

Pearson Band Booster Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Addie Jordan at 6:05pm in the Pearson Band Hall.

Members in Attendance were:

Addie Jordan, Morgan Jenson, Andrea Robertson, Sulagna Bhuyan, Tim Connor, and Deborah Childress

Business conducted since our last Booster meeting on May 21, 2019:

Booster President, Andrea Robertson and Booster Treasurer, Tim Connor, updated the banking information and signatures as needed with the bank, allowing them access to the Band Booster account.

Open Board Position

A Hospitality Chair board position was still open, and Kate Connor volunteered to fill it. An official nomination for this position will be voted on during the first General Meeting with Parents on August 20, 2019. A team of 10 parental volunteers will need to be recruited to assist the Hospitality Chair prepare for various Band events throughout the year.

Booster Budget

An updated Treasurer's report will be presented to parents during the first General Meeting, August 20, 2019. The Band's budget closed out well the end of the school year (2018-2019), leaving it with approximately the same amount of funds that it started with. There will be an increase in the cost of activities/events due to an increase in band enrollment this year. The cost of preparing for Regent and UIL will also increase as more teachers and clinicians will be needed to help prepare the students for these performances.

Addie Jordan is checking into the current fees needed to maintain the Booster's website, PO Box, software, and other misc. expenses such as postage. These fees are rolled into the yearly Band fees. Symphonic Band fees are \$100, Concert Band fees are \$75, and Beginner Band fees are going up to \$65 to cover the \$20 cost of the Beginner Festival event. There are two days allotted to Band each year when fees can be collected tax free. One of those days is during the Band's first General Meeting. Scholarships for private music tutoring are available and encouraged for Band members to apply for, in efforts to increase their skill.

There is a reimbursement request form for parents who purchase items for Hospitality purposes with their own funds. A check request form is also available for use between the Band Director and the Treasurer, as needed.

Pearson Band Meeting Minutes (Aug. 12, 2019)

Band Booster Fundraising (2019-2020)

Fundraising through the sale of Pearson Band spirit wear, using an online store, was discussed as an option. Possible Band themed items to sell are: Hoodies, lanyards, car bumper stickers, and luggage tags for instrument cases. Another fundraising option included a Pearson Band "Go Fund Me" account online, allowing for the family and friends of Band members to donate funds to the Booster as a whole. The fees for this funding account are lower than the fees needed to use the "Snap Raise" fundraiser which Pearson Band implemented two years ago. Despite the higher cost to use "Snap Raise", it proved to be a very successful fundraiser. The Band currently still has some funds remaining from that campaign. Obtaining Band spirit wear from Frisco Sports Center was also considered, using their website, "Order My Gear". A decision will be made once Addie Jordon meets with administration to consider the best option.

Band Events

The Pearson Band picnic will be scheduled for September 6, 2019 or September 13, 2019 to allow for more favorable weather conditions. Addie Jordon suggested changing the food served at the picnic if possible. Hot dogs were served last year, but there will not be a grill available for use this year. Ideas considered were serving cold cut sandwiches or using catering trays with sternos to keep preboiled hot dogs warm. Hot dogs would likely be the least costly food item to serve many students.

The "Beginner Festival" is an upcoming event that is only for 6th grade Beginner Band members. The event is held at Pinstack, and the cost for this event are included in the Beginning Band student's band fee.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.