



Talons Meeting August 6, 2007 7:00pm

Conducted by: Teresa Cushnyr, President

- Meeting began at 7:05pm

Board Members in attendance: Teresa Cushnyr, President
Cindi Mundchau, Vice President
Kendra Penner, Co-Vice President
Liz Cunningham, Treasurer
Jennifer Slaughter, Secretary

Mission Statement read by: Teresa Cushnyr

- Introductions of the board were made
- Welcome to new Freshman parents
- Description of Talons was given

Minutes of the previous meeting read by: Jennifer Slaughter

- Minutes were read in and approved unanimously

Financial report given by: Liz Cunningham

- As of August 6, 2007 there is a total of \$40, 622.82 in the accounts
- That balance does not include some outstanding bills from MIM of last year as well as bills from the Senior dinner and Spring Fling.
- The Profit & Loss sheet does not reflect the costs of Busses and some Spring Fling expenses
- The miscellaneous amount is a culmination of the three account transfers made last year and gifts.
- For inquiries about Financials please Contact Liz Cunningham

Scrip totals given by: Jeannie Allen, Scrip Coordinator

- June: \$150 taken in, Talons \$8.25, Students \$2.75
- July: \$ 20 taken in, Talons \$1.05, Students \$.35
- An explanation of the Scrip program was given
- Jeannie will be selling Scrip every Tuesday at the band room from 5:30 to 6:30pm
- There are still discount cards available and will be sold for \$5.00 at the end of camp potluck.

**The June amount was deposited in July and the July amount in August. The record will reflect those changes.

E-scrip totals given by: Beth Lenau, E-scrip coordinator

- February: Total deposit \$339.81, Talons \$277.89, Students \$61.92
- March: Total deposit \$283.91, Talons \$236.29, Students \$47.63
- April: Total deposit \$287.99, Talons 237.70, Students \$50.29
- It was explained that the differences of Talons and Students come from Alumni members who still have their cards registered but have no student in band.

- It was also explained that the E-scrip totals take longer to get which is why we are just now getting Feb-Apr.

**For information on your students accounts please contact Jeannie Allen

Old Business:

- **Carwash:**

- We will be getting 50 towels from Mission Linens but may need more
- We need soap, hoses, and buckets
- Stacy Phillips will call Walmart for donations

- **Uniforms:**

- **Old:** We will be using the old uniforms for the first few football games until the new uniforms are delivered. We will need to have them cleaned and fitted before the first game on Sept. 7. Liz is contacting Tehachapi prison to get a date to have them cleaned. We need someone or a couple of people to get the uniforms there and back.
- **New:** They are on order and will be delivered in October hopefully before our first competition. Red pants will be worn for home games and White pants for Competitions. The cost of the white pants have been added to the students fees. Students will own the white pants and can use them all four years. At the end of their senior year they can keep them or donate them to the band.

- **Potluck:**

- Friday, August 17, @ 6:00pm
- Students will play first in the gym (the PAC is being used for Fireman's graduation)
- Food assignments will be sent home with students: Band-main dish, Colorguard-desserts, Drumline and pit-side dish.
- We need people early to help setup at 5:30
- Awards will be given to students

- **Sponsorships:**

- The new Sponsorship program was explained.
- Students who receive sponsorship amounts of:
 - \$500 25% of their band fees will be waived
 - \$1000 50% of their band fees will be waived
 - \$1500 100% of their band fees will be waived
- The forms were sent home to the students in the packet but can also be acquired on the website as well as a thank you for your sponsorship letter.
- It was explained that this program must have sponsorships to help cover the costs of the year so the parents don't have to.

- **MIM:**

- A general description of MIM was given for new parents describing what it is and what it entails.
- MIM is the largest event in Kern County and has over 30 bands from California and at times other states.
- The MIM date is November 17, 2007
- Packets will be sent out in the next week to the schools
- We will start having MIM meetings as soon as we get chairpersons set.
- Signups will happen next meeting and an email will be sent out this month.
- In order for MIM to happen we will need every single parent to help on this day even if it is for one two hour shift.

New Business:

- **Booster Café:**
 - We will need about 4 people to help with the cleaning day on Monday, August 27, 2007 at 6pm. An email will be sent to parents for help.
 - We share 1/3 of the responsibility to help staff the Booster Café during home football games and we receive 1/3 of the profits. It is definitely worth the work as last year we made over \$3000 from it.
 - There are 2 shifts where we need 6 to 7 people and encourage every parent to sign up for at least one shift during the year.
 - This is another way to keep costs down for the students and is a great way to meet other parents and have fun doing it.
- **Props:**
 - This year the show is entitled "War" and is based on Medieval wars
 - We will keep the mountains and add marauding hordes to them but the big prop will be a functioning catapult.
 - The art department will be able to touch up the mountains and add the hordes.
 - The catapult will need to be built. Joe Cushnyr will get the design and material costs to Mr. Campos and Liz in the next couple of weeks so we can schedule a work day for building the catapult.
- **Cleaning:**
 - Big Red, Little Red and the closet will need to be cleaned out before the season starts.
 - We will try to schedule this on the same day as the props work day.
- **Donations for games:**
 - **Grapes:** Jeannie Allen and Lisa Bowyer will work together on getting these.
 - **Water:** Grocery Outlet usually donates water for the band. We will ask them again.
- **Website:**
 - www.talons.org
 - The new website allows for easier access and printable calendars.
 - Any inquiries or additions need to be forwarded to our webmaster Joe Cushnyr.
- **Photo/videographer:**
 - We would like to find someone to be our official photo/videographer for the year to put on the website as well as make an end of the year video.
 - Debbie Moore will ask Laurie Robert if she is interested since she has experience in this area.

The Campos report:

- **Little Hawk Day**
 - This is to help recruit new band members from the Junior Highs by taking them to the Oxnard competition.
 - They will pay \$10, receive a t-shirt and the bus ride to the competition.
 - It was discussed that this would be a good trip as the band has a bbq before the competition on the beach.
 - Mr. Campos will contact the Junior High directors to get a response from them to see if it is something that will be well receptive.
- **Stipend for instructors during band camp:**
 - Mr. Campos proposed that the instructors receive a stipend from the Talons for their work during band camp since the district will not pay them for that.
 - Motion to pass: Lisa Bowyer
 - Second: Rhonda Smith
 - In Favor: All

- **Clinicians:**
 - There will be 4 clinicians coming for one day, two hours during band camp.
 - It was proposed we pay them \$50 for 3 of them and \$100 for one (this is his job)
 - All agreed
- **Schedule:**
 - Monday September 10 Back to school night
 - Tuesday September 11 College night
 - It was discussed that it would be better to hold the night practice for this week on Monday since we have so many seniors and they will be gone Tuesday night.
 - All agreed
- **Championships:**
 - We would like to go to championships this year December 1
 - The cost is \$6000
 - We will have a cookie dough fundraiser to help raise the money for this and possibly sponsorships. (depending on the amount we receive)

Next Meeting: September 10, 2007 @7:00pm

Meeting closed: Teresa closed the meeting at 8:30pm

*meetings will normally be held to one hour but since this was the first meeting of the year and many things needed to be explained for new parents it ran a little long.