

Gulf Breeze High School Band Boosters Meeting

November 14, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

Present: Dan Hecht, Theresa Moore, Heather Cady-Bragg, Barb Scott, Keith Whelan, Zach Dykes, Wendy Hoeflich, Grace Hofius, Tabitha Dampson, Jay Constant, "T" Dykes

Minutes: Since there is no quorum, October minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

President report: Dan Hecht acted as president in Scott Stonebraker's absence. He said he would briefly go over and reflect on what went well and what we should improve. Dan would like to close out the marching season and look forward. He said thank you to many people, by showing a graph of how we did: Instruction of 125 students at 250 hours equaled over 30,000 hours of instruction this season; 35 volunteers worked over 50 hours each equaled over 1,750 hours of volunteer work. In food we sold 1,000 hamburgers, 1,000 hotdogs and 500 funnel cakes!

Band Director report: Mr. Dykes reported that the marching season was fantastic! The smaller group than expected helped everyone focus on being competitive and having fun also. Attitude improved; the show was the best ever, students focused better and the new uniforms were great as well! The students' skills also improved. Mr. Dykes also commented that he had wonderful parents who were very helpful. He has new ideas for next year's show and he should know what it is in a few weeks. He stated how grateful he was for being here.

Mr. Dykes also reported that we sent the second most students to all-county this year; 2 students are going to Tri-state through FSU and some are going to the Auburn Honor band. 9 seniors want to go into music in college; 6 in performance and 3 in music education.

Treasurer Report: Wendy Hoeflich reported that My Fair Share Contributions have slowed significantly but are still coming in. We have sent the final check to pay for the uniforms. There is about \$40,000 between Paypal and Hancock bank after the uniform payment clears. The form 990 has been filed with the IRS to help us stay in compliance.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising:

- a. MFSC-The early payment/3 times volunteer discount plan was very positive. Many took advantage of the opportunity to get the discount. Most of our funding comes from the MFSC. Wendy Hoeflich noted that many people who took advantage of the early discount did still volunteer.
- b. Grants-We did not receive the Will Do grant this fall, but we will submit a request at the next opportunity. A Wal-Mart grant will be applied for in 2018 as well as others.
- c. Gate-We received more money this year than before. In the Navarre game, we made over \$1,000. This money goes into the internal band fund through the school and helps with instrument repair, music, and other band supplies
- d. March-A-Thon-We had great results. The luncheon for the winning sections was done. Looking for other prize incentives to encourage more people to participate next year.
- e. Football program-We also had good results and revenue. The checks went out to Football and Cheer.
- f. Concessions-There were lots of equipment improvements. It was fun but lots of hard work. Concession income increased this year. Heather will schedule a cleaning party sometime in January. The Concession Advancement Team will also meet later to discuss the banquet.

Communications: Please send updates to Theresa Moore for the newsletter. She would like to send one out before Thanksgiving.

Hospitality: Snacks for the away game went well. Heather will meet with Mr. Dykes about a plan for the holiday concert. There is a new plan for the banquet; it will be an awards night only-no dinner. But there will be a dinner for the seniors and parents. Maybe both will be on the same night? Mr. Dykes says he is not sure. The date and venue for the awards night is TBD. Keith has contacts with Mexican and Italian places for the senior dinner.

Transportation: Keith Whelan reported the that truck needs to be looked at before Indoor Percussion starts. It is close to needing a complete servicing. The big trailer needs wheel bearings repacked; the jack was repaired, and it was cleaned out. The gator will be turned in after the Christmas parade. The ladders on the platform at Pride Field need to be removed and stored while not in use to prevent theft.

Uniforms: It was reported that Tonya Duke said thank you to all her helpers this year. The uniforms look great and are fully paid for. A second cleaning needs to be set up, and inventory needs to be done. Regarding the old ones, Tonya is still working on repairs and getting them ready to sell. There is a school in Decatur, Alabama in need of uniforms; there was a fire. There are about 100 in the band. Mr. Dykes wants to help, maybe by selling the uniforms cheaply to them or donate them, depending on which ones we can give them. He will find out more. Barb Scott has inventoried the oldest uniforms.

Volunteers: Dan Hecht thanked all the volunteers who helped in all the programs and services this year!

Old Business: None

New Business/Announcements: Dan Hecht asked for ideas of what worked well and what can we improve upon. See below:

Worked well: MFS discount, reorganization of concessions-through-put, having dedicated crew for transportation, focusing on fewer fundraisers.

Do Better: communication; keeping Charms updated, getting incoming freshman engaged earlier; Charms training/demonstration for parents at the end of band camp, March-A-Thon earlier? And have a true committee.

What is possible? Committed students; more equipment; buddy system between 8th graders and juniors before they come to band; better recruitment-parent meeting by May, 2018 for new parents, using Schmidt's Music to help, recruit more for Color Guard both within and outside the high school, new shelter for cooking at concession stand

Indoor Percussion fundraisers and ideas: Ice Hockey ticket sales-each student sells 10 tickets. They are looking at doing something like a March-a-Thon for percussion (Drum-a-Thon). Winter Guard would or could be included too. Barb Scott suggested that Subway may be able to help with car washes by providing the water and parking lot. Boosters want to know how we can support IP.

Tabitha Dampson is working on color guard inventory; some pieces are missing.

The next general meeting will be January 9, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Grace Hofius.