Kiltie Booster Meeting

Date – 9.13.2021

Location – Zoom Meeting

Call to order – 6:03 pm

Adjourned – 6:56 pm

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| Reports | Discussion | Action |
| Call to Order Approval of Minutes | Minutes presented from 4/11/2021 meeting. | * Jen Mannering approved
* David Tarlton seconded
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| Presidents ReportGina Bixby | **President’s Report*** First game was successful!
* T-shirt game in August – there are many people helping behind the scenes.
* PLEASE volunteer, and invite others to volunteer. The Kilties cannot run without volunteers!
* Very busy games coming up, and we need all hands on deck for the Sarasota High/Senior Night/Future Kiltie Night game (10/1), as well as our Lakewood Ranch High/Homecoming game (10/15).
* Announcement – we are forming a scholarship committee for Kilties!
	+ David Tarlton is forming and chairing a scholarship committee.
	+ It is currently in the planning stages – if you would like to volunteer, reach out to David.
	+ Mrs. Lewis will also be on the committee.
	+ Call for volunteers – Carri Radford, Jeanne Thompson, Patti Shoenborn, Amanda Burrow and Gina Bixby volunteered.
 | * Contact Carri Radford if you are interested in volunteering at one of the upcoming games.
* Contact David Tarlton if you are interested in volunteering for the scholarship committee.
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| Director Report - Mrs. Lewis | * Thank you to all volunteers – we cannot do this without you!
	+ More hands on deck make easier work!
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| Committee Reports | **Treasurer’s Report (David Tarlton)*** Concession sales are on target for September’s goal.
* Fair Share: What we expected to see, no shortfall.
	+ The budget is created based on how many band members we think we will have the following year. We anticipated 225, and have 192).
* Dry Cleaning
* Opportunity to purchase a set of bagpipes at a discount – the Board approved the expense.
* Expected expenses for new uniforms.
* Staff Shirts in budget – also an expected expense.
* *Concession Stand Volunteers*
	+ Each pouch has a form that must be signed and verified (2 signatures per pouch)
	+ $50 and $100 bills – we cannot accept anything larger than $20, because of the risk of counterfeit bills. We have a counterfeit detection pen available in the concession stand, but if we identify a counterfeit bill, we have to confiscate it and tell the customer we cannot accept it as payment (which could lead to confrontation). The easier route is to not accept anything larger than a $20 bill.

**Concession Update (Tony Clements)*** We ran out of merchandise at the first home game (played), but Tony will go shopping for additional supplies 9/14.
* We were able to offer fries at the game, since we had enough volunteers to man the fry station. If we continue to have enough volunteers, we will continue to offer.
* Need to train new volunteers working as cashiers – should be mentored by someone who has worked that station before, if possible.

**Chaperone Report (Jen Mannering)*** We had 8 chaperones in the stands for the first game, and they did a great job!
* Many of the band members were unaware that they needed a chaperone to go to the bathroom, so this will be reiterated to the students.
* All students must travel to and from the bathrooms behind the stands.
* No alumni / non-Kiltie students are allowed in the Kiltie section of the stands.
	+ Chaperones are empowered to stop “shenanigans” in the stands.
* Kilties *must* drink water during the game, and the chaperones will remind them.
* No food or drink is allowed in the stands, other than the water that is offered by the chaperones.
* If students are not cooperating, chaperones are to reach out and get Mrs. Lewis involved.

**Field Crew Report (Alex McKenzie & Wes Bixby)*** We had 9 volunteers for the first game – a mixture of experienced and new volunteers.
* Adjustments have been made and will continue to be made for the new field.
* Looking for volunteers for upcoming games.

**Fundraising Report (Kelly McWilliams)*** We are officially out of PDQ gift cards.
* Der Dutchmen pie fundraiser coming up – we will distribute one page (information) and a collection envelope.
	+ Mrs. Lewis will distribute these in class by the end of September for delivery by the end of October.
	+ Kelly has a 2 minute PowerPoint presentation for Mrs. Lewis to present to students.
 | * We will no longer accept bills larger than $20 in the concession stand due to potential counterfeit situations.
* Tony will make signs for each register and will notify cashiers of the policy. Carri will send “rules” to volunteers who sign up to work in concession.
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| Old Business | **Uniform Distribution** * Kristin Saltzmann was there to make sure everyone could successfully log into Charms.
* Hats and Spats
	+ We have a very large percussion section this year, so we are waiting on additional hats (have been ordered)
	+ New order of spats came in, but they are REALLY small and do not fit most students
* If uniforms need repairs, they must be done prior to MPAs (October 30)

**Band Camp*** Boosters offered fresh fruit – major win!
	+ Will continue to provide for future events.

**Parent Info Night*** Ice cream truck was very successful! Thanks to everyone who attended.
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| New Business | **Upcoming Football Games*** Sebring 9/17
* Sarasota 10/1 (Senior Night / Future Kiltie Night)
	+ Seniors report at 5:00pm for photos
	+ WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!
	+ Sarasota band will play at halftime
	+ The reported inappropriate booing from the stands in 2019 was from the student section, not the Kiltie section.
	+ Concern for safety – Kilties should not be wandering to the bathrooms on their own, they ***must*** be accompanied by a chaperone at all times.
	+ For this reason, we need additional chaperones for this game (we need volunteers for field crew and concession, as well, as we will open up a modified concession stand on the visitor side to discourage large crowds from Sarasota High converging on the Riverview side of the field).
* Lakewood Ranch 10/15 (Homecoming)
* Venice 10/29 (Away game – Kilties will travel)

**Other Upcoming Events*** MPA’s 10/30
	+ Mrs. Lewis will provide more information as we get closer to the date.
* Parades – Veterans (11/11) and Sarasota Holiday (12/4)
	+ Mrs. Lewis will provide more information as we get closer to the date.
	+ Potentially cancelling due to COVID restrictions (no field trips).
* Fall concert 11/18
	+ Sarasota Middle School will not be able to perform with us, but as of now, we can still have the standard concert with RHS students performing.

**Band Dinner (David Tarlton)*** All football teams (including freshman and JV) get dinner provided on game nights by a sponsor.
* We currently spend approximately $150/game for pizza, and we charge the Kilties $1/slice.
	+ This is 16 pizzas per game – 10 cheese and 6 pepperoni
* David suggested that we put up a Sign Up Genius and ask if parents would like to sponsor the pizza, so the Kilties do not need to pay for their own pizza.
* We will need more pizzas if we are offering it for free.
* We also agreed (if the sponsorships are sufficient) to cover visiting bands’ pizza.
	+ Sarasota has approximately 30-50 band members.
	+ Lakewood Ranch has approximately 100 band members.
* Water will remain free to the Kilties, but they will need to pay for sodas if they prefer that.
* We would like to also invite corporate sponsors for future seasons.
 | * Mrs. Lewis will discuss with Ms. Del Castillo to encourage the entire student body to demonstrate good sportsmanship during the upcoming game, particularly against rival Sarasota High.
* Mrs. Lewis to check on the availability of using Building 5 restrooms as we did for the 2020 season, just for the Sarasota game.
* Allison Baird can assist requesting corporate sponsorships for Band dinners.
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| Meeting Adjourned | Next meeting 10.11.2021 at 5pm (Board) and 6pm (Boosters) | Tiff Mercier motioned to adjourn, and Carri Radford seconded the motion at 6:56pm. |