

Radford Regiment Booster Meeting
2-10-2026

In Attendance: Harry Farmer, Donna Sams, Christie Morris, Vickey Goff, Olivia Carchia ,
Kari Gray, Ken Stevens

1. Call to Order/Approve Minutes
 - a. Called to order by donna
 - b. Motion to approve minutes made, second made-minutes were approved
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Past month summary- spent \$125 for Kings Dominion Band Trip, \$322 for District, spent money on honors band, made money from Kroger and Letter Writing, spent money on music, spent money on the music editing software
 - b. Income is above budget and we have not done Snapraise yet and have another VA Tech concession for the Spring Game
 - c. We did not include Kings Dominion in the planning in the budget so this will need to be accounted for moving forward -the cost of the bus
3. Fundraising
 - a. VT Beer Concessions update
 - i. We did get the Spring game. We can do baseball, but only a few people have signed up so not sure if we will do any of these. If we get one or 2 more people on the same dates then Donna and Larry will fill in. Christie can also fill in if needed.
 - b. Snapraise Update
 - i. Donna received an email today about Snapraise. George set this up. The start date would be March 17th. March 4th would be the onboarding and participant login.
 - ii. Ken- he has done this in the past and volunteered to take the lead this year. We need to have announcements for the kids to sign up, this has been done in the class. Ken can take a look at this for the online access and keeping everyone up to date. Ken will be able to login and manage this.
 - c. Other upcoming fundraisers
 - i. We are signed up for the Diecast show on Feb. 28th-Donna will get in touch with Angelina to see if we are prepared for that.
4. Miscellaneous Updates
 - a. Updates from committees (food/Uniform)
 - i. Reminder- we do officer elections in April. If there are nominations to make for officer elections we need to make those in March.
 - ii. Uniform update- Kari is willing to do uniforms if anyone is willing to step in and help. Vickie can help. There has been discussion about other uniforms as well. The uniforms need to be dry cleaned. In the past people have taken them home and washed them. How much would the dry cleaning bill be?
5. Band Director's Report-Harry Farmer

- a. VT Honor band- this was a success. Ten kids participated for a one day event. All of the kids had a good time. Jade Rodriguez Sanchez finished 2nd chair in middle school. Caroline made top band, and kids were sprinkled out throughout all of the bands. This was a nice event.
- b. High School All district was supposed to be last weekend but it had to be cancelled. This was the right call. There will be a refund for this. There is not a possibility of rescheduling because it has to happen in a specific window. The All Virginia audition is the first of April.
- c. Middle School All district is Feb 20-21. One child is involved in this. The hotel reservation is made and is a bit more expensive..\$200. Mr. Farmer will take Jade there and her mom will meet up there to spend the night.
- d. Concert Assessment- there will be a pre-assessment Concert on February 26th at Blacksburg High school with multiple Montgomery county Schools. Radford would preform around 6pm. The event will begin at 5 and there will be a band about every half hour. There will be people there to give comments so there will be a week before going to Concert Assessment. The kids do not have to stay the whole time, but they should watch a few just to see what the other High Schools are doing. The other bands are high quality. They will wear all black- and this is the concert outfit that we have had in the past.
- e. Concert Assessment will be at William Fleming high school, hopefully on March 10th. Not sure yet about a time and we will not know until about 2 weeks before the event. The cost for this is \$300. This pays for the judges, mileage, hotel, etc.
- f. Spring concert will be May 5th. The plan for this will be to have all of the concert bands play. The Jazz band and Percussion will be split and will do their concert another day. Jazz band might play one song on May 5th, but there will be another concert-this way there is not as much moving of equipment. This is the tentative plan and will be decided on a date later for the second concert.
- g. Kings Dominion will be to be determined based on Prom being May 9th. The deposit has been made. Preform at 425 in the afternoon. Have quotes for Charter Buses- Sunshine tours-\$3,010 for the day. Mr. Farmer would like for the Boosters to pay for the bus, and the kids pay for the tickets. The kid tickets is \$42. Mr. Farmer will charge \$50 to help cover the cost of Chaperones. For every \$15 kids that pay and go, we will have 1 free ticket. This could be about 3 free tickets, then the \$10 tickets from charging more money from the kids. We have about \$14,000 that is available. There might also be areas in the budget where we can save money.
- h. Boosters approved the bus and charging \$50 per kid, however if the kids cannot pay then we will come up with a way to fund the trip. Estimate about 35 that can pay, which would be about 20 that might not be able to pay. If the kids want to raise money they can do that. We also need to account for food as well.

- i. Mr. Farmer will send something home with the kids and will put in the letter if there is a financial hardship he needs to know so that we can fundraise or get the money.
 - j. The itinerary- leave around 630am. The kids will be able to go throughout the park until about 3, they will get their instruments around 4, then they will play, the instruments will go back to the bus, stay until around 7 and then return.
 - k. A grab and go breakfast for the bus, possibly pack PB&J in coolers, then we need to figure out possibly feeding them dinner.
 - l. Needs: Would like to rent a string base for \$300 for the rest of the year- Approved by boosters; purchase a class set of tuners for everyone \$625 for a class set of 25- approved by boosters; Star City music came when we met the last time and went through the inventory of all instruments, some things were sent off that are ready to be repaired, this cost will be \$4,000 but it appears that the school system will take care of this. There are also some needs related to instrument purchases-Mr. Farmer will look in to this, but if we purchase the instruments that we need it would be very costly. There are kids who are interested in playing the instruments. Mr. Farmer will give more information later.
 - m. Mr. Farmer has looked a bit of marching shows, but no decision has been made. If we change uniforms then this will be a large expense. We might want to look at getting the pants.
 - n. Do we need to look at increasing the band fee possibly? Maybe getting fees 2 times, or installments. There has been trouble getting band fees at all. Maybe keep the band fee of \$150, but then ask to increase based on what people want to pay. Also include sponsor another kid for fees.
 - o. There is a cleaner in Dublin that has offered to do dry cleaning at a discount, or gentle cycle at the laundry mat.
 - p. Mr. Farmer thanked all of the parents. Would like to do a trip more local every year, and then every 4 years do something a bit bigger.
6. Booster Members/Parents Q&A
- a. None
7. Closing Comments/set next meeting date
- a. Next meeting is Wednesday March 11th-This will be a virtual meeting.
8. Adjournment