

AAA Band Parent's Meeting Minutes Nov. 18,2011

Meeting started at 7pm. Welcome and introductions were given. A question about the secretary position was brought up. Ann explained to the parents the proper protocol for filling officer positions as per the bylaws, which is the responsibility of the Board of Directors and that we are waiting on the Board to complete this job.

Ann reminded the parents that the second 1/2 of the band payment for those who chose to only pay 1/2 in August was due Jan 6th. Explained to the parents that the officers are evaluating the implementation of the fee. The officers have decided to change the due date to Oct at the first Parent's Meeting of the year instead of August. This was well received by the parents. The officers are also considering changing the fee to a yearly fee rather than a biannual fee. There were no objections from the parents, although some parents were concerned for people with large families with multiple students in the band. Ann, who has the most children in band expressed the idea that she thought it was more fair for each student to pay their fair share rather than others subsidizing those with larger families. Ann explained to the parents that the officers worked hard to come up with a barebones budget so we are being careful not to overcharge anyone and make it as affordable as we can. The officers will consider the parents input as they work on this issue. The officers want to have a policy in place by Jan. 2012 so we can inform parents months before the fee is due in Oct. 2012.

Ann asked for input on the website. It was suggested that a deadline for signing up for events on google docs be posted on the website. Also, parents requested that an e-mail be sent out to all families when the website is updated.

Celia discussed the pot-luck dinner before the Christmas concert and refreshments after the concert. She will send out an e-mail before the concert.

Mary Beth explained what is involved in preparing for the Christmas Parade. She is recruiting volunteers to help. 12 noon they will decorate the float, the musicians will be on the float at 1 pm and the parade starts at 2pm. 15 musicians are allowed on the float.

Barb distributed her agenda, which included All-State tryouts, All-State recitals, upcoming events in Dec., student's music purchases, Limestone Honor Band Clinic, upcoming rehearsals for the Christmas concert and a date for the Hopelands Series concert. Parents were given time to ask questions.

Meeting was completed at 8:45pm.

This meeting was in conjunction with the movie Prince of Egypt which the students were invited to watch. It was a well attend Parent's Meeting.

Minutes prepared by Ann Beach (AAA Band Pres.)