

Radford Band Boosters Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2025 – 6:00PM

In Attendance (All Virtual due to weather and schools being closed)-
Harry Farmer, Ken Stevens, Leslie Stevens, Angelina Forner, Paul Forner, Donna Sams, Christie Morris, Olivia Carchia, Scott Sadler, Melissa Sadler, Andrea Watson, Karey Gray, Christie Palmer, Heather Ratcliffe

1. Call to Order/Approve Minutes

Minutes were approved

2. Treasurer's Report

- Olivia provided reviewed Treasurer report. In the past month there have been \$380 donations not related to the letter writing campaign, and \$48 in the PayPal.
- Money spent this month- Bus Driver tips, \$243 for the letter writing campaign (envelopes, stamps, etc.), music subscription, staff compensation, marching and competitions
- So far there has been about \$5,500 received from the letter writing campaign
- Have received about \$7,000 from the VT Beer sales, except a total of about \$10,000. This was a successful fundraiser
- There was a budget of about \$18,000 for staff payments, however only spent \$12,000. There was significant savings here
- So far we have \$34,000 budgeted and have only spent \$26,000. Doing well with the budget up to this point.

3. Fundraising

- VT Beer Concessions update
 - Made just over \$10,000 with this fundraiser. It was worth the effort. Will continue to do this fundraiser.
- Letter Writing Campaign update
 - Have made over \$5,000 so far with this fundraiser. Still have money coming in
- Raffle/swag sales at concert
 - Raffle- have not been able to get information related to the raffle for the concert. Decision to not do the raffle at the winter concert due to not having information and the concert being in 2 days. Will look at doing the raffle at the next concert
 - Swag Sales- Will sell merch and swag at the concert from the theater ticket window. This will be sold at beginning of concert and end of concert. Need the cash box for change, and the pages with the PayPal information. Christie will be there at 615 to stand at the window, Scott can also help. Will also put the hat out for donations
- Toy/Diecast Show
 - Angelina will work this on Saturday 12-13. Christie can come around 10. Donna will send out a sign up sheet for a few food items and volunteers to work. The food will be simple. Possible needs are-soda, buns and chili
- Trivia night
 - Ken is working on the details for this and provide an update when more is known.

4. Miscellaneous Updates

- Updates from committees (food/uniforms)
 - No additional updates from the above related to the Toy/Diecast show
- Parade/Concert updates
 - There was open discussion regarding the parade for the night of 12-9. There were updates provided throughout the meeting, with the final decision at the end of the meeting that the band will participate in the parade and be able to ride the busses to the parade start point. Boosters will provide pizza, drinks and desserts. Harry will send out the final schedule. Andrea will provide decorations for the instruments. Pizza should be to the school by about 430.

5. Band Director's Report – Harry Farmer

- The concert will start at 7pm. The bands from the High school, Dalton, and Belle Heth will perform. The combined bands from Dalton and Belle Heth have about 75 students. This is good news for the band in the coming years. This combined band will play 3 selections. Jazz band will play 2 selections, high school concert band will play 3 selections, and the percussion ensemble will play 4 selections
- We will have a slide show at the end, and Harry requested a video from the William Byrd competition.
- High School All District- a band director from the Lynchburg area passed away unexpectedly. The band directors voted to reschedule the All District try outs due to the funeral being on 12-13. The new try out day will be on January 10th, and will include high school and middle school kids. Middle school will try out first. The location will be Lord Botetourt High school. Harry will need to work on a plan to get the

middle school kids home. Hopefully about 7-10 high school kids will try out. If there is bad weather the plan will be to have the high school try outs virtually and reschedule the middle school try outs.

- There were 8 students selected for the VT honor band from the high school and 2 from middle school. This will be January 23-25 and the concert will be at the Virginia Tech Performing Arts Center (Moss Center). The high school concert will be Feb 6-7 at VA tech and middle school Feb 20th in Lynchburg

High School Students Nominated: Triston Lineberry, Caroline Gibbs, Will Acosta, Caleb Sams, Noah Morris, Seth Baron, Sienna Carter, Ariel Sutphin

Middle School Students Nominated: Dreama Reppert, Jade Sanchez-Rodriguez

- There is a \$100 dollar fee for each student to participate. The Band boosters voted to pay for each child nominated to avoid parents from having to pay this cost.
- Marching Assessment- This will be either on March 10th or 11th. Harry is considering doing a pre-assessment concert with Blacksburg and Christiansburg with a mock judging panel to give feedback.
- Kings Dominion/Carowinds- Harry is still deciding which to take the kids to. There will be a required deposit and the performance will be on the property. Harry would like to take a charter bus for comfort and to transport instruments. More information to come about this.
- Harry stated that he appreciates every volunteer and everything the boosters and parents are doing for the students

6. Booster Members/Parents Q&A

- No additional comments or questions.

7. Closing comments/set next meeting date

- Next meeting will be Monday January 12, 2026 at 6pm.

8. Adjournment