

**Clear Lake High School
Falcon Band Booster Club
General Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2022**

Larry Rupp started the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Agenda Items

Big Rig: The big rig has been repaired at a cost of \$9,000 to fix two modules.

Larry asked if there was a possibility to rent it to recoup some of those costs. Mr. Pearce said Springs was interested in doing that at one point but instead they used the new trailer provided by the district for their indoor percussion group.

Joy King asked if we are going to drive it to be sure it is started up and runs occasionally. Sam Draper said Eric McCabe will be using it to finish his driver training. Also, Larry Kamrud does come during the marching off-season and start it up.

Sam McBurnett Memorial Fund: The proposal was to have a \$1,000 scholarship for 5 years. Jeanine Rainer will get with the McBurnetts to see how they want it structured. Joy will make it clear in the carryover budget that those funds are reserved for that purpose.

Region Orchestra/Freshman Region Band Auditions: Larry Rupp brought up that there was some confusion on Monday about Region Orchestra auditions. Christopher had a wave call time of 7:00 but when he got to the cafeteria area around 6:30 or so, the musicians had already been moved to their audition rooms. Mr. Pearce said he had a map out on the whiteboard in the band hall telling students where to go and would check on why they left so early but said if something like that should happen, try to let him know at the time so he could try to fix the issue.

Spring Trip: The band will be going to San Antonio in March. The sign-up deadline was on November 14th for the letters of intent and deposits.

Band Buzz: Rebecca Garland said that everything was going fine with it. She asked if we should still do it weekly even though things have settled down since marching band is over. Some advised that since people are used to it weekly. Also, with winter guard still active, Cindy Drnevich asked about submitting updates for that. Rebecca said get things to her by Sunday mornings.

October Meeting Minutes: Jeanine Rainer said she fixed a couple of names in the version that went out with the Band Buzz. Larry Rupp asked about the amounts in it from the mattress fundraiser. Originally, Joy had said at the meeting the FFA/FBBC check mix-up was about a \$500 difference, but it was, in fact, about \$2,400. That also included a \$300 donation from Ben Marsh (Custom Fundraising Solutions) to the FBBC.

Financial Reports: Joy King said there was nothing to vote on. Most of the income for this month was from the poinsettia sale. Most of the expenses were for game and contest meals. Rebecca Garland asked about the administrative expenses and Joy said it was to get our taxes done.

Additionally, we will be getting a check from U.S. Bands after December 1st for about \$13,000 for hosting the October 1st competition.

Accounts for this month:

	Checking	Savings
Beginning Balance	\$49,399.74	\$26,174.50
Income	\$3,543.70	\$27.94
Expenses	<u>\$18,249.63</u>	<u></u>
Ending Balance	\$34,697.11	\$26,202.44

2023 U.S. Bands competition: Mr. Pearce said they approached him about hosting again and does the FBBC want to do that? Sam Draper commented that next year, after having done it this year, it should be easier, and it is not as labor intensive leading up to it compared to a fundraiser like Bites at the Lake. We would also have more lead time to coordinate concessions, etc. She said maybe it could be some business we mention at the winter concert to see how the general membership feels because we'd have to have volunteers for it. Mr. Pearce said he would go ahead and tell U.S. Bands that we are interested.

Trailer: Mr. Pearce said that Creek borrowed our trailer for their BoA San Antonio competition because the suspension in their trailer went out. One of our tires had been slashed so Creek replaced it with the district paying for the new tire. However, they noticed the spare for our trailer is not good and needs to be replaced. Sam Draper said she'd talk to Larry Kamrud about the spare.

Upcoming Activities

- December 6th winter concert: lots of poinsettias sold
- December 7th – band pictures – Students will need their marching uniforms and guard will need their costumes, too. Band students will check in their uniforms and shakos after the pictures.
- We are hosting pre-UIL and UIL contests plus solo and ensemble contests (February 4th)

Director Comments:

Mr. Pearce said Mr. Parmer at Clear Lake Intermediate is putting together a presentation for his 6th, 7th, and 8th graders and their parents and asked if there was anything high school band parents would go back and tell junior high parents about the benefits of high school band for their kids? Was it worth it?

For example, he said, some parents said though marching band is kind of daunting with the time commitments, it can help with time management. He notices that many times grades are worse in the spring than during marching season, for example. He said Mr. Parmer is looking for maybe a video testimonial.

There was also some discussion about how CCISD's new GPA policy would be in effect for incoming freshmen next year and that might help with retention from junior high.

Color guard Update: Cindy Drnevich said the team practices on Tuesdays from 4-7 PM and on Thursdays from 4 to 8 PM. She said they put the big floor out in the Commons and work on choreography and some solos. The theme this year is The Giving Tree.

They are using the same costumes they had for marching season and some need repair. Their first competition is in the end of January. They have 4 competitions leading to a 5th, which is the area competition, and they are excited about their chances of going to state.

Larry Rupp asked if they would need volunteers and Cindy said they would help set up a large tree and rolling the floor out. She was grateful for the new, bigger trailer.

They are ordering t-shirts but will just be doing it on their own outside of the FBBC. Joy asked if they were doing meals and Cindy said she would check on that. She would keep Rebecca updated for the Band Buzz.

Senior Books: Sam Draper said Sam Houston will be sending out links for the senior books so senior parents need to be on the lookout for that.

There are no plans for a December FBBC meeting. January 18th will be date for the next meeting.

Larry Rupp adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Attendees: Sam Draper, Cindy Drnevich, Rebecca Garland, Joy King, John Pearce, Jeanine Rainer, Larry Rupp