Meeting was called to order by Nancy Bathurst at 6:33 PM.

18 were in attendance through the Zoom meeting.

**President’s Report –** Nancy Bathurst – Nancy began tonight’s meeting introducing all of the Members of the Board, Nancy Bathurst – President, Kim Moeller – Vice President, Debbie Fritz – Secretary & Membership Chair, Daisy Mather-Hohman – Treasurer, Jaedeanne Shaver – AMS Representative, Tara Spieker – Sponsorship, Fundraising, & Events Chair, Jeff Streetman – Concessions and Webmaster, Laura Anderson – Scholarship Chair, Debbie Furlow – Merchandise, Alex Meacham – McAnally Rep, and Kelly Daves – AHS Rep. .Nancy welcomed all who were in attendance for our first Booster meeting of the year. ABB meetings are scheduled on the second Monday of every month at 6:30PM. Our next ABB meeting is on October 18th because the second Monday in October is a holiday.

**Membership Report –** Debbie Fritz reported on Membership and that we had taken in $14,600 in income for memberships this year as of this meeting. The items were ordered today and would take approximately 2-3 weeks to be shipped. We had a total of 151 memberships this year which is more than in the previous last 2 years. Debbie will send out an email once these items are ready for pick up.

**Vice President Report –** Kim Moeller reported that the show shirts were just now being printed due to the delay in the supply chain. These are the show shirts for the kids and the membership orders and a few were ordered for the merchandise table.

**Secretary Report –** Debbie Fritz has nothing to report.

**Concessions Report -** Jeff Streetman said we got off to a really good start. He said we had a shortage in the supply chain with concessions as well. He said we didn’t have nachos, chili, chips but it hasn’t stopped people from buying. He said the first home game we almost sold out of everything we had in the concession stand. We have our home stand and the visitor’s stand. We do need so many more volunteers to cover these concessions stands so that we do not loose the money raised off of these concessions stands. The volunteers have had to work both shifts because we didn’t have enough volunteers to relieve the earlier shift. He thought we netted $600 from the concessions stand on Saturday’s Play a Thon. He was asking to make sure to post the need for volunteers on our Class of 2022, 2023, 2024, etc… Mandy McCarly told Jeff that she thinks we will probably net as much as we did year before last. Nancy said that we made over $16,000. Nancy asked about ways to tap into the middle school parents especially for the Senior Parents night. Jeff said that athletics will help us on the Band Parent Senior Night and we’ll cover the athletics stand on their Parent night. It was suggested that the Sign up Genius include all of the positions in advance so people can plan ahead.

**Merchandise Report –** Debbie Furlow

Debbie said she needed more volunteers as well. She said she has had more Middle School families volunteering filling in Merchandise. Debbie said when she started she had 417 shirts mostly vintage shirts and now they have 49 shirts left. She said they are ordering their 3rd order of sweatshirts. She said the Faith Presbyterian church was an amazing sale. People just keep buying sweatshirts even though it has been so hot. She recommended keeping that sale in future years.

**Fundraising Report by Tara Spieker –** Tara reviewed last year’s Fundraising events, with Bid The Sound raising over $29,000 and being the most successful fundraising last year. Some sales were down from previous years due to being only online sales such as the wreath sale and mulch sale. She is wanting to continue the wreath fundraiser because it easily puts $5,000 in our bank account.

She didn’t recommend the mulch fundraiser every year because she didn’t believe everyone spreads mulch every year and the buyers are the same every year. She does need a couple of volunteers to spearhead the wreath fundraiser and the mulch fundraiser. She does want to have the mattress fundraiser this year since it has been several years since we’ve had the last sale. She has had people outside of the band program ask if we are having the mattress fundraiser. Nancy mentioned that Tara is really our Events Chair that takes on a life of its own and she really doesn’t need to be doing both the Fundraising and Events. So we are actively searching for anyone to step up and take on Crockstar Dinner Club and other fundraisers. All volunteers will have help with these new projects. The first event of the year update is on the Play a Thon. Counting only cash & checks so far McAnally - $1,641, AMS - $3805 and AHS - $3410 which gives us a total of $8856.00 so far, not counting the tip jars. Jeff said the online sales came close to $11,600 so we may have raised close to $20,000. She brought up websites that tracks the student’s progress take almost 20% of the monies raised and Mr. Paul said the ISD doesn’t like those platforms being used in the Aledo. The Play a Thon was an extra event to raise extra money since we are anticipating more traveling expenses this year.

**Sponsorship’s Report –** Tara Spieker said she had reached out to a lot of sponsors, some of our previous sponsors were already committed and we have new sponsors this year. Our Director Level Sponsors who donated at the $1000 level are Myser Orthodontics, Legacy Tree and Landscape Specialists and Pinstripes. Pinstripes offered us 20% off coupon to go to everyone in our band program to bowl, eat and play. Pinstripes have also offered a discount to host our Jazz Swing Dance. The Section Leader Sponsor who donated at the $500 Level is Oakline Floors. Tara is working on ways for these sponsors can actively participate in representing their businesses at events such as the Meet the Band plus upcoming events. The rally towels were ordered to represent our sponsors and use them to wave around at the games. Extras are available for sale at the Merchandise table at games.

**Treasurer’s Report** - 2021-22 ABB Budget presented by Daisy Mather- Hohman

Nancy and Daisy has put together a draft budget. Reminder, electronic payments are very expensive she is encouraging people to pay with cash and checks. Electronic Payment fees run 3-4% which takes a big part of our budget expenses. Our accountant is reconciling our previous year’s budget. Once this is completed, this year’s budget will be finalized. Daisy explained line by line on the draft budget. She said we are starting the year with a healthy balance. Each area’s prospective expenses and income were discussed in detail as well as the director’s anticipated expenses so as to set up the 2021-22 year’s budget.

**Scholarship Report –** Nancy Bathurst gave the report. She said last year Aledo Band Boosters gave out $10,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors. We had a lot of support in making this happen within our band program. Senior parents cannot help for obvious reasons so the help comes from the 9th – 11th grade parents. Each applicant received some level of scholarship last year. Laura Anderson is the new chairperson and hopes to have the same type of success this upcoming year including taking some of this process online. Please let her know if anyone wants to donate directly to the scholarship fund.

**Campus Representatives Reports**

McAnally – Alex – No Report

AMS – Jaedeanne Shaver – She is working on getting all of the communication organized for the middle school program. She wanted to bring up that they had a lot of volunteers helping with the summer band camp lunches. Thanks goes out to those volunteers!

AHS – Kelly Daves – No Report.

**Planned Events** **– Meet the Band – September 22 from 7-8PM at Bearcat Stadium**

**Directors’ Reports**

**McAnally Report –** Mr. Robinson

Reports that the McAnally Band is making sounds. He has the Smart Music for the students in the band.

Cookie Dough fundraiser is currently going on and money is due next Monday. He wants the parents to remind the students to complete their Charms practice time because this affects their grades. There were 2 forms parents needed to complete and get returned.

**AMS Report –** Mr. Qualls and Mr. Bosch

Mr. Quall reported that bands are getting better each week. The top band has 9 pieces of music they are working on getting ready for the Midwest Festival. They are getting uniforms assigned out to the top band so they can get pictures taken for the Midwest event. They plan to have a popcorn fundraiser starting on Sept. 20th. The kids can use this fundraiser to offset expenses on this Midwest trip. The other bands are learning new music for their winter concerts. Mr. Bosch reported on the progress of the renovations on the band hall. Private lessons are getting ready to start back.

**AHS Report –** Mr. Paul

He reported we had a successful summer band camp. He said it was nice to get back to a regular schedule. As they transition to back to school, the band hall is a very busy place. He discussed the 6 week grading period that can cause the kids to be ineligible to play. He is waiting to hear back for performing schedules for UIL Marching and other contests. He just want the kids to keep healthy and continue working on their grades. Tri M is about to have their first meeting so they do not have any updates at this time. He will be sending out all of the schedules for the upcoming contests as soon as they become available. The JV Color Guard is enjoying the band life. The Wind Ensemble is having their pictures taken soon for the upcoming TMEA program. They will also be reading a lot of music getting ready for the TMEA program.

Meeting was adjourned by Nancy Bathurst at 8:24PM, Jeff motioned to close the meeting and Nancy seconded the motion.