

# Hays Band Boosters

## General Meeting Minutes

10/8/24 @ 6:30 PM

- Call to Order and Recognitions - Bonnie Hernandez @ 6:33
  - Mattress Fundraiser 3/9/25 10-5
    - Alternative bed options in addition to traditional mattresses
    - We only need to put out signs and the company takes care of the rest
    - Advertise!
  - A huge thank you to everyone who has been helping, especially US Bands!
  - Thank you to our US Bands Sponsors: Mission Golf Carts, New World Bakery, Sunbelt Signs, Summer Moon, San Marcos Treatment Center, Affordable Golf Carts
- Band President Update - Sophia Escoto
  - October Social-TBD
  - Donate to March-A-Thon!
  - They are working hard and doing lots of marching!
- Spirit Nights - Bonnie/Janera
  - Last Spirit Night at Chipotle\$320
  - Money raised at US Bands
    - Kona Ice \$1,000-they needed 3 trucks!
    - Donut NV TBA
    - Lone Star Kettle Corn \$320
    - Upcoming Spirit Nights
      - Not in Bandtober
      - 11/13 Panda Express-all day
      - 12/17 P. Terry's 4-10 (Tuesday)
      - Zaxby's 1/22/25-time TBD

\*Carla asked us to thank these places for their support because they have been so helpful and supportive!

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- Events - Charlotte
  - Upcoming Booster Events
    - Send-Offs
      - Show a lot of spirit!
    - March-A-Thon
      - We have raised over \$30,000 right now-the goal is \$35,000!
      - Donations are accepted until 10/14
      - Kona Ice and Donut NV will be there
      - Chili Cook-Off
        - 7-8 chili entries so far-but we want more
        - Only families will vote this year (by ticket)
        - The band hall needs to be cleaned up by 7:00 and performance begins at 8:00

\*Jill added that show shirts that were ordered will be here by Saturday and they will be in the band hall and she will bring them to the field.

- HCISD Band Festival 10/16/24 7:00
  - Hosted by JHS this year
  - Hays plays last and then all 3 high schools play together along with the middle school bands
  - Airgrams can be purchased by 10/15 on their website or a link that will be sent out (\$10)
- Senior Night (also 8th grade night)
  - Make sure you are on chat if you are a senior parent
  - There will be voting for Belle and Beau

\*Bonnie added that it is important that parents line up on time because of all the people.

- Trunk or Treat 10/29/24 7:30-8:30
  - In the new addition in Live Oak parking lot

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- Each section will decorate a trunk and provide candy
- Families are encouraged to decorate a trunk and bring candy also (set up at 7:00)
- There will be an inflatable screen with Scooby Doo on loop.
- There are 185 students that could be participating
- This is Seniors' last trick or treating night :(
- Guard Updates - Jamie Matthews
  - Gold Banners!
    - They need to finish 10 more
    - They should be done by March-A-Thon
    - They had a cutting party a few weeks ago
    - Thanks to all of the parents who helped!
- Financial Report - Jill Fowers
  - September was a wonderful month financially!
  - She offered to revisit the why, but everyone passed on hearing it again
  - The total raised so far is \$77,000
    - \$6,000 in corporate sponsors
    - \$10,000 from spirit gear
    - \$2,000 from spirit nights
    - \$13,000 from US Bands (raised in one day and much more than last year!)
      - \$1,600 in airgrams
      - \$8,700 in concessions
      - \$3,000 in parking
  - All proceeds go right back to the band and guard! Marchathon raises money for our marching show.
  - The show shirts received were the wrong size and correct sizes should arrive by 10/14/24. They have smaller sizes to purchase tonight.

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- Sponsor Update - Bonnie
  - Support our sponsors! She will add the US Bands sponsors to our sponsor list.

\*Carla added a shout out to Costco\*

- Director's Report
  - Mr. R
    - UIL Region 10/22, performance at 6:30
      - The link for tickets was sent out
    - UIL Area 10/26/24, performance time TBD
    - Region Orchestra Tryouts 11/16/24
    - Region Jazz Auditions
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  - Mr. Collins
    - It is Bandtober and "Buy your band director a steak week"
    - Band directors don't make the football schedule, especially on Halloween.
    - 10/29/24 Costumes will be welcome at rehearsal followed by Trunk or Treat
    - Encourage students and families to share the fundraiser to increase funds and exposure.
    - Once band season ends, they almost immediately start planning for next year.
    - Marchathon
      - They will have a clinic and then the showcase
      - There will be split rehearsal for band (lead by a director from Cedar Park) and guard (lead by a director from Westlake). Cedar Park has won state the last 3 years!
      - Invite donors to the event to see where their money goes.

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- Come to the field afterward to take pictures.
- Recap of last 2 contests
  - US Bands Austin Regional-2nd out of 20 and 1st in class
  - US Bands Hill Country Regional-(prelims only) 2nd out of 24 including 6A bands
  - Various visual, visual effect, color guard and percussion recognitions
- UIL Region on 10/22/24 begins the state-bound process
  - Drill pages and choreo are learned, now it's the most critical part of the season-perfecting the show!
  - Scoring
    - Region: There are 3 judges. Our band must get a rating of 1 (out of 5) by 2 of the 3 judges to advance to Area. Ideally, we want straight ones (from all 3 judges), which is usually what we get.
    - Area: There are around 30 bands, 10 of those will advance to finals. Then 5-6 will go to State (usually one out of each 5 of the total bands in the contest). He feels confident they will make it to finals!
    - State: 11/4/24 (school holiday) at the Alamodome. It is usually their best performance due to being inside. Our band is ahead of all competitors at this point.
- Isabella McCommack was selected for a global award in high school band. There was a nomination process, including a series of auditions. She will take a 5 day trip to NY and perform at Carnegie Hall. She is the first student ever in the history of our school to earn this award.

\*Stephanie asked about “judge pleaser” vs. “crowd pleaser” shows. Glorious is a more mature show than last year’s whimsical Which Witch is Which, showing diversity and

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growth of the students from the previous year's "young" group.

- Adjourn @ 7:33

Next meeting: 11/12 instead of 11/5 (in anticipation of State!)

\*Additionally, families may add photos at the link in the newsletter and a band family had a fire on Friday night and a donation link has been added by Jill. There is also a benefit for the family being organized.

\*A parent asked about the possibility of band tutoring/mentoring or performing at hospitals/nursing homes. Students may organize this.