

**Talons General Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, September 8, 2009**  
**7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Welcome**

- Mission statement read by Mark Boyer
- Review and approve minutes from August 3, 2009 meeting
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report: Nicole Despot
- Scrip Report: Lisa Withams
- E-Scrip report: Beth Lenau

**Old Business**

- Big Red and Gator Update
- PA System Update
- Audit/Budget
- Uniforms ready
- Car Wash update
- Fundraising: Cookie dough orders due Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> (proceeds split 50/50)
- Jimmy Talleferro's request of 5 harnesses at \$208.00 a piece

**New Business**

- Marching Hawks and Golden Pageantry Corp student cost contribution (see attached sheet)
- Purchasing of apparel items for marching season (see attached sheet)
- Possible Purchases for 2009 Marching Season (see attached sheet)
- T-shirt orders and sweatshirt orders: parent volunteer?

**Matt's Minutes**

- White pant policy
- Budget for the school year \$5,000 from ASB and how money is to be divided
- Instrument repair request \$1,000.00 for existing needs
- Drum set request @ \$1,500.00
- Fees paid to band associations for Centennial to compete

**Open Forum**

**Meeting Adjourn**

**Save the Date:**

**Next Meeting:**

**Date:**

**Time:**

**Talons General Meeting  
Tuesday, September 8, 2009  
7:15 pm – 8:58 pm**

**Action items in red**

Present: On file

**Board Members Present:**

Mark Boyer, President,  
Michelle Bateman, Vice-President  
Nicole Despot, Treasurer  
Kathy Villa, Asst. Treasurer  
Meagan Holmes, Secretary

**Call to order at 7:15 pm**

Welcome everyone. Mission statement read by Mark Boyer

**August 3, 2009 minutes reviewed:**

Change made to the amount for 5 harnesses from 108.00 to 208.00 per harness  
Jason Lancaster motioned to approve the minutes with the one change  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Beth Lenau  
All in agreement and motion carried

**Meagan Holmes will email approved minutes to John Genter to publish on the Talon's website**

**Financial Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report-Nicole Despot:** (see attached sheet)

Report was for the months of May, June, and July 2009

**As of May 31, 2009 – Reconciled**

Balance sheet, total liabilities, and equity: \$44,944.79  
Profits, loss, and net incomes: <-\$1,038.16

**As of June 30, 2009 – Reconciled**

Balance sheet, total liabilities, and equity: \$ \$44,300.43  
Profits, loss, and net incomes: <-\$644.36>

**As of July 31, 2009 – Reconciled**

Balance sheet, total liabilities, and equity: \$43,172.43  
Profits, loss, and net incomes: <1\$1,133.00>  
Scrip student portion not on sheets yet but will be updated next month by  
October's general session. As of September 2009, there is \$23,106.72 in the  
Talons checking account.

Lisa Withams inquired why so high? Nicole had not moved \$2,000.00 into scrip account

**Nicole Despot will move \$2,000.00 into the scrip account**

Jane Smith motioned to accept the treasurer's report  
2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Lisa Withams

All in agreement and treasurer report accepted

**Scrip Report-Lisa Withams:** (See attached sheet)

**July and August sales:**

Beginning Box Value:	\$4034.50
July/August sales:	\$1870.00
Order on 7/22/09:	\$1050.00
Ending Box Value:	\$3214.50

Lisa gave a brief description of how scrip sales work. Pre-paid gift cards are bought by the Talons for parents and supporters to purchase. The profits from the purchases are to be divided 50/50 to the Talon's general fund and to the student's individual accounts. Over the summer months, students can earn even more to encourage the use of scrip when school is out.

Mark Boyer asked Lisa about different vendors and Lisa handed out order form. Order form on line is not updated.

**E-Scrip Report- Beth Lenau:**

**No financial report**

Beth explained how e-scrip works with Von's or Albertson's. Parents and supporters can sign up on the website. The profits are split 50/50 to the Talon's general account and to the student's individual account.

Mr. Sardo wanted to know which products qualified for e-scrip. It is a % based on qualified purchases

Beth is supposed to receive a monthly financial report from the company but has not received August 2009 report

**Old Business:**

**Big Red and Gator update:**

Discussion centered on whether Bill has been able to test drive Big Red to check breaks and the axel. Mr. Sardo stated that the District said those two items had been addressed and corrected but no one at the school site has the ability to check that Big Red is ready to go for the first out of town competition on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Mark Boyer will call Bob Lenau to contact Bill to come test drive Big Red**

Meagan Holmes asked Mr. Sardo if he could request that ROC paint the gator

**Mr. Sardo will contact ROC to paint the gator**

**PA system Update:**

Mr. Ouska had contacted ASB. ASB is willing to pay for half of the cost of a new system. Mr. Boyer had an estimate from California Keyboards with a cost of a little over \$1,000.00. Mark asked if the Talons could cover the other half of the cost not covered by ASB. The PA was addressed again by Mr. Ouska when discussing his possible expenditures and priorities. The portable system in question is fine for drum line but would not support enough mics needed for jazz band.

**Mr. Ouska found a PA system that costs approximately \$500.00 more than was research by Mark through California Keyboards. He will complete the research and bring the figures to next month's general session.**

**Audit:**

Beth Lenau called Terry Stone. She is no longer doing audits for school but is looking for more names for the Talons. Mark Boyer asked Mr. Sardo if he could get some names from other groups at Centennial.

**Mr. Sardo will find out what other groups at Centennial have used for their audits.**

**Jane Smith will check with Shelly Hacker**

**Uniforms ready:**

Uniforms were dry cleaned and students have been measured (see attached white pant policy and discussion under **NEW BUSINESS** and **MATT's MINUTES**)

**Car Wash Update:**

Mr. Sardo inquired about the profit at this year's car wash. Mark Boyer reminded those present that all of the money from pre-sale tickets went into the student's accounts to

help cover the cost of the band contribution fees. The net deposit was \$1,933.25, which was all profit for individual student accounts

**Fundraising:**

Cookie dough order forms due Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> with the profits from the proceeds divided 50/50 to the Talon's general account and to the students' individual accounts

**Drum harnesses:** (See attached sheet: Possible Purchases for 2009))

Drum line needs 5 new harnesses at the cost of \$208.24 per harness, totaling \$1041.20. A request was also made for 10 bass drum rim clickers at the cost of \$5.95 each, totaling \$55.90. Mark Boyer brought up last year when the drum line performed for a Bakersfield Jam game. At the time, it was thought a \$1,000.00 donation would help pay for items for the drum line program

Jane Smith motioned to approve the purchase of both the 5 harnesses and 10 rim clickers in the amount of \$1102.50 (not including shipping and handling)

2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Jason Lancaster and Beth Lenau

All in agreement and motion carried

**Budget:** (see Possible Purchases for 2009 Marching Season)

**New Business:**

**Marching Hawks & Golden Pageantry Corp Student Cost Contribution** (see attached sheet)

Mr. Ouska submitted a preliminary budget and cost for students for the 2009 marching season. Mark Boyer stated that even the cost of freshmen contribution is at \$288.00. There was an explanation given for freshmen parents on how the costs are broken down.

**Possible Purchases for 2009 Marching Season** (see attached sheet)

Group discussion on keeping the costs down for the season

Mr. Ouska found vendor for shoe purchases for \$20.00 each. Michelle Bateman requested that Mr. Ouska check the shoes to make sure they are acceptable.

**Mr. Ouska will make an announcement to bring in the old shoes before ordering.**

Color guard costumes need to be ordered as soon as possible.

**Nicole Despot will work with Cody to get them ordered by Friday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>**

Mr. Ouska found warm ups for \$72.00. Only freshmen and those who need a different size will need warm ups, therefore keeping the cost down.

For consistency and modesty, Mr. Ouska wants all band students to wear white shorts under their band uniforms. Nicole Despot suggested that Mr. Ouska order the shorts in bulk.

**Mr. Ouska will order enough shorts for all band students**

Sweatshirts are needed toward the end of marching season for warmth. To keep costs down, Mr. Ouska suggested the red Centennial sweatshirt at the cost of \$20.00 as an alternative to the \$32.00 for previous band sweatshirts. Mr. Ouska wants them to be red and clearly say Centennial on them.

**Mr. Ouska will work with Becky Porter to make sure there are enough sweatshirts in stock for this order.**

An \$11.00 fee needs to be added to the Wind sections contribution total to cover the cost of the lyres needed for band practice

White gloves need to be purchased. Mr. Ouska found some that will stay on that have a Velcro snap. Discussion centered on how many to order and student accountability in

keeping track of their gloves. It was decided that Mr. Ouska should order enough for 2 pairs per student in band at the cost of \$5.00 in student contribution.

**T-Shirt and sweatshirt orders: Parent Volunteers**

T-shirt will be black and have a rose on front and the roster on the back. Michelle Bateman suggested getting enough t-shirts for the pit crew so they match. 62 t-shirts plus pit crew, and a few extras.

Group discussion on keeping the cost and number of t-shirts ordered to a minimum. In the past years, too many t-shirts in unusual sizes.

Beth Lenau will coordinate the sizes and ordering of t-shirts

**Matt's Minutes:**

**White Pants Policy** (see attached sheet)

Many pants left from last year, including 32 that cannot be matched with other uniforms. Mr. Ouska suggested a fee in the band contributions and gave two options:

1. Making the pants property of band and return at the end of the season.  
Charge students a flat \$25.00 uniform fee.
2. Go back to red pants

Discussion centered on trying to find a possible match to keep the costs down because the previous vendor is out of business. There was concern that if the pants did not match, the kids would be marked down in competition.

Mr. Ouska will order one pair of white pants from a vendor to see how close a match can be found.

Group Discussion over what to do with the students who still have white pants at home and how that would affect the band fees. Mr. Ouska felt that everyone should be charged the flat rate of \$25.00 to keep it consistent.

**Budget for the School Year: \$5,000.00 from ASB (see Possible Purchases for 2009 Marching Season)**

Mr. Ouska will divide the \$5,000.00: \$3,500.00 for travel during marching season, \$1,250.00 for color guard and drum line, 250.00 for jazz band.

**Mr. Ouska requested the purchases of mallets:** Group discussion over the cost and purchases of new mallets. Mallets were replaced twice last year. Suggestion made that the students need to be responsible for their own purchases. Other band members must purchase items for their instruments. Mr. Ouska felt that the old mallets will not make it for the season. Mr. Ouska suggested that everyone in pit has a basic set of mallets and sticks and then the Talons cover the cost of the more specialized ones. Mr. Ouska will stress the importance of talking care of the instruments.

Jane Smith motioned that the Talons purchase 8 pairs of mallets at the cost of @258.70

2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Kathy Villa

All in agreement and motion carried

**Request of the purchase of 2 sets of solid colored flags (18 flags per set)**

Flags are needed to match the music of Carmen

Kathy Villa motioned that the Talons purchase the two sets of flags

2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Jane Smith

All in agreement and motion carried

**Instrument repair request of \$1,000.00 for existing needs**

Nicole Despot asked Mr. Sardo if there was any money in the school's budget for instrument repair. Currently, there is not. Meagan Holmes asked Mr. Sardo if he could inquire about any money from Mr. Wedell.

Mr. Sardo will ask Mr. Wedell if the Talons could have money towards instrument repair from the principal's general fund.

Discussion centered on prioritizing what needs to be fixed. The piccolo and timpani can be used in the season's show. The cost to fix the 2 would run around \$100.00 - \$200.00.

**Drum set request @ \$1,500.00**

Mr. Ouska feels that there is a need for a complete drum set for marching season, winter drum line, and jazz band. Cost is now higher than original estimate. The cost now is about \$2,200.00. The best deals for drum sets are at the end of the year but the drum set is needed earlier than that.

Mr. Ouska will get estimates for the next meeting.

Mr. Ouska also stated that bass drums are showing their age but knows the purchase of these items is a long term major purchase.

**Mr. Ouska has mid to long term goals for instruments**

Mr. Ouska would like to purchase crash cymbals (\$750.00) and additional suspended cymbals (\$900.00)

**Fees to be paid to band associations for Centennial to compete**

All fees will be paid by the Talons for Mr. Ouska. This has always been the policy.

**Open Forum:**

Donations to the Talons and Centennial band program in honor of the memory of Glenn Simpson have been made to the amount of \$1,250.00. The Talons will honor and recognize Mr. Simpson in both the MIM and PPAACC programs.

Michelle Bateman will contact Mrs. Simpson for a photograph of Mr. Simpson

**Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm**

Next Meeting:

**SAVE THE DATE**

Monday, October 5, 2009 at

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Centennial Band Room

**MIM Meeting at 6:00 pm**

