

Gulf Breeze High School Band Booster Meeting  
February 13, 2018

Scott Stonebraker called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

Present: Amy Woodcock, Paula Sarkari, Mandy Roper, Aaron Sago, Jay W. Constant, Barb Scott, Tonya Duke, Heather Cady-Bragg, Kelly Bleiler, David Bleiler, Dan Hecht, Tabitha Dampson, Zach Dykes, Theresa Moore, Scott Stonebraker

Minutes: Amy Woodcock moved to accept the January 2018 minutes. Tonya Duke seconded and the minutes were accepted as published.

President Report: Scott Stonebraker reported that the executive board met last week and discussed the following:

1. A strategy to recruit students from Gulf Breeze Middle School and Woodlawn Middle School for the 2018-19 school year.
2. A timeline for when GBBB will be able to purchase gauntlets and capes to complete the new uniforms. The estimated cost for these are \$18,000. We spent \$41,000 on new uniforms in 2017-18.
3. Filling executive board positions for next year and recruiting two more members for the nominating committee.
4. Purchasing music stands and instruments needed for 2018-19.
5. Fundraising – My Fair Share, March-A-Thon, Program Sales and Concessions.

Band Director's Report: Mr. Dykes stated that the band is as busy as ever! There are several important performances coming up so tell your children to practice, practice, practice! Sectionals are taking place every morning (except for Fridays) for the next few months.

- Solo and Ensemble, Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at Escambia High School. 35 students are performing this year.
- Jazz Band MPA, Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2:00pm at Washington High School.
- MPA, Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Fort Walton Beach High School, Concert Band performs at 3:15pm and Symphonic Band performs at 7:15pm.

We need 2-4 new sousaphones and bass clarinets for the upcoming marching season. We are currently spending \$400-\$600 per month to repair these instruments.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Hoeflich reviewed the financials on the screen. She reported that we have done a great job of budgeting this year. However we will end the year minus \$5,000.-\$6000. This resulted from having fewer band students than we anticipated and the overage on the uniform purchase. The estimate for the uniforms purchase was \$36,000 and we ended up spending \$41,000. We have collected about 90% of the MFS contributions. You can look at your student's MFS balance on Charms and if you feel like you need to make a contribution, please do so. It's not too late to make a payment for the 2017-18 school year.

Communications: After serving for 3 years, Barbara Scott announced that she will be taking a break and passing the duties of the Communications Committee on to Mandy Roper (social media), Aaron Sago (website) and Theresa Moore (newsletter). They now have access to the [communicationsgbbb@gmail.com](mailto:communicationsgbbb@gmail.com) email address. Incoming ads and emails are usually forwarded to Zach, Scott, Patrick or Wendy. Barb also thanked Mandy for all the great communication she sends out through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Scott Stonebraker thanked Barb for her outstanding service to the band over the past 3 years! Barb has been the GBBB Vice President/Co-Vice President and Communications Chair for 3 years; which included starting and publishing the Parade Rest newsletter, managing the website and social media accounts, and amending the bylaws. She also assisted her husband, Doug Scott, with starting and implementing the March-A-Thon the past 2 years.

Hospitality: Heather Cady-Bragg reported that they are still trying to determine if Senior Night with Mr. Dykes will include seniors and their parents or students only. That would potentially mean the count could be 30 vs 90 people. Heather and Missy Hecht have been checking out local banquet halls and restaurants for Senior Night. They are trying to get the price point at \$25 per person or lower. Tiger Point Golf Club and Skopelos have given us a great deal to consider. Still pending is the Hilton Pensacola Beach. Heather requested present member's opinions about possibly setting up a Facebook page for seniors only to get feedback and promote the event. It was decided that this will not be done. Mr. Dykes stated that the tentative date for the Sound Wave Awards Night is Thursday, May 17, in the GBHS gym. He will confirm the date tomorrow and Theresa Moore will post it on the Charms calendar.

Grants: Scott Stonebraker suggested the idea of putting the band's needs on the Sound Wave website and then possibly a donor from the community and/or a band alumni member could offer to meet that need. Scott is in the process of completing applications for the Gulf Breeze Will Do, Walmart Supercenter and Walmart Market grants.

Transportation: Keith Whelan was not present but reported through the email he submitted. Transportation is still in need of parents to help out during indoor season. With the increased props this season, we are looking at using the truck, big trailer and yellow trailer to move all the equipment to each event. Instrument repairs, maintenance of equipment, transporting equipment, and doing outreach with the elementary schools is a continuous job. Please contact Keith at (850) 530-7548 or Dan Hecht (561) 213-8420 if you can help.

Scott Stonebraker reported that we are still trying to collect the past due money from West Florida Hospital for the trailer ad. Theresa and/or Scott will check with Keith Whelan to verify how many emails Keith has sent to request the payment. Scott believes that Keith has sent one every month since August. We need a new head of transportation for the 2018-19 school year since Keith's son will be graduating this year. The cost for servicing the truck in June will be \$300.

Concessions: Scott Stonebraker and Heather Cady-Bragg will look in the concession stand to see if the Coca Cola distributor has picked up the leftover products, so we can make sure we receive a refund check for them. The concession stand deep cleaning is April 28<sup>th</sup>, not February 28<sup>th</sup> as incorrectly stated in the newsletter. Theresa Moore apologized for publishing the incorrect date and will send out an email to communicate the correct date. Students can receive volunteer hours to help clean and are encouraged to attend the clean-up. At the last meeting, it was reported that Ace Hardware had sent us an invoice for the propane we got from them. We sent them a check as payment and Ace Hardware let us know that the invoice was sent by mistake and no payment was due. The invoice was only to be used as a means of tracking their donation to GBBB. Dan Hecht picked up the check and that saved the band approximately \$150. Please patronize the Gulf Breeze Ace Hardware when the need arises, as they graciously support the band.

March-A-Thon: Doug and Barb Scott will once again be heading up the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual March-A-Thon. We need to start planning early and form a committee to assist them since this is such a big fundraiser. It has been suggested to Scott Stonebraker by several people that we change the March-A-Thon route for 2018-19.

Football Programs: Dan Hecht introduced Jay Constant and announced that Jay will be taking over the task of the football programs. Jay has years of experience as a project manager and is perfect for this position. We are grateful to have him join the fundraising committee. Football program ads and program sales netted over \$10,000 in 2017-18.

Uniforms:

Tonya Duke reported:

- The old, old blue DeMoulin uniforms have been disposed of. They are gone! These uniforms were considered for a donation to another band in need. Upon closer inspection, the uniforms were not in any condition to be worn. There are 159 old, old plumes.
- We have 148 old white DeMoulin uniforms (64 worth keeping). The shakos that were broken or molded were discarded and the shakos that are in good condition have been boxed by size (15 Small, 82 Medium 28 Large, 12 X-Large). Five uniforms have been requested for purchase by alumni and have been set aside. In an effort to sell the rest, Tonya will list them on a used band uniform website. Shakos hold their value however, coats do not sell well. Tabitha Dampson stated that the old uniforms need to be moved from their current storage space by March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The new black gloves that were purchased from FJM last season did not fare well. For the coming season, they will be ordering gloves from the company we have used in the past. For the 2018-19 marching season, we need to order 20 small and 10 medium shakos and wraps by April 1, 2018 otherwise they will not be here in time.  $\$80.00 \times 30 = \$2,400.00$

Volunteers: Dan Hecht suggested that we need to be actively recruiting new volunteers now. This has to be done in the Spring so that we have volunteers in place for band camp and the upcoming marching season. We need 3 members for the Nominating Committee. Currently we have one member, Jim Docherty.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm

The next meeting will be on March 12, 2018 at 6:30pm in the band room.

Respectfully Submitted by Theresa Moore, GBBB Communications