# Minutes for Baker County Band Boosters Meeting

**Call to Order**

A meeting of the Baker County Band Boosters was held on September 7th, 2021, in the BCHS band room. It began at 6:38 p.m. and was presided over by Elena Lowther.

**Attendees**

Elena Lowther, Andrew Lowther, Becky Dietrich, Robin Johnson, Amy Kreutz, Myles Moore, Liz Cobb, Mike Scott, Julie Thomas, Jennifer Luke, Stacey Dopson, Rhonda Jewell, Shirley Long, Mr. Keel, Mr. Moore [and others who came in late and were not able sign in]

**Treasurer’s Report:** Robin Johnson reported the following totals:

Country Federal--$3,000.00 [approximately]

First Federal--$1,986.53

Pay Pal--$200.00

Cash box--$200.00

Amazon Smile contributions--$26.00

**General Business**

1. The goal of the meeting was to discuss upcoming fundraisers, namely the raffle for the Amazon gift card, the fair booth, and Breakfast with Santa. We also discussed the end-of-the-year trip for students and the upcoming Solo and Ensemble event.
2. The sale of the $500 Amazon gift card raffle tickets is ongoing until Homecoming. It was mentioned that it would be helpful to find a business/individual who would donate the gift card. Andrew volunteered to sell the gift cards in the stands at the football games, and anyone else who wants to help in this way is welcome to do so. Another way to get the word out and sell more tickets is by marketing the fundraiser on Facebook which Andrew, Elena, Mr. Keel , and Mr. Moore will do. The drawing will be held on Homecoming night, 10/8/21.
3. We will be running our concession stand at the fair which opens on September 10th. Sign-ups are still possible as there are still times that are not covered. We also need parents to volunteer to barbecue or roast pork for the concession stand menu. We encourage all band parents to participate as the money we earn will go towards this year’s marching show, which is a large expense, upwards of $3,000.00. There was also discussion of the logistics of running both the concession stand at the football games and at the fair. Menus will have to be limited as the cooking equipment must be shared.
4. Another idea that was introduced is to ask grocery store managers if we can collect donations for BCBB at cash registers.
5. The 14th annual Breakfast with Santa fundraiser is our next big project after the fair. Letters will be sent out to businesses asking for donations. Additionally, advertising the event and the sale of the tickets will need to start soon. We will need volunteers to solicit donations and visit businesses for follow-up and pick-up of donated items. The Friday before the event, December 10th, we will need help with decorating the middle school cafeteria. On the day of the event, December 11th we will need volunteers for cooking, and cleaning up.
6. Since we got word that we got approved to host Solo and Ensemble, discussion of planning ensued. Mr. Moore outlined volunteer roles: traffic and parking; security coordination; signage; custodial; director/judge hospitality; and concessions. There were some initial/tentative sign-ups in the spring as follows:

**Concession Stand:** Andrew Lowther **Welcome:** Robin Johnson and Michelle Williams; **Parking:** Mike Scott; **Student Volunteers:** Liz Cobb **Cleaning:** Kim Erwin **Home Cooked Meal for FBA Board:** Jennifer Luke. There will be a general meeting regarding Solo and Ensemble at Firehouse Subs on Monday 9/20 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Moore is holding another meeting with students for 9/22.

1. Another fundraising idea was brought up by Stacey for an evening of music in the park. The funds earned from this could be used towards the end-of-the-year trip. Committees were formed as follows: **Middle School:** Jennifer, Dusti, and Victoria **High School:** Mike, Stacey, Rhonda
2. There was discussion of the UF concession stand fundraising opportunity. It is a “low maintenance” fundraiser on our part because the set-up already exists; we just need to show up on the assigned date, get trained, and fulfill the duties. Becky is going to find out if there are any dates open for football season and possibly baseball season.
3. We discussed the end-of-the year trip—locations[Universal or Wild Adventures], how many days/nights, costs, middle school plans, and high school plans. Mr. Moore and Elena were informed of a possible package trip to Universal for $399. Stacey volunteered to look into this further and report at the next meeting.

Mike motioned to table the discussion until next meeting. Becky seconded the motion.

**Action Items**

1. Get Amazon raffle ticket sales flyer out on Facebook. Sell Amazon raffle tickets at games.
2. Continue sign-ups for the fair concession booth.
3. Roast/Barbecue pork for fair concession booth.
4. Look into soliciting donations at grocery store cash register stations.
5. Set date for a music in the park event for the spring.
6. Find out about packages/prices for an end-of-the-year trip to Universal.
7. Get dates for possible concession stand fundraising at UF for football and baseball games.
8. Attend meeting to plan solo and ensemble event on Monday 9/20, 6:00 p.m. at Firehouse Sub
9. Send letters out to businesses letting them know about Breakfast with Santa and soliciting donations

**Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Becky and seconded by Jennifer. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.