

CRIMSON EXPRESS AND COMPANY
Minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2010
(Not yet approved by constituency)

Board members present: Debbie Parnell, President, Dave Barger, V. President, Tracy Hartung, Secretary, Wendy Preece, Treasurer, Denise Beavers, Dave Preece, Carla Quigley, and Michael Moreland, Director. Absent were: Donna Tindle and Andrea Brewer.

Booster members present: Kevin Beavers, Sylvia Robinson, Konnie & Gary Brown, Joannie Hillesheim, Barb Troutman, and Pat Gilmore.

Mrs. Parnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She welcomed all booster members and thanked them for coming out this evening.

Mrs. Parnell gave thanks to the Friends of Crimson, whose recent fundraiser brought \$1,780. to the general fund. Special thanks to the Fiello family and to Dr. Geoffrey Spears for their recent donations (from purchase of dinner/dance tickets) to the general fund.

Secretary=s Report: The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Preece with a second by Ms. Parnell to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Treasurer=s Report: Copies of the current financial report were at hand. The current balance of the general fund account is \$6,980.10. This balance includes the tip money and staff salaries. After all of these are paid, there will be a shortfall of \$1, 087.15. A motion was made by Mr. Barger with a second by Mrs Quigley to approve the financial report. The motion carried.

Fund-raising Report:

Car Wash/cook-out – to be held May 15, 9-3 pm at Kroger in Murphysboro. Donations of old towels would be helpful. We will sell burgers, dogs, and chips. Ms. Hartung will take care of the Health Department permit.

Market Day – ongoing. Thanks to Pat Gilmore.

Flower sale - to be held April 24 this year at the former Rent One parking lot downtown. Tickets available this evening. If a ticket is purchased and the purchaser buys more items, those credits will be given to the student. If someone comes in “off the street” to purchase, those credits go to general fund. **Make sure you put your student’s name on the back of the ticket!** We will try to participate in the Kohl’s workers program where they work for free for us. If we don’t get anyone, we will need volunteers.

Friends of Crimson went very well; a BIG thanks to those who helped make it happen. Ms. Hartung sent thank you cards already to the Martin’s (owners of the Blue Martin), the Koenigs, Great Boars of Fire and Mel Goot and Associates.

Tag Day – This weekend. This is for the general fund this year. We have asked students to sign up for at least one hour of time. Many have not signed up and there are several who will be out

of town on the Key Club trip. Ms. Hartung will be contacting parents after the meeting to get more kids signed up.

Pork Butt fundraiser to be held May 16 (pick-up day). Tickets to go out after the trip.

The Preece family is planning a craft fair in the fall as a general fund fundraiser. Discussion held about this.

Discussion held about hosting an end-of-season fan appreciation concert.

Discussion about hosting an event such as the "Evening of Jazz" every year.

Old Business:

See fundraising report.

New Business:

Nominations are being taken for the Officers and Board for next year. All office positions are open. Interest is as follows:

President – none

V. President – Tracy Hartung

Secretary – Denise Beavers

Treasurer – Wendy Preece

We are looking for new ideas! If any booster member is interested in holding an office position, please contact a Board member by May 13. The election will be held at the May meeting.

Band Director=s Report:

Trip itinerary sent home with students but is on the website. Please make sure your student brings weather appropriate clothing. Students will have a kitchenette in their rooms and are welcome to bring breakfast or snack items. Ms. Hartung will donate home-made breakfast items for the trip.

Spring training for fall tour began this week. There is a large group this year.

Steak N Jazz to be held Friday, April 23. MMS will host this year.

The spring concert will be held 5/4. The chorus will not accompany us.

Elementary school tours will begin 5/5.

Other:

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. The next meeting of the Crimson Express and Company Boosters will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 18, 2010. **Please note the date change.**

Respectfully submitted by
Tracy Hartung, Board Secretary