

**Crestwood Scarlet Guard  
Band Patrons Meeting  
Minutes  
April 12, 2010**

**In attendance:** Mrs. Ferguson (Band Director), Sue Hurd (Band Patrons President), Chris Nero (Co Vice-President), Don Gregoire (Co Vice- President), Tammy Meyer (Treasurer), Marge Franks (Co-Secretary), Mr. Becker (School Board Member), and eleven Band Patrons members.

The meeting began at 7:05 PM.

The March minutes were available for those in attendance to read.

**Mrs. Ferguson's Report**

Mrs. Ferguson started the meeting with her report. She handed out information about the success of students who participate in band. She expressed that this information shows how beneficial band is to our children. (This information comes directly from her research as she pursues her Doctorate from KSU.)

She went on to talk about the Washington D.C. trip itinerary. It has changed quite a few times, and although she handed out an updated version, told the group that it might change again. Her request to visit the White House was denied. She went on to share with the families present that there have been lists and forms sent home with band members regarding the trip, including a "what to pack" list.

Mrs. Ferguson reiterated more than once that the students are asked to pack clothes that allow them to dress like "professional young adults". At the very least, they need khaki pants, black socks, and black shoes for the outdoor concerts. (They will be provided a black polo shirt.) They will be wearing their concert uniforms for the Kennedy Center concert.

In information send home with students, it expresses the need for the children to have a "carry-on" that is not loaded under the bus. With the late hour of their departure, most will be in comfy (PJ) clothing for the drive to D.C. They will need a "carry-on" that will allow them a change of clothes once they get to D.C.

**MANDATORY MEETING:** Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. This meeting must be attended by at least one parent. Prior to the meeting, there will be a D.C. "run-through" which families are encouraged to attend. The local press/TV have been invited to attend to publicize the trip. The rehearsal will begin at 4:00pm with the run-through starting at 6:00. The mandatory meeting will follow the run-through, which is expected to last about 1½ to 2 hours. **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!**

Mrs. Ferguson is very serious about trying to provide all band families an opportunity to learn more about the Crestwood Band Program, and have a

forum/opportunity for questions. She has scheduled an "Open Forum Meeting" for April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. All parents with questions, concerns, or who just want to attend and listen, are asked and ENCOURAGED to attend! It will be held at the high school in the Library. Upcoming freshman parents and all band families, are invited and encouraged to attend.

Mrs. Ferguson went on to say that the marching band season will be under way upon their return from D.C. Guard and Percussion clinics will be in full swing, but also the band will prepare for the Memorial Day parades.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Tammy Meyer made available a detailed financial statement. Highlights included:

- All D.C. money is in with the exception of a donation from the Mantua Rotary from their recent talent show. This is GREAT.
- Bottom line...\$955.93 in the account.
- This is deceiving as there are several upcoming events that require funds including the band banquet in May and the need to have \$10,000.00 in the account at the beginning of the New Year for band camp/marching band.

### **Fund Raising**

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.

- Jazz Dinner Dance cancelled due to very low interest.
- Shannon's Styling event a success. There were forty-six hair cuts and a local business donated an additional \$25.00. (This was reiterated from last month.)
- Cathy Frances chaired the McDonald's Night. Nowhere near the number of families attended this year compared to past years, but McDonald's was VERY generous and donated \$500.00 to the band. PLEASE SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT OUR LOCAL MCDONALD'S! We would like to try to set the date for next year a bit earlier. If we do, they can invite Ronald McDonald to be there that night!
- The mulch sale is our biggest fund-raiser for this year. We really need EVERYONE to step up and do what they can to sell! Mike Cyphert is chairing the event and is looking for help the day of delivery. Some heavy equipment is needed to disperse the mulch from the Burkett home/property. Please contact Mike if you can help.

Bulk sales do not provide us as much profit, but those sales are helping this year and will be setting up delivery with the provider.

Mrs. Carney and Mrs. Cooley offered to call people who bought last year.

KEEP SELLING! Orders due by April 23<sup>rd</sup>!

- The last Middle School Dance for this year will be held on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Helpers still needed! Selling “glow sticks” this dance. They were suggested at the last dance. Chris Nero chairs these events. Please let her know if you can help.
- Spring Candle Sale in the works. Tammy Meyer is working with Diann Gregoire to set this up.
- Mrs. Cooley asked about another “Tastefully Simple” sale. She offered to chair a fund-raiser this spring.
- No gift card tree this year due to the “Theme Baskets” that were to be for the Jazz Dinner Dance. These baskets are almost ready to start raffling off. Marge Franks is chairing this fund-raiser. Tickets on sale soon. Watch for flyer and ticket sales soon.
- The quilt raffle is in full swing. The quilt is very nice. Please see Sue Hurd for tickets!!!!
- Theresa Zimmerman and Mr. Zimmerman are chairing a second “aluminum can drive” this year. SAVE YOUR CANS NOW! Look for the dumpster between May 21<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Sue Hurd shared that the Cleveland Browns have invited us to do concessions in 2010. To make this work, we NEED YOU. Sue will pursue and inform us all as new information is available.
- Cookbooks still on sale! They will be available at all band events.
- Mrs. Ferguson ended the fund-raising discussion with an idea.....tag day. She suggested we do a “tag day” on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at which band members go on routes and ask for donations for the band. In the past, this event earned up to \$2500.0. The band patrons in attendance agreed that we would like her to pursue this event.
- Last fund-raising suggestion...Mrs. Ferguson suggested we “look into” car washes. Car washes could potentially provide monies into student accounts. Any student working the event could earn a percentage of the profits. Parent volunteers would be needed.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Smith spoke on behalf of the nominating committee. He shared that the current patron's members were nominated to stay in current positions. Sue Hurd added that he had received an additional nomination for Allyson Carney to become Co-Secretary. A discussion was held in which the nominations were set as follows:

Sue Hurd: President  
Don Gregoire: Co-Vice-President  
Chris Nero: Co-Vice President  
Tammy Meyer: Co-Treasurer  
Marge Franks: Co-Treasurer  
Allyson Carney: Co-Secretary  
Cathy Spencer: Co-Secretary

The vote to approve the above was unanimous. Your 2010 Band Patrons Executive Board is as above.

Mrs. Hurd went on to express the need for additional chairpersons for set positions. Please contact her for additional information on possible positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 7:00 PM.  
Minutes submitted by Co- Secretary Marge Franks