

**Crestwood Scarlet Guard  
Band Patrons Meeting  
Minutes  
September 14, 2009**

**In attendance:** Mrs. Ferguson (Band Director), Mrs. Wiandt (Assistant Director of Bands), Sue Hurd (Band Patrons President), Chris Nero (Co Vice-President), Don Gregoire (Co Vice-President), Tammy Meyer (Treasurer), Marge Franks (Co-Secretary), Diann Gregoire (Spirit Wear Coordinator), Mr. Becker (School Board Member), and fifty-three Band Patrons members.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Sue Hurd.

No minutes from last month were read.

The meeting started off with Sue Hurd welcoming all in attendance and introducing herself. It was explained that our normal meeting would last only thirty minutes as Mrs. Ferguson would report on the Washington trip at 7:30.

**Treasurer's Report**

Copies of the treasurer's report were available for those in attendance. Tammy Meyer reiterated her report of last month that band funds are very low. She walked through a detailed explanation of the printed treasurer's report. She explained that this current report only lists items through the marching band season. Once concert band begins, new expenses will be incurred. She expressed the need for fund raising as it is very expensive to fund a band though its season; especially a competitive band such as ours. We started off this year short on funds, and the loss of the Fall Classic (potentially \$4,500.00 profit) is sorely felt.

**Fund Raising Report**

Sue Hurd opened the discussion by again expressing the urgency of our fund raising efforts this year. She went over the fund raising list on the agenda with updates.

- Indians Game—the Indians Game lost \$700.00.
- Sponsorship program going well. Keep up the good work!
- Applebees night went really well! Over \$300.00 in profit. Thank you to all who worked on this event (including Jacob Adkins). They had over \$2,000.00 in sales from Crestwood patrons. Another Applebees night will be coming in the spring.
- The Potato Festival booth was successful. Thank you to all who baked and worked the booth.
- Theresa Zimmerman talked about the “Can-tastic” event happening this month. We will earn between \$0.40 and \$0.45 per pound of aluminum cans collected. Watch for details on a specific date for dropping off your cans to the dumpster that will be on our school property.
- Beef jerky/candy fund raisers—watch for details coming soon.

- CSG Cookbook–watch for order forms coming soon. Students will earn \$2.00 for their student accounts for each cookbook sold. Orders must be in by the end of September. Watch for order forms soon!
- Golf Outing–deadline TONIGHT. We need a minimum of 30 golfers. We have those, and a few “food only” tickets. The event may potentially only earn the 50/50 raffle money this year (due to the fact that event expenses may equal the money brought in) which is currently a little over \$100.00. We hope that next year will be a much larger and more profitable event.
- Cavs game–We’re working on getting concessions at the Cavs games. If we set up a team of workers for a set number of games, we can potentially make \$5,000.00 over the Cavs season. Seven to eight adult workers will need to commit to this for us to be considered and trained.
- Script–Cathy Spencer (Co-Secretary) is championing this “gift card” fund raiser. More information to follow.
- Middle School Dances–these can bring in \$1,500.00–\$1,800.00 per dance. PLEASE contact Debbie Burkett with dates that you can chaperone. About ten volunteers are needed per dance.
- Casino Night–a casino night was suggested last year. If we do not do this, we will try to have an “Adult Night Out” event this winter.
- Mrs. Travis suggested a Comedy Night which met with great enthusiasm.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Chris Nero shared with the group the opportunities for all band parents to get involved in the band. There is always something that each of us can do to help. She went through a list of the possible opportunities for parents to get involved and help their kids and the band. Finally, for anyone who would like to help out and volunteer for OUR children’s band, contact Debbie Burkett at [Goblet99@aol.com](mailto:Goblet99@aol.com). Debbie schedules all volunteers.

Mr. Gregoire expressed that the “Pit Dad’s” always need Pit moms and dads to help, too.

### **New Business**

Mrs. Harbaugh asked if the competitions have an entrance fee. It was explained that the local events typically cost \$5.00 per person, with the BOA regional events costing more.

### **Mrs. Ferguson’s Report**

Mrs. Ferguson’s portion of the meeting began at 7:31 pm. She began the meeting by passing out packets of information for the Washington D.C. trip.

Mrs. Ferguson invited all parents to come to watch the band performances. She explained that we should watch for “Fact Sheets” which come out for every

event. These sheets include directions for family members who would like to drive to the events.

Mrs. Ferguson went on to explain the schedule of upcoming trips. The first competitions will occur this weekend at Norton and Louisville. Please come to watch. This is the “Meat” of our Marching Band season. This is why the children work so hard all year. They love to have their families there to support them. Our next two are BOA events which will be farther away. The candy fund raiser will help to fund these events.

This Friday is 8<sup>th</sup> grade band night, and KSU band students will also be coming to play with our band. Post game show after the game. During half time, the band will script “DEVILS” on the field.

Mrs. Ferguson went on to explain the two trips to BOA regionals.

The Washington D.C. trip will be from April 22–April 27<sup>th</sup>. The students will be missing four days of school. Their performances will be on Friday and Sunday of the trip. She invited Mr. Sommers to talk. Mr. Sommers (Crestwood High School Principal) expressed his excitement over the Severance Hall performance of last year. He said that he didn’t think Crestwood could top that. Then, Mrs. Ferguson told him that The Scarlet Guard has been invited to play in Washington D.C. at the Kennedy Center. He said that he knows the price tag is high, but that we have a chance to perform in one of the country’s #1 performance venues. He doesn’t like to see such a high cost, but we need to see if we can make it work. This could be a once in a lifetime opportunity for the students.

Mrs. Ferguson thanked Mr. Sommers and continued going through the packet of trip information. She pointed out that the trip price includes EVERYTHING the children will need. They do not need to take any extra money, unless they want to buy souvenirs.

There will be a travel package made available for families through the travel company. More information on this at a later date.

Mrs. Ferguson expressed her desire to make the band trips educational and fun for the students. She is trying to make the trip as full as possible with historic sites, including trying to get into the White House.

The fee plan form was explained. (It was noted that some of the dates on the payment information sheet are incorrect.) The trip will cost \$1350.00. There is a band sponsorship form available for families to try to get sponsors for the trip to help defray the cost.

The band has lollipops available for the children to sell.

Tammy Meyer reminded everyone that they can use money in their band accounts to transfer into their trip account. When writing checks, make them payable to Crestwood Band Patrons.

Mrs. Ferguson closed by saying how much she loves her job and loves working with the children. She believes that music education is so important, and she takes her job very seriously. The lessons learned in band are long-term learning experiences, often life lessons. She is 100% dedicated to help the children. If you ever have a concern or situation, don't hesitate to contact her at [ferguson@crestwood.sparcc.org](mailto:ferguson@crestwood.sparcc.org).

The meeting ended at 8:40 PM.

The next meeting will take place on October 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Co- Secretary Marge Franks