

Radford Regiment Band Booster Meeting 9-8-2025
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 – 6:00PM

Attended: Christie Morris, Olivia Carchia, Kenneth Stevens, Heather Ratcliffe, Misti Acosta, Vickey Goff, Karey Gray, Christie Palmer, Donna Sams, Harry Farmer, George Saunders,
Virtual: Richard Morris

1. Call to Order/Approve Minutes

- a. Motion and second for the meeting minutes to be approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Saturday the Central Church fundraiser made about \$576, There were fewer people that came to the show this year.
- b. Expenses this month- paid the College students for their July and August hours. This came to 4515 for the checks. Miles, Ian, Kara and Alex. The Senior banner amount came out this month.
- c. The School Board reimbursed for the licensing and the music for the show, this was helpful.
- d. All together with the check, camp fees fundraising and Saturday money
 - a. Income -11406
 - b. Expenses- 12,922

*Most of the expenses were from band camp over the summer.

3. Fundraising

- a. Toy Show Fundraiser update-Mary has put in a request to do February, April and September for 2026. We will need to decide if we want to do this, Mary will let us know by the end of the year if we are selected to do these shows next year. Boosters will need to determine if we need to move forward with this.
- b. Show Sponsorship Update- This is going pretty well. We have gotten sponsorships per show. Do not have any for the last 2 games. Misti is working on these. We can have more than one per show. We can ask someone to do these shows as well.
- c. VT Beer concessions- We are going to do the first one this Saturday. We will see how it goes. Discussed parking and who was going to be working the games. Discussed Parking for the games for volunteers.
- d. Swag Sales-Show shirts were mailed today and will be in later in the week. A Google Form will be sent to parents to Order and they can be sent home with the kids. Christie will do the Google form. The Bracelets came in today and hats should be in in 3 weeks.
- e. Donut Sales-Possibly sell donuts on 9-26 and 10-10. Misti will check with Dunkin on her way to work to see if we can use them instead. Kari can ask her husband if

he will be willing to pick up donuts if we use Krispie Kreme. Someone would need to carry the donuts to his car.

- f. Railyard Dog Beer Sales- Ken heard back about this possible fundraiser. Might not be a good option because the groups also need to sell at other events at the Burgland Center. Ken will email the contact information. There is also a possibility of group ticket sales.
- g. Letter Writing Campaign will be in November
- h. Since we cannot do the pie orders, idea about a pie in the face fundraiser

4. Committee Reports

a. Food Committee:

On 9-19- we will serve at 530, need to find out the menu

9-26- first night to use the uniforms. Will get the pizza when we get back from the parade. Do final fittings for the uniforms.

On 10-10, cannot use the cafeteria for this game. Will be in the auditorium lobby for that day.

b. Uniform Committee:

Noah and Sienna were not fitted for MV for a day. Do we have any larger size shoes? There are no size 14 or 15, will take a look. It takes about 1 week to order shoes How many uniforms are out and not turned in? Kari will check on this.

Garment bags- found some in the closet so we do not need to order.

Discussion of ordering the nicer ponchos. These would be issued with the uniform.

Update from Mr. Farmer about Uniforms: Uniforms will not go home. Section leaders can check uniforms. Kids will need to check out before games and competitions.

Mr. Farmer will let the parents know what the plan is. We will not use gauntlets this Year

Discussion about keeping a spreadsheet in the closet for checking uniforms in and out during games and competitions.

5. Band Director's Report – Harry Farmer

Mr. Saunders Provided an update first- plugging along. Things are progressing along. Each group is in a bit of a different place and working to get in the same place. The kids are having fun, working hard. There is good attendance. The show went well on Friday. There was a Facebook post and Mr. Farmer showed the kids.

Mr. Farmer- There have been no issues with students, they are working hard. The mission is not the Football games. The focus is the second weekend in October as this is the first competition. They are in a good point right now. Part 2 there is front ensemble and 2 solos, color guard is the star of the show

during this. The art teacher is making the diamond. The third song is not as long as the first 2 so they can move quicker with drill. The second competition is the biggest as this is the state marching assessment. The judges have to be vetted through the state organization. Judges go all over the state to judge state assessments. There is a set criteria throughout the entire state, not just specific to the competition. The directors that go through the vetting process know what to listen for. What he told the kids, this is not someplace to get 1st 2nd and 3rd place, this is a contest against themselves to get a specific level. Miles will be the only kid to go on the field to accept anything. They will be in the first set of schools. They will give the rating for all the schools at the end of everyone performing. If they get a superior, later on they will do the concert band assessments. If they get a superior in both they will be a state honor band. The results get broadcast to all schools in the state and they will get noticed very quickly. The marching assessment is the focus.

Backdrops- asked for money and money was approved. The City has approved to purchase the entire amount, \$2500. These might be here next week as they have been ordered.

We do not need any PVC to be purchased because the backdrops are the same dimension as last year.

Color Guard outfits are in- Boosters paid for these, they were \$84 total.

Can we pay the art teacher \$100 for her time on making the diamond for the show? The diamond from the Bassett show last year was thrown away.

Pie fundraiser Update- the person that was doing these has retired, the pie supplier went out of business. Mr. Farmer has looked through the different fundraisers and there are no other pie fundraisers.

Classes are going well. Rehearsals- going with Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until they are in the contest season.

Friday will be a day off. Closer to competitions they might do extra work on Friday.

Travel with busses- there will be 2 busses. The contest schedule has been sent for the busses. What Mr. Farmer would like to do with the busses- Mr. Farmer rides one and Mr. Saunders ride one. With Chaperones- at least have 2 per bus. If there are more there are plenty of seats. Also need help with loading and unloading. Front ensemble can help get the things on and off the bus. Each kid can bring instrument to the truck to be loaded. All of the props. Mr. Farmer and Mr. Saunders need to talk about this before we discuss chaperones further. Keep the number of helpers the same as last year. The sound system needs adult help to push and set this up. Kids can do a lot of

moving the instruments. From the gate to the field- the kids can do this themselves. The ensemble instruments can be pushed by the kids on their own. They know where things go and know how to plug this up into the sound system.

Need help pushing the podium for Miles.
Kids are doing the backdrops.

Mr. Farmer and Mr. Saunders need to email what the needs are for chaperones and set up before the next booster meeting. Some parents- Melissa, Paul Former, Kerry Christie will drive and can possibly use back of car for supplies due to concern the truck will not be big enough.

As soon as we know the times to start we need to know for truck pick up.

Kids that go down for awards will be the same as last year.

6. Booster Members/Parents Q&A

How many kids are going to the MV game? 15 kids are going, parents that are going will get pictures. Several parents will be going to the game to get pictures. Mr. Farmer can also help get pictures. 530 the will do the march into the stadium. The kids will have a ticket and sit in a different section, there will be MV with them to help them get down to the field.

Mr. Saunders- need to order hoodies for new members or anyone who needs a replacement. Misti has spoken to the Greenhouse people about the Radford Regiment and Sweatshirt t-shirt orders.

7. Closing comments

Next Meeting will be October 6th at 6pm as October 13th and October 20th the schools are closed.

8. Adjournment