

**UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL
BAND AND GUARD PARENT ASSOCIATION
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AGENDA - MONDAY, September 11, 2006
Time: 7:00pm to 8:00pm Location: Band Room**

I. Welcome – President – Carolee Richendollar

The meeting opened with a moment of silence for 9/11 victims led by Paul Rudy.
Carolee proudly announced Nicole DiCampo's election as 2006 Homecoming Queen.

II. Directors' Reports –

Mr. Obado highlighted the Thursday night games, the Rehearse-A-Thon, and the joint October Band Parent Meeting/Fall Concert.

09/14	Cheese Cake Pick up	09/15	5TH Game/Colonial
09/16	All State Auditions	09/19	Turn in Chocolate Money
09/21	Freshman/JV vs. Jones @ Home	09/23	Rehearse-a-Thon
09/28	6th Game/Oviedo (Thursday)	10/06	7th Game/Boone (8th Grade Night)
10/07	Timbercreek Marching Competition	10/09	Parent Meeting 7:00 pm
10/09	Fall Concert 7:30 pm	10/12	8th Game/Winter Park (Thursday)
10/20	9th Game/Edgewater (Alumni Night)	10/21	University Classic
10/27	10th Game/Timbercreek	10/28	FMBC – St. Petersburg
11/03	11th Game/ Winter Springs (Senior Night)		
11/11	Santaluces Marching Competition		

A. State of Band Finances

Mr. Obado stressed the band's dire financial situation and presented an outline of the band's budget. Currently, the band has the lowest assessment fee in East Orange County at \$255/student. Only about 40% of the band has paid its assessment fee. To offset the assessment fee, fundraising is available, but a large number of the students are not fundraising. There are bills yet to be paid like the summer staff and the uniforms need cleaning again which is a \$1K bill. As a reminder, the band's financial records are a matter of public record and can be examined by contacting the school office.

Besides the assessment fee, the band brings in monies from the concession stand, donations and performance fees at special events. However, this still does not cover the band's expenses.

Early Assessments	\$3250
Administrative Assistant	3000
Marching Band	32,300 (includes staff, drill, music, guard equipment)
Concert Band	8000
Percussion equipment	5000
Printed Music	1100
Equipment (non-percussion)	4400 (New tubas are coming at the end of the season.)
Awards	1000
Transportation	11,840 (3 charter bus trips, state concert band & state solo & ensemble)
Uniforms	<u>7200</u>
	\$77,090

III. Coordinator Reports

A. Vice President Report – Arlene

1. Volunteer hours

- a. Approximately 1700 hours have been logged from July-August.
- b. 892 hours were logged in August. This excludes concession hours.
- c. There were 123 volunteers in August.

- d. There are opportunities for volunteering the week of 9/11 with the cheesecake delivery, JV game and the away game at Colonial.
- e. A big "thanks" goes to the couples and families who volunteer!!

B. Uniforms – Lizzette

1. The uniforms are dirty and stinky and need to be cleaned again.
2. Donations of Febreeze are requested.

C. Chaperones – Carlos/Blanca

1. A big "thanks" goes to the many volunteers who have helped.
2. Help is needed Thurs., Sept. 14 with cleaning of the coolers. Please meet Carlos at 7:30 p.m. with bleach, dish soap and rags.
3. The away game travel bags are short flashlights. Donations of flashlights and batteries would be much appreciated. Carlos would like 2 flashlights per bag.

D. Pit Crew – John

1. The ant problem on the practice field still exists. John suggests that the athletic and band departments along with the school share the cost of treatment, each taking a 1/3 of the cost. It would be about \$250 each.
2. Thanks to all who helped at this past Friday's game.
3. A full crew is needed for the Colonial game this week. Loading will begin at 4:30 p.m.
4. A U-Haul has been donated and a second one will be rented.
5. The trailer needs to have brake work. A rig is needed to transport the trailer to the Hanging Moss facility for repairs. There are drivers available, only a rig/truck is needed.

E. On Campus – Darlene and Miguel

1. Welcome to Donna Zink who will help with the money aspect of the concession stand while Darlene and Miguel will oversee the food and supplies.
2. Help is needed Thurs., Sept. 14 for the JV game beginning at 4 p.m. to set up.
3. Please email Darlene or Carolee to help in stand each week, so Darlene knows exactly how people to expect.
4. More volunteers are needed to keep the lines short and moving. With quicker lines, it should generate more profit as more people visit if they see the lines are not too long.
5. There was about a \$3K profit from the Homecoming game.
6. The ice machine may be repaired soon. A repairman will be looking at it soon.

F. Fund Raising – Susan

1. Help is needed Thurs., Sept. 14 starting at 1 p.m. to sort and distribute cheesecakes from the Freshman Band Room.
2. Santa letters will start Nov. 7 and the monies and forms are due by Nov. 21.
3. Orlando coupon books will be available for pick-up Oct. 3 and the monies will due by Oct. 17
4. Chocolate monies are due by Sept. 20. Partial boxes will not be accepted as returns.
5. Ads for the Santa Breakfast placemats will go into the student accounts at 100%. It will be \$25 for a business card size ad.
6. Ads for the Classic ads will not be placed in the students' accounts, but will be used to offset the costs of the program production.
7. 1000 envelopes have been donated for the Santa letters.

G. Spirit – Pam/Raquel/Rhonda – No report

H. Guard Liaison – Lee/Sandy (Jen Karp gave the report.)

1. Winter Guard auditions will be Sept. 29 & 30.
1. The Guard just finished a Krispy Kreme fundraiser. The \$10 cards are still available for purchase and expire 12/08.
2. Lee is contacting local businesses to solicit corporate sponsorships.
3. A December Guard show may be held as a fundraiser and/or a Christmas dance to be held off-campus.
4. There is a car wash on October 8 at Wal-Mart.

5. The "A" Guard is planning to attend the World Championships in Dayton, Ohio.
6. Two graduated Guards are still marching / performing. Yea!!

I. Treasurer's Report – Lisa

1. A listing of band fees owed will be posted in the band room.
2. If you email a note to Lisa, please type your student's name in the subject line.

J. Webmaster – Debbi

It is updated on Sundays.

K. Historian –Nathan

1. The video from this past Friday's game will be on the website within the day or so.
2. Paul Rudy is providing video and photos from the previous year's and these should be on the website.

L. Secretary – Jennifer – No report

IV. 2nd Annual University Classic – Carolee / Mr. Jennings

A. Committee Chairs

1. Need: Parking & Warm-Up
2. Just signed up: Nathan – Advertising & Paul - Trophies

**B. Plan Meetings – Wed. September 20th for Committee Chairs
Wed. October 4th/18th for Chairs & all volunteers**

C. See attached Budget

V. 1st Annual Breakfast with Santa – Dec. 9th – Carolee

A. Committee Chairs

1. Need: Games & Community Liaison
2. Lisa Dunham will cook with the assistant of professional chefs/colleagues.
3. Robin Mantor may have a lead for a Disney Santa and carolers.

**B. Plan Meetings – Wed. Nov 8th for Committee Chairs
Wed., Nov. 22 for Chairs & all volunteers**

VI. Fiesta Bowl Parade

Mr. Obado is concerned about signing the contract (which is due soon) due to the lack of commitment to fundraisers by the students and the dire finances of the band. This trip needs full band participation. A few costs could be cut next year with fewer competitions as an example.

The fee per student is about \$1200 and the final payment for the band to make would be as the 2007-8 school year begins. Incoming freshman would face this fee and this could affect the number of students entering the band.

Nathan Spells encouraged personal contact or phone calls to other band parents to keep parents up to date with the band's situation. Mr. Obado is investigating whether the band could use the school's phone calling system.

Nathan Spells also encouraged solicitation of corporate sponsorships as the Guard has done.

There will be a vote at the October band parent meeting whether the band will attend the Fiesta Bowl.

Mr. Obado offered alternatives to the Fiesta Bowl. They are as follows:

- A summer trip to London. The fee would be \$1500 and the full band would not need to go.
- Championship game (1/7/08) at the Sugar Bowl. The cost would be about \$800 and would include tickets to the game.
- 2007 Cotton Bowl for about \$600-700 where the band will march during half-time and have tickets to the game.
- The Smoky Mountain Music Festival and the cost would be about \$600.