

**BOLTON BAND BOOSTERS GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2008**

The Bolton Band Boosters met at Faith Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Jeff Morris called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. He introduced himself as the Band Booster President and thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. He then introduced the rest of the Band Board members of 2008-2009: Debbie Arrison-Secretary; JoAnn Cali-Treasurer; and Sharon Crawford-Vice President.

Debbie Arrison ensured the membership had copies of the minutes of the last General Band Meeting held on April 21, 2008. There being no corrections the minutes were approved by the membership.

JoAnn Cali presented the Treasurers Report dated August 19, 2008. Balance of accounts as of 08/19/08: Savings - \$5,190.50; Checking - \$19,347.38; Cash Box - \$0. JoAnn noted that the cash box will be set for \$700 once concessions open. She highlighted some items on the report. There are still outstanding student Band fees. Some parents have made arrangements for a payment plan. Those who have not yet paid should contact JoAnn, Jeff Morris or Mr. Chipman. The proposed expense amount for the spring trip is just an estimate as the location of the trip has not yet even been decided. Also, donations for the uniform expenses are still being accepted. The treasurer's report was approved by the membership with no corrections.

Fundraisers were discussed by JoAnn. She noted that the money made from these fundraisers goes into the individual student accounts. The following are the fall Band fundraisers:

Kathryn Beich Catalog and Gifts to Treasure Catalog – both of these catalogs provide the students with 50% of the sales made. (These will be due after Labor Day.)  
Yankee Candles - students keep 40% of their sales. (This will be due about October 1.)  
Cookie Dough – students keep 40% of their sales. (This will be due in November before Thanksgiving.)  
Spring fundraisers will be decided on later in the year.  
Kroger and Schnucks cards are available throughout the year from Melanie Wilkes. Gina Alexander has the cards for Melanie right now. Kroger cards are \$5 and Schnucks cards are free.

Sharon Crawford discussed the various sign-up sheets that were available at the meeting. She noted there are many different ways parents can volunteer to help the Band. Chaperones are always needed for both home and away games and competitions. Chaperones for away games and competitions ride the bus with the students. The Pit Crew does ride separately with the trailer/trucks. The chaperone coordinators are Sharon Crawford and Gina Alexander. Concession sign-ups are available and if there are enough volunteers then only half a game will be needed to work. The concession coordinators are Linda Corbet and Amy Williams.

Jeff Morris discussed the following items on the agenda:

Band Camp went well. Jeff thanked all the parent volunteers who helped throughout Band Camp and with the ice cream party and the cook-out.

Fitting for the new uniforms has been done and Jeff thanked the following parents: Lisa Waterman, Jennifer Sutton, Gina Alexander, Sharon Crawford and Tami Meadows.

We are now taking orders for parents to purchase West Side Story Band t-shirts and caps. Shirts will cost about \$9/\$10 and caps about \$17. (Students receive 2 shirts at no cost; freshman and new students also receive a cap.)

The Pit Crew will purchase Band polo shirts. They will wear the polo shirt, khaki pants and cap.

Volunteers are needed for the Bandmasters Marching Invitational, October 18. There will be a cook-out for the students.

The date for the Band Bash has not yet been set.

A Pay Pal System will be established on the Band web-site. Jeff asked Mike Sutton to explain this system that will be installed. Mike noted the system will be used for parents to pay Band fees only. At a later

date it will also include payments for the Band trip. Parents will be able to pay Band fees using a credit card and there will also be a recurring payment option. There will be a 3.5% service charge for these transactions. This is not a fundraiser it is an opportunity to make Band fee payments more convenient

**David Chipman discussed the following items on the agenda:**

Band camp was a success. Mr. Chipman noted that he had an excellent staff which worked extremely hard with the students. He thanked all the parent volunteers for their support throughout Band camp.

Band rehearsals were discussed. The weather has helped with outside practices. Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays and Monday practices are scheduled as needed. Mr. Chipman asked the parents for help in two areas. First, when the Band is practicing and they stop about 80% of the students start talking. This talking needs to stop as it is interfering with productive practices. He asked that parents please speak with their students to cease this talking during practices. Secondly, the frustration level among the students is too high. He noted that Band students are high achievers and they become frustrated when tasks are not achieved immediately. Mr. Chipman wanted parents to encourage the students to work hard to achieve the goals set for the entire marching Band. He feels this Band does have the potential to perform an awesome marching Band drill.

Mr. Chipman noted that grading is in progress. Attendance is mandatory for all rehearsals, games and competitions and does affect their grades. Homework is given and the students should be practicing at home.

The Band website is being updated to be more user-friendly. The August calendar is posted and the September and October calendars will be posted next week. Parents are encouraged to use this website as all Band information is provided there.

Students are required to meet at the school and ride the bus to away football games and contests. The students do not have to ride the bus back to the school after the games or contests. They must have a note from their parent giving them permission not to return with the bus and also make arrangements with another student to return their uniform for them.

The warm weather uniform for the Band will be the Band t-shirt with khaki shorts (to the knee) tennis shoes, white socks and Band cap. On September 12 the Band will begin wearing the new uniforms. Band shoes will cost about \$27/\$28. Black gloves/socks for the uniforms are on order. Students/parents can order hoodies. The school letter-jacket will be available on-line soon.

Marching Band Contests are as follows:

- 9/20 – Arlington Invitational
- 9/27 – West TN Marching Festival, Liberty High School, Jackson TN
- 10/04 – Contest – location – TBA
- 10/18 – Bandmasters Marching Invitational – Liberty Bowl

Mr. Chipman noted that there will be a mandatory Band rehearsal on Tuesday, October 14 from 3pm to 5pm. This is the last day of the Fall Break.

The following Band dates should also be noted:

- 8/23 – Percussion Clinic – UT Martin (Parents will be the drivers and are asked to meet with Mr. Chipman after this meeting.)
- 11/15 – All West TN Honor Orchestra & Jazz Band Auditions - Cordova High School (Music will be available this week.)
- 12/06 – Bartlett Christmas Parade
- 12/09 – Bolton Band Holiday Concert - New Hope Christian Church Bartlett 7pm
- 12/13 – All West TN Honor Band Auditions University School, Jackson TN

Freshman will be allowed to audition for All West TN Senior High this year.

Mr. Chipman opened the floor to questions. Shadowing was explained. The drill is designed for a specific number of students and this number cannot be changed. There should never be an empty position during the marching drills. Therefore, shadows fill any open positions. Many of the freshmen have shadows. If both students are performing equally well, then they will alternate performing at football games and competitions. It was noted that some schools do not allow freshmen to march in the drills at all.

Jeff provided a box of new t-shirts and hoodies unsold from last year. A donation of \$5 for hoodies and \$2 for t-shirts was asked for these items. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Arrison  
Secretary, Bolton Band Boosters