

**Crestwood Scarlet Guard
Band Patrons Meeting
Minutes
November 9, 2009**

In attendance: Mrs. Ferguson (Band Director), Sue Hurd (Band Patrons President), Chris Nero (Co Vice-President), Tammy Meyer (Treasurer), Marge Franks (Co-Secretary), and seven Band Patrons members.

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

There was no October meeting. The September meeting minutes were not read.

The meeting started off with Sue Hurd welcoming all in attendance.

Mrs. Ferguson's Report

Mrs. Ferguson stated that the concert band season is well under way. Both the Wind Ensemble and Concert Band are doing well. Jazz I and Jazz II had their first practices tonight. (Mrs. Ferguson directs Jazz I and Mr. Adkins directs Jazz II.) The Wind Ensemble is playing very challenging music this year. All four ensembles are preparing for their December 14th winter concert.

Mrs. Ferguson also mentioned that the students should be practicing a minimum of 30 minutes, at least five days per week. She told the group that the students can expect some kind of educational assessment system to be put into place. The students need to remember that band is a class which comes with a grade. Effort and performance do count.

Treasurer's Report

Tammy Meyer reiterated that the band is in dire need of fund raising. Much of the current fund-raising opportunities have the profits going right into student accounts. The band has a large negative balance, and although there are some upcoming opportunities for bringing in money, we all need to step up and help do what we can.

Several students are behind in making their Washington D.C. payments. We owe the travel agent a large amount of money, and a great deal of this has not come in from the students yet. It is very important that we all make our payments on time.

Tammy went on to say that we need to raise money to pay off what we already owe. There is a great deal of money outstanding including Balance Wear and Spirit Wear which still have some merchandise to be sold. We have a negative balance right now, so need to fund raise to be able to make payments. Also, we need to start next year off with AT LEAST \$10,000.00, and we can't even think about that until we pay off the current bills and get through this concert band season.

It was mentioned that the cookbooks should be in soon and that there will be the potential to make some money there as we will have approximately 270 books to sell for profit. Each book will sell for \$10.00 with \$2.00 going into student seller accounts, and \$8.00 into the general band account. These will be sold at every upcoming band event, once they are delivered.

There was a discussion about some purchases made this year that will not need to be made next year including a synthesizer and a generator.

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.

- Sponsorship program went well with profits of \$2,330.00. Check the web site for a list of our current sponsors. PLEASE support these businesses!
- Applebee's night went really well! \$378.43 in profit. Another Applebee's night will be coming in the spring. Mr. Adkins championed this event and is looking into a "Sonic Night".
- The Potato Festival booth was successful. Thank you to all who baked and worked the booth. \$360.00 profit, and it was fun.
- The "Can-tastic" event made \$183.00. It is planned to have another collection date. Please start saving your cans now and watch for more information to follow.
- Beef jerky/candy fund raisers—money into student accounts.
- Tastefully Simple going on now, and Tupperware coming soon.
- Golf Outing—the event was more successful than anticipated profiting \$1,453.81. If the event is continued next year, there are some things that we would do differently. Sue Hurd thanked all who helped out.
- "Q" Concessions—a lengthy discussion was held concerning this potentially profitable fund raiser. Twenty-two people attended the training night last Monday. The first event will be this Saturday. Sue asked potential volunteers to let her know if they can attend. 17–18 years olds can help and will be paid. A portion of the profits will go into students' accounts of the parents who volunteer. Several volunteers are needed for each event!!!
- Middle School Dances—the first dance coming Saturday, November 21st. PLEASE contact Debbie Burkett with dates that you can chaperone. About ten volunteers are needed per dance. There might be additional Saturdays added, depending on how this first Saturday dance goes (the dances are normally held on Friday nights). WE NEED POP AND WATER DONATIONS WHICH WILL BE SOLD AT "CONCESSIONS" in the cafeteria during each dance. You can drop off any Pepsi product donations to the band room.
- Casino Night—not going to be a casino night, but we will try to have an "Adult Night Out" event this winter. February 27 was a previously scheduled possible evening.

- Shannon's Styling in Mantua is willing to do a fund raiser. Marge Franks contacted Shannon and is working on a possible January or February event.
- It was suggested that we contact the dog groomer, "The Nanny" who raised \$500.00 for the band last year.
- Gery's Place Down Under is a new restaurant in Hiram. They are willing to do a band fund raiser. We missed getting in this fall, but Sue Hurd will keep on this for future consideration.
- Cathy Francis will look into another McDonald's Night on a Monday or Tuesday in March.
- Mrs. Hurd reminded us to watch for the mulch sale. She will check with Mr. Cyphert on coordinating this, and it was suggested that we start taking orders in January this year. The question arose about the possibility of buying in bulk, but the problem of delivery might keep this from happening. Sue Hurd said that Debbie Burkett offered their driveway as a pick-up point again.
- We will again have the gift card tree and quilt raffle. Chris Nero offered to coordinate the gift card tree. Mr. Smith will again donate the planter for this. Sue Hurd suggested that we get Lori Duriak to help with this. Lori was instrumental in helping to make the golf outing the success that it was. Debbie Burkett will be asked to help again as she, too, got a lot of the donations.
- Extra spirit wear will be sold at all band events and conferences. We need volunteers to help sell.
- Mrs. Cooley asked if anyone thought about grant writing for fund raising. Her mother used to write grants at Windham. She will see if her mother is willing to help her pursue this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01PM.

The next meeting will take place on November 30, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

There will be no December meeting.

Minutes submitted by Co- Secretary Marge Franks