:** Chris McGarity reported that there are only a few band/color guard students who have not indicated if they want game meals. The meal for the first game is pizza and Chris plans to order extra pizza in case they decide to eat with the band. She also has extra order forms available. She needs a total of twelve volunteers for game meals for a typical football game (4 to help with the ice & water and 8 to help with the game meals).
3. **Marching Show Props:** Ruth reported that John Soisson has purchased and prepped all the materials for the props. He is hosting a “marching show prop build day” this Saturday from 9 am-4 pm and lunch will be provided. Volunteers are asked to bring tape measures, drills, extension cords, and staple guns.
4. **Truck/Maintenance/Schedule:** Larry Kamrud is taking care of the truck inspection and plans to drive the 18-wheeler to all the games & contests until others become certified. Mana Vautier is maintaining a google doc with the schedule for all those driving the box trucks.

Committee Reports for Past Activities:

- 1. Pick Up Your Equipment Night:** Ruth reported that we are down to a list of about 8 students who still need to submit paperwork.
- 2. Rock-A-Thon:** Gladys reported that Kona Ice is coming tomorrow after band practice from 5:45 – 7:00 pm. Three sections were very close in donations, so there will be FREE snow cones for the drumline, pit, and trombones (about 50 students). Everyone else is encouraged to bring \$3 to buy a snow cone and Kona Ice will donate 25% of the profits.
- 3. Summer BBQ:** Teresa Shurtz reported that there was a great turnout. Ruth thanked Teresa for doing such a good job in organizing and also noted that the line was very short giving the attendees more time to visit with each other. Teresa reported that individual packaging helped the line move quickly.
- 4. Uniform Distribution:** Erin Harris reported that Kristine Samuell is working on hems and that 99% of the kids have uniform assignments. After Labor Day, the uniform room will be open again to get the last few assignments and to swap out or repair any uniforms with defects.
- 5. Popsicle Posse:** Ruth reported that two weeks of daily popsicles during summer band only cost about \$200 and that the kids loved it!
- 6. Spirit Wear:** Sam Draper reported that anyone ordering Spirit Wear after Pick Up Your Equipment Night must pay tax. The personalized spirit items are no longer being ordered. Non-personalized spirit items can still be ordered.

Director's Comments

Mr. Pearce reported the district is giving students the option of meeting at the stadium for games and that there is a limit on the number of students per bus. He reported that most students at CLHS are planning to ride the bus. For those not riding the bus, an alternate transportation form is required. This form is in electronic form, is linked to the Band Buzz, and can be submitted electronically to Mr. Pearce.

The FBBC portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

(After the meeting, a "parent meeting" for the upcoming Mattress Fundraiser took place. A summary is attached.)

Mattress Fundraiser

Ben Marsh of Custom Fundraising Solutions joined the end of our meeting to give a "parent meeting" in reference to the Mattress Fundraiser Sale for the CLHS band/orchestra scheduled for Sept. 18 from 10 am-5 pm. Ben asked Mr. Pearce about his first impression. Mr. Pearce shared that his first reaction was that he thought this fundraiser would be a lot of work and was relieved to find out that most of the work is done ahead of time to advertise and to let friends/family know via social media. Ben reported that at any given time 10% of the population is interested in buying a mattress and that our job is to find those people in our community and get them in the door. Ben reported that he has no store and no warehouse which leads to large discounts for the customers and large profits for the sponsors. He noted that 20% of mattresses bought on-line are returned. Our sale at the school will allow customers to try the mattress before buying. It's an excellent low-pressure way to buy a mattress with great customer service and with free hauling away of old mattresses. Every person who enters will be given a flyer where they can write their student's name so that either the band or orchestra will get credit. Any sales from "walk-in" customers will be divided equally between the band and orchestra. Delivery of mattresses is right to the home after 4-5 weeks (delayed due to COVID) and can be delivered to any of the lower 48 states. **If the band sells about 50 mattresses, then we can make \$10K!**

"The Epitome of a Band Mom"

It is with a heavy heart that the FBBC announces the passing of Suzanne Rupp. She has served many years on the executive board and as an officer in the FBBC as she helped shepherd Michael, Rebecca, and now Christopher through the Falcon Band beginning in 2010. You could find Suzanne chaperoning the bus for games and contests and spring trips, checking in students for Rockathon, helping with game meals or halftime props, or hosting French horn section parties. Her experience and willingness to the band program was invaluable. She was the epitome of a band mom. We will certainly miss her kind heart, wisdom, and friendship.