



Aledo Band Booster Meeting Agenda – April 11th, 2022

Meeting held at the Don Daniels 9th Grade Cafeteria at 6:30pm

26 were in attendance at the April in person Meeting.

The meeting started with Tara introducing Chris with CSF Mattress Fundraisers. He is providing us with a great fundraising opportunity selling mattresses. This sale will take place Sunday, May 1st from 10:00am – 5pm. in the Daniel's 9th grade Cafeteria. This is a community event so everyone should come out and support the Aledo Band Program! He asks for each parent to find 1 referral in the community and we could possibly raise \$30,000. If we sell just 60 beds, we will raise \$10,000. 85% of sales come from individual referrals. They sell everything from mattress protectors, to sheets, pillows, college sets, adjustable frames and of course mattresses. Hoping everyone comes out!

The Aledo Band Boosters Meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM with the business meeting starting at 7:12 PM by Nancy Bathurst.

President's Report – Nancy Bathurst announced that a Sign up Genius is available for people to sign up or nominate someone for an officer position and the fundraising committee on next year's Aledo Band Booster Board. Please encourage anyone interested to sign up to volunteer to help out next year! The By Laws will be voted on in the May meeting and the new board will take over the meeting for the remainder of the meeting.

Secretary & Membership Reports – Nancy moved to approved last month's meeting's minutes located on the band's website and Jeff Streetman seconded the motion. Everyone raised a hand and the minutes were approved. No additional reports were reported for membership.

Treasurer's Report – Nancy gave the treasurer's report. The Budget was handed out and posted on the white board. The Grey column is the Budget and the White column is actual. Anything marked as N/A hasn't happened yet and anything highlighted in yellow are the additions since the last meeting. Under concessions, we received money from the choir that added to our previous amount. Concessions with Jeff's help have exceeded our initial goal of \$13,000. Way to go Jeff! Debbie Furlow completed a last minute pop up sale at the AAI Opening Day which brought in additional monies. That added to our Merchandise Income which has been exceptional this year. We had some money added by Amazon Smile donations noted. Expenses have been lower than expected so far this year for most areas except for the Private Lessons Subsidies which was budgeted less this year due to previous year's lack of need. The board is pleased that more students are showing an interest in these subsidies this year and will see about increasing it for next year. Overall, we have only spent a little over half of what was budgeted mainly because the Scholarships haven't paid out and we haven't paid any so far on the Band Banquet, both are upcoming. We have one big fundraiser left, the mattress sale. Our overall budget looks good because of our events have way out-performed their expected budgeted income and our expenses have stayed within budget.

Concessions Report – Concessions were covered in the Treasurer's Report regarding money raised. Jeff said we have one more concessions opportunity for Night at the Pops. He said we are looking for a new concessions chair or two for next year's position.

Sponsorship & Fundraising Reports – Tara Spieker plans to get plaques made for each one our sponsors with a picture of the marching band included on the plaque.

Our next event will be A Night in New Orleans put on by Aledo Jazz Band on April 30th dinner will start at 5PM and music at 6PM. She has advertised all over town. The event is free but a meal will require a ticket. Fort Worth Catering will be catering this event. They will charge individually for drinks and desserts. Jazz 1, Jazz 2 and Jazz 3 Bands will perform. Professional Swing Dance Teachers will come out on April 21st and 28th to teach dance lessons. Everything is on the Charms website. ACU wanted to bring out some dance teams the night of the event to liven things up. Mr. Albin will make a live commercial to be shared on social media. They didn't have any interest from other vendors to sell at this event so



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only Debbie Furlow will be there selling band merchandise. Sign-ups will be sent out a couple of weeks before. The Mattress Fundraiser will be happening the following day. This was the main information for Sponsorships & Fundraising.

Debbie Furlow has found a pricing gun to help out in keeping up with inventory. She is starting to order now for the summer pop up sales and fall merchandise. It is hard to get items closer to the fall so she is ordering now.

Scholarship Report – Laura Anderson – Laura shared that we received 18 applications for the band scholarships. The final results will be announce at the Band Banquet on May 20th. They are still planning to give away \$10,000 again this year but this depends on the overall ABB budget. They would like to give away one larger scholarship of \$2,500 and 4 to 5 smaller scholarships of \$1,500 each. The \$2,500 scholarship will be called the Virtuoso Scholarship, recognizing Excellence in Music, Academics, Leadership and Service and the others will be the Maestro Scholarships. The committee is made up of Kim Moeller, Jeff Streetman and Stephanie Rink and they will rank the applications according to the top 6.

The executive board this year did earmark \$1000 for a scholarship in honor of Pierce Martin for the Graduating Class of 2026. This of course, needs to be passed by his family before anything is final. It will be up to the future Aledo Band Booster organizations to take further action regarding an ongoing scholarship in his name. This year's scholarships were already applied for and in process by the time the request was made to set up a scholarship in honor of this student. The board decided it would be in the best interest to ensure a scholarship would be available for this student's graduating class of 2026 and allow the future boards to make the ongoing decision based on their budgets.

Campus Representatives Reports

McAnally – Alex Mecham – Nothing to Report.

AMS – Jaedeanne Shaver – Reported that all 3 Middle School Bands made 1st Division Sweepstakes thanks to the amazing Directors. NTFB is coming up later this month. Next year there will be a second Middle School Rep position needing to be filled

AHS – Kelly Daves – Nothing to Report.

Directors' Reports

McAnally Intermediate – Mr. Robinson said the bands are working hard at passing off music and the Select Band to get ready for the NTFB. The Spring concert is May 3rd and the Solo Contest will be May 5th.

AMS – Mr. Qualls reiterated that Aledo got the highest awards available at UIL all three bands got Sweepstakes. They are going to NTFB in two weeks and they have Solo Contest on May 12th. He reported that since the current events, the kids and staff appreciates all of the support and prayers during this very difficult time. They are still feeling the loss but are working through it. Mr. Bosch said they will need Parent Volunteers for May 12th since the High School Students will be rehearsing for Night at the Pops. Summer Band Camp will be August 1st through the 5th at the AHS campus. Both middle campuses have construction work going on during this time.

AHS - Mr. Paul reported that Mr. Bosch will be taking over head director of Aledo Middle School Band and Mr. Qualls will be head director over McAnally Middle School Band. Mr. Robinson will remain at Aledo Middle School and Mr. Stephens will be everywhere. The Administration has approved 2 additional Band Directors. They are expected to get them hired by the end of April. Mr. Paul expects it will take 3 years to get the same numbers at both campuses. The main goal is to keep Aledo Band the same at both campuses so they will be the same come High School. They will work in more social events to keep them tied together. This week the High School will go to contest.

AHS Report – Jazz - Mr. Albin started with they went to contest 2 weeks ago at UTA. Second group did amazing at the festival and received a Superior rating and 1st place for 5A. Most of the seniors last went to this festival as freshmen and the underclassmen have never been. Jerry Olazaran was named best woodwind player overall and Kailey DeLorenzo was named best rhythm player overall at the festival. We have the Swing Dance coming up. They are also looking for a recording date to send off for other contest upcoming.



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An email double checking status for State Solo and Ensemble contests will be sent out soon. We will have kids performing at 4 campuses around the Austin area on May 30th, the plan is to leave Sunday night May 29th and spend the night so they are there for the morning competitions and they will return home that evening. The week of May 16th, they will begin practicing with the accompaniments after Night at the Pops. Spring Concerts will be on May 5th at 7PM at the AHS auditorium. Wind Ensemble will start working on Night at the Pops after UIL. Night at the Pops theme is called Road Trip, taking you a trip around the US. Marching band dates are updated on the Charms Calendar and this year will be interesting as it will be a more competitive season now that we are in a different Division. He is excited because we will be able to see a lot of really great bands within our new Division. May mini-camp is on the 17th, 18th & 19th and we will actually play our show music with the 8th grade on up. Colorguard will have practice as well. The Band Banquet is on May 20th at the Omni Hotel once again. April 20th will be the pictures for the composite and Drum Major auditions. April 23rd will be the Leadership Interviews and Auditions. The Show reveal will take place at the Band Banquet for next year's show. Mr. Paul is planning to work something out to address the 8th Grade Parents. Bearcat 101 will be done and Admin Day will all take place all on one day.

Percussion - Mr. Stephens reported that the percussion groups have been busy with ensembles. Last Saturday, they had their first ever TCU Percussion festival. They took 3 ensembles and 7 soloists to the festival. They got to play for the first public performance at the new Van Cliburn Hall. They attended clinics and received a lot of feedback on their performances. They got to see some of the best High Schools in the State as well as seeing the TCU professional Ensemble put on a 2 hour performance. Next Tuesday, they have Night of Percussion that will include all levels of bands performing. Audition sectionals coming up soon for next year's ensembles.

Colorguard Report – Mr. Paul reported for the Colorguard. The Winterguard has ended their season, the JV took second place over medalist after being promoted during the season. He is very proud of them for their accomplishments. Varsity guard is in National A, which is one of the highest brackets and they took 6th place in the Championships. They are getting ready for Solos and Ensembles. They are soon to be transitioning into parts for Night at the Pops. We have 25 who have signed up for Colorguard for next year.

Adjournment – Nancy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm and Tara seconded.