

Ridge Point Band Boosters
Monthly Board Meeting
March 6, 2023
MINUTES

Board Members:

President	Kristen Blomstrom
Vice President	Kristen Tassin
Treasurer	Marina Ouano
Asst. Treasurer	Kristen Belbin
Communications Director	Nikki Henderson
Secretary	Corrie Da Vera Cruz
Parliamentarian	Gretchen Retteghieri
Member-At-Large	Monica Ray
Member-At-Large	Kevin Sareen

Board Not Available:

Kevin Sareen

Director:

Luis Saldaña

Other Attendees:

Gus Weinig, Shannon Tassin, Jennifer McCullough, Flor Aguilar,

Call to Order (Blomstrom)

- Called meeting to order at 7:09 pm.
- Approval of 12/12/22 Meeting Minutes were motioned by G Retteghieri and seconded by K Belbin. Meeting Minutes were approved.

BOARD REPORTS

Directors Report (Saldaña/Burson/Baños)—

- Boundaries have been published for next year High School attendance which may reduce the number of band kids next year.
- UIL is this week Tuesday and Wednesday, 3/7/23 & 3/8/23
- Information on district UIL will be released next week
- Jazz has festival on Thursday, 3/9/23

President (Blomstrom)—

- Spring Band Banquet (May 5th)
 - Consider charging \$30-\$35 per person plus tax and tip – assuming there will be around 180 people – booster will pay for students and directors
 - Off site banquet at Safari Texas in Richmond
 - Need to determine how to sell tickets for parents / others who attend to ensure everyone has a ticket
 - Consider charging \$5 per student to ensure they are serious about coming – other ideas welcome
 - Ask for donations for decorations
 - 5 hour time frame – not sure if this includes time to set-up / decorate
 - Considering hiring DJ from last year
 - Will shorten the presentations by having drum majors and color guard leader present plus directors for senior awards
- Board openings for next year will be published next month

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Vice President (Kristen Tassen)—

- Pantherpalooza update and planning details
 - Wellby Financial is the main sponsor!!
 - Still need more sponsors
 - Doing very well so far meeting sponsorship goals
 - Wall of fame sponsorship will be advertised soon
 - Jennifer McCullough has volunteered to lead volunteer coordination for the event
 - Food trucks – 2 are confirmed and will donate 20% plus 3 ice cream trucks
 - Bake sale – need more donations
 - Raffle – card my yard, Christian brothers – looking for a large donation like TV, ipad, etc. before selling tickets
 - Consider reaching out to other local realtors to see if they will help with advertising or sponsorship
- Pizza update – need volunteers for this Friday

Treasurers Report (Belbin/Ouano) –

- The e-motions for the following payments issued in December 2022 & January 2023 need to be ratified:
 - check #2933 dated 12/1/22 for \$2,474.99 - to DCT Texas LLC for the pizza fundraiser on 11/18/22
 - check #2936 dated 12/12/22 for \$1,900.00 - to Susan Morris (replacement of previously ratified check #2908)
 - check #2938 dated 1/16/23 for \$630.00 - to PV Rentals LLC for the trailer battery replacement
 - check #2939 dated 1/16/23 for \$620.00 - to Clark Freight Lines for the trailer maintenance / seals
 - check #2940 dated 1/16/23 for \$797.50 - to Clark Freight Lines for the trailer maintenance / hubcaps
 - check #2942 dated 1/19/23 for \$800.00 - to Marco Martinez for WG choreography
 - check #2943 dated 1/19/23 for \$750.00 - to Adrian Allen, color guard clinician
 - check #2944 dated 1/19/23 for \$1,500 - to Kendrick Lockhart for WG JV/Varsity drill design
 - check #2945 dated 1/19/23 for \$711.00 - to Designs by King, LLC for WG sabers
 - check #2947 dated 1/20/23 for \$4,829.98 - to DCT Texas LLC for the pizza fundraisers on 1/6 and 1/13/23
 - check #2965 dated 1/31/23 for \$2,106.99 - to DCT Texas LLC for the pizza fundraiser on 1/20/23
 - check #2966 dated 1/31/23 for \$600 - to Nicholas Bissen for Oct'22 master classes (sax)
- Above checks/e-motions approved: G Retteghieri motioned and K Blomstrom seconds. The e-motions and check approvals were ratified.
- Sponsor Gifts - they have not been purchased. Will use sponsor shirts – need sizes. Dr Gee gets special plaque with panoramic pictures. Some others also get a plaque. Claudia is helping order. Will make gift bags and deliver before end of school year.
- Need W-9 forms from the following clinicians:
 - Diana Chaves
 - Chris Williams
 - Winter Guard Clinicians (emails sent on 1/11/23 & 2/1/23 to Ms. Blanchard)

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- Budget Meeting date for 2023-2024 school year (March 10th)
- Storage Unit in CubeSmart – will add additional merchandise and make an inventory
- Cheer Senior Pins - not received payment. Resent invoice
- Using QuickBooks to send Payment Links to parents with outstanding Band/Guard fees. Will send reminders every two to three weeks.
 - Amount of payment links sent: \$_____
 - Amount received \$_____
 - Asking to add 3% if using credit card to pay. If we don't receive the additional amount, should we add the fee back to student's account or write it off?

Communications Report (Henderson) – None

Parliamentarian (Retteghieri) - None

Secretary (Da Vera Cruz) – None

Member-at-Large (Ray / Sareen) – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

New Trailer Update (S Tassin) – new analysis available. Found used from 2016 but difficult to arrange inspection. Found a few from 2008 which may be good options – will need to get inspected – could cost around \$500. Next step is to determine a good inspection company and get an opinion. Also found new trailers from Kentucky for \$107k. New trailer may be looking like a good option with lowest risk. Need to look into financing and how that might be arranged. Agree that trying to get loan pre-approval will be a good idea.

Merchandise (Retteghieri/Procter) – Leonetti has been used for merchandise in past but have been approached by other companies. Agreement that we should get competitive quotes for next year's show. Would like to order show shirts early. Fan shirt will be more general then in the past and not include the year so they can be sold in later years if necessary.

Guard Mom (Retteghieri)

- none

Uniforms (Melissa McDonald)

- none

Photos (Monica Ray)

- none

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.
- Next scheduled Board meeting is April 11th, 2022 at 7 pm in the Band Hall.

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Minutes typed by Corrie Da Vera Cruz.

Kristen Blomstrom, President.