

Welcome by Booster President, Alina Cepero

Welcome to the last Booster meeting for the 2007-2008 year. This also marks the end of the Winter Guard season for the Color Guard, we are so proud of their accomplishments on such an enjoyable season for all of us. We also thank the floor crew for their support. Much hoopla and cheers was given to Ms. Cepero.

Band Director's Report – Mr. Jeffrey Miller

Mr. Miller begins by saying that it will be short and quick! Band and Color Guard pay their respect with hoopla!

- **April 30 @ 6:30 p.m.:** Call time for performers: 5 p.m.

Spring Concert details for the program will be given in class. Spring Concert tickets (\$5 each) as fundraiser. If band member sells their five tickets and then sell more after that, their account will be credited with ½ the price of the ticket (\$2.50). Request for promotion of concert: Julissa's mom, Channel 7 News. Ms. Shepard will take care of advising PTA. Anyone else having any contacts, please promote. Ms. Cepero announced that the food donations for the Spring Concert Sale will be designated for the band by Mr. Miller by sections, and Ms. Shepard for the Color Guard. All non-perishable food items must be at the school on April 29th.

- **April 23:** Composite photos for band. Those with Odd Schedule will have their photos taken during school; those with Even Schedule will have their pictures taken after school. These photos will have five different poses. A card will be sent home when proofs for the photos are in. Different packages with affordable pricing will be available All components of Band and Color Guard uniforms should be brought to school on that day.
- **Selection of Officers for Band:** Each position has different requirements for Band Officer. May 5th will be the interview meeting for Band officer. Knowledge of their material and particular instrument and their routine. All are required to attend the audition. Officers will be announced during the Band Banquet.
- **May 24th:** Pending approval from Ms. Suarez, this is the day slated for Car Wash fundraiser. After much debate, time was set from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Pre-sale of tickets, cost to be determined. Performance by Drum Line/Color Guard. We need parent volunteers. More on this will be discussed.
- **May 25th:** Band Banquet – 7 – 11 p.m. to be held at the Oasis on Coral Way and 107th.

- **Final Exams:** Mr. Miller emphasized the importance of grades. He informed the attending members that the last semester GPA impacts their participation for next year. **Grades are important.**
- **July 12th - Summer Trip/Drum Core International:** After three options were discussed, a vote was taken and the one day trip was voted one by a landslide. Bus trip up and back on the same day. Approximate cost of \$75.00 per person. **Friday, May 2nd** the \$15.00 cost for the DCI is due. **No exceptions: to be able to go, all fees and dues must be up to date.**

Auxiliary Director's Report – Ms. Vicenta Shepard

- She first congratulated the Color Guard for an unbelievable Winter Guard season! The resilience of the new members, being that there were only two Seniors and the rest of the team was all new, their performance although no trophy was won had shown a lot of growth! Congratulations!
- Spring concert preparations and rehearsals were discussed. Dress rehearsal is slated for April 29th. The practice schedule will run late into the evening on Friday at the Youth Center.
- **May 6th and 8th** Clinics for Kinloch, Ponce and Gables High students. Tryouts: May 9th. (Even current Color Guard members must try-out.) We are looking to select members that will be able to provide longevity and continuity to the program. Therefore, we will not select incoming Seniors to this program. Ms. Shepard put Ms. Vincent's mind at ease about her daughter.
- May 23rd – Final Exam – Essay. Then technique.
- Fundraisers: Grad Grams and Teddy Bears. More will be discussed on this issue.

Treasure's Report – Ms. Vania Vincent

- Booster cash is low. Most of the money in the account belongs to the students. Ending balance as of 04/01/08: \$3,160.88.
- Orange Bowl situation, not good. We will avoid any confrontation with the Orange Bowl people, so that they do not spoil our chances of participating next year. They say they will not charge us what they say we shorted them out of but not pay us what they owe us either. It was brought up during this report that there had not been any "Check and Balances" done by Coral Gables staff in attendance during the games, to make sure that we were getting the items they are saying we owe them for. It was approved that "Check and Balances" will be implemented for all future activities of this kind.
- Dolphin Stadium – All who participate in the beer/food concession stand will have to be 18 years old or older. There has to be 14 volunteers per stand. We will get 5% of the revenue plus tips.

Stricter rules for the Dolphin Stadium, we will lose revenue if all 14 people are not in the concession at all times. All who are in the concession selling beer/food will be carded. List of people for each game must be provided to the Stadium one or two days prior. Ms. Cepero also said that they have marketing retail booths (t-shirts, etc.) wherein younger members (16 years old) can participate in. There will be a meeting at a later date to go over all of this material. Date: TBA.

Elections for New Band Booster Officers:

Elections were held. New officers:

President:	Daisy Campos	
Vice President:	Gloria Del Solar	
Treasurer:	Eileen Padron	Assistant Treasurer: Vania Vincent
Secretary:	Johanna Callis	Assistant Secretary: Maria Diez
Volunteer Chairperson:	Blanca McDonald	
Chaperon Committee:	Julio Garcia, Sr., Carlos Canteros, Matthew McDonald, Manuel Hartman and Ivania Espinales	

New Business:

Color Guard expenses were brought up by incoming President, Ms. Campos. Options for raising funds to cover the unexpected expense of buses to Winter Guard competitions, \$495.00 per trip divided into only 11 kids (since the floor crew does not pay.) Ms. Callis asked Mr. Miller why if it was a requirement for becoming a band officer to be in the floor crew, why the floor crew did not have to pay for the bus. Ms. Campos also brought to the attention that the Booster account had paid for almost \$8,000.00 for the Band members and just a little over \$2,000.00 for the Color Guard members, which was mostly for instructor fees; all of the rest of the expenses had been covered by the members/parents themselves.

The show's program for the Spring Concert was brought up by Ms. Campos as an option to sell dedications and business card sales to put into the program to raise funds for the unexpected Winter Guard expenses. Time restrictions were brought up by some and Ms. Callis brought to the floor to have the food sales at the Spring Concert as a fundraiser for this expense, seconded by Ms. Vincent and third vote by Ms. Diez. So it was voted on that all sales for food, etc. during the Spring Concert will go to offset this expense. We will still go forth with a program for the Spring Concert and/or Band Banquet to raise funds for the Color Guard.

Ms. Callis: TSR/Simply Hospitality program discussed before the end of the meeting with Mr. Miller, Ms. Shepard and Ms. Cepero. After looking over the company's proposal and research, Ms. Callis felt that this would not be a viable option for our booster as the \$2,000.00 per year cost of this program would not be a feasible expense as it is hard enough to get the parents to volunteer, making it almost impossible that they would log on and register to use this program if implemented. Mr. Miller, Ms. Shepard and Ms Cepero agreed. Mr. McDonald also agreed. A meeting is to be scheduled to discuss new business with outgoing and incoming Band Booster Officers and Directors.

Meeting adjourned.