

**University City High School Music Boosters**  
**Minutes from June 8, 2010**

Next Meeting: August 19, 2010

Attendance: Mike Cummins, Carolyn Suazo, Marie Byrd, Jeanne Hoey, Kay Cook, John Hempsey, Linda Hempsey, Sheri McPherson, Kathy LaBelle, Rafael King, Kim Davis, Deb Velez, Nguyet Nguyen, Gilbert Alcazar, Melissa Alcazar, Mark Estelle, Nancy Kern, Nancy Coe, Ermila Bermudez, Lenford Oleman, Pamela Singh, Elizabeth Fiesta, Colette Ingraham, Mae Reyes, Leonida Pascual, Monica Rodriguez, Belinda Textor, Alice Sinclair, Bill Marsh, Maria Raley, James Raley, Young Kim, Dana Moya.

The meeting began at 6:35pm

Mike Price opened the meeting. He discussed the necessary changes to policies regarding school activity fees and/or expenses. He stated that anything related to school activities should be free. From now on, the school cannot ask parents to pay for band expenses, and cannot charge on a per pupil basis. Donations or fundraisers will be allowed, and the school can spell out the cost of expenses to parents but cannot specify how to come up with the cost. Carwash fundraisers might require a permit. This issue would need to be researched. Also, parents can donate money to the music program but it is up to the parent how much to donate. They can't be requested to donate any certain amount. Business sponsors can donate money through a student club (if one is formed and organized w/ officers and by-laws) or through the Music Boosters. Raffles are not allowed unless we are registered through the state. This is another issue that needs to be looked into. Additionally, the music program website must be updated so that there is no mention of Fair Share expenses.

A question was raised as to how we could organize to raise money for the music program without saturating the community. Parents and businesses in the area are constantly approached with one fundraiser or another. What other ways can we raise the funds? A suggestion was made to look into getting an EdUCate grant. They may be looking for a different focus to serve the community schools and supporting the arts/music might be something they'll consider.

Mike Cummins spoke next. He stressed the need for more parent participation to assist with compliance of the new regulations regarding school activity expenses. He also mentioned the possibility of helping form a student club for the music department, but it would be dependent on his schedule next school year.

Band camp will be held the week before school starts – August 30 through September 3. Information is provided in the packets distributed to all the students and incoming freshmen. A potluck will be planned on the last day.

Freshman Day will be held at Standley Park the weekend before band camp (Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>). The purpose of Freshman Day is to welcome the new students to the music department.

Parents should make sure their students have their physicals before school starts. Each student participating in band must have an annual physical and turn in their updated medical forms.

Uniform fittings need to be done over the summer, if possible, and volunteers will be need to help with this.

Order forms for t-shirts, gloves and shoes will be handed out to the students during band camp. There are extra shoes in the band room. If your student needs a pair, please contact Mr. Cummins.

Carolyn Suazo discussed the need for more parent involvement. She also asked if anyone was interested in a shadow position for President. This is Carolyn's last year as President and she would like to work closely with a parent interested in taking over the position after she steps down.

The webmaster position is going to be handled by former student, Komron. Kathy LaBelle offered to take on the food coordinator position, and she is looking for a co-coordinator to help her.

The Boosters will meet sometime in August before band camp starts to discuss the camp and the upcoming school year.

Booster club meetings will resume in the fall and will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm