

Gulf Breeze High School Band Booster Meeting
November 12, 2019

Barbara Scott called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present: Barbara Scott, Grace Hofius, Victoria Donahoo, Lisa Buchanan, Dave Bleiler, Kelly Bleiler, Theresa Moore, Aaron Sago, Dawn McLaughlin

Minutes: Approval of October minutes were postponed due to low meeting attendance, 7 members.

President's Report: Barbara Scott stated she would like to congratulate the band and staff on straight superiors last month. She would also like to congratulate the parents of the 32 band Seniors and thank all of the volunteers that have helped this season. Volunteers are the backbone of this organization and we couldn't do it without you. We have a new staff member, Blake Norre, who will be helping out with the winds; we will be adding him to the band website.

Director's Report: Ms. Donahoo stated the band is still very busy. You'd think it would slow down after marching season, but indoor percussion and concert season has started up. She is still checking out 3 venues (St. Ann's, GBUMC and GBHS gym) for the winter concert to make sure there is room for 2 percussion ensembles. The exact date of the concert is still to be determined but it will be during the 2nd week of December and will not conflict with the middle school band concert on the 12th. This Saturday from 10:00am-2:00pm is Jazz Hang and so far, we have around 86 kids from 3 counties attending. We are expecting 100 students to attend the workshop and gain some knowledge from the clinicians that Schmidt's Music is sponsoring. Jazz Hang will include a meet and greet, workshops/sectionals (each type of instrument will break into groups and work with a clinician on one piece of music), lunch, listen to the clinicians perform and then the students will perform together. We are charging \$5.00 to cover the cost of pizza. Indoor Percussion (IP) has a lot of Spirit Nights coming up and they will all be on the Band App. They are also playing at GBSA to fundraise on Saturday. IP is an expensive activity and she is encouraging all the students to participate in fundraising. The band will be marching in the Gulf Breeze Christmas Parade on December 7th and the Pensacola Cox Christmas Parade on December 14th. Coach Alt is paying for our entrance fee for the Pensacola parade. Also, Saturday, December 16th, Schmidt's Music is having a step-up night where students can potentially purchase a higher-grade instrument than they currently have at a pretty good discount. They must bring their own mouthpiece. She is encouraging our students to attend because the school that has the highest attendance will receive a \$250.00 gift card. We have a new band staff member, Blake Norre. Blake is a Tate High School graduate where he was a trumpet player and assistant drum major. He spent 5 years with Southwind and worked with Cadets, a top 12 drum corps, last summer. Blake is a music education major at UWF.

Committee Reports:

1. Communications: Theresa Moore stated that she sent the November Parade Rest out and everything else is going well. We need bios from Quinten, Royce and now Blake for the website.
2. Treasurer's Report: Though email, Wendy Hoeflich notified Barbara Scott there is nothing pressing for financials at this time.
3. Concessions: Grace Hofius stated that concession stand is officially closed. However, we are going to cook some burgers and hotdogs for the volunteer cookout on Sunday, November 17th. She will set a date for the end of the year concession stand clean up after the volunteer cookout. We are working with Coke to get them to take back some products that were unopened. After the cookout, Grace is planning to do a flash sale to get rid of the extra inventory. She anticipated being super busy for the ROTC Drill competition and the rain affected that, so we sold about a quarter of what we bought. Also, some schools at the drill meet brought their own food. They were not allowed to bring their own food, but they did it anyway. The leftover inventory includes approximately 180 hamburgers, 50-60 hotdogs, roasted and boiled peanuts, cheese, popsicles/ice cream treats, chips and candy and will be sold to band parents. Dawn McLaughlin suggested reaching out to the concession stand for

wrestling and basketball to sell the inventory. Ms. Donahoo asked if the boosters could purchase some cookies and canned drinks for Jazz Hang. Grace will get the final attendance numbers from Ms. Donahoo and purchase those. Barbara stated she would like to thank Dawn McLaughlin for the use of the cotton candy machine she purchased this year. Dawn is the owner of the machine and she is renting it out to other groups and that money goes to the band as well. She is keeping ownership of the machine until she can work out the legalities of the band renting out the machine.

4. Football Programs: Barbara Scott stated she has collected all payments from people that bought advertisements. We did not have very good sales of our program this year. She believes the odd football game schedule contributed to this. She is selling them for 1/\$3.00 or 2/\$5.00 and will post this on social media.
5. Flags In The Breeze (FITB): Barbara Scott stated that Josh Jenkins and Michele Werner did not have the flyer ready to pass out during the March-A-Thon, as they were still working out some details. The band will start selling subscriptions in January for \$50.00 for 5 patriotic holidays beginning in May 2020.
6. March-A-Thon (MAT): Barbara Scott stated that Doug Scott is not present, but she was excited to report that we did reach our MAT goal. She did not want to disclose by how much because she will leave that for Doug to announce. Some quick stats: 79 out of 128 students brought in donations. Which is 62% participation; a little lower than last year but higher than previous years. 58 of the 79 reached or exceeded the \$100.00 goal. 1st Freshman, 2nd Seniors, 3rd Sophomores, 4th Juniors: only \$3.00 between Sophomores and Seniors.
7. Transportation: Dave Bleiler stated he returned the gator last week. Barbara stated that GBBB has paid the September and October rental fees and will pay the November bill when it arrives. Dave stated the truck seems to be working better and they are having fewer issues with the brakes. He is hoping the problem will go away with a more frequent regimented driving schedule. Ms. Donahoo is giving Dave a key to the truck for this purpose. Keith Whelan is still trying to get in touch with Ward International and work out a price for the part we need; hoping to get the price down to \$2,300. Keith is driving the truck to help with Catholic Charities, and it will be used for the GBMS band concert so it will be driven a few times this month. Barbara had Keith purchase 2 rims and 2 tires for the trailer, for about \$463.00, as the previous spares were being used as regular tires and we had no spares.
8. Uniforms: No Report
9. Volunteers: Kelly Bleiler stated that she thought we ended the year pretty decently and she was excited all the Senior parents got to participate in Senior Night. As we moved forward, she thinks people will warm up to the idea of volunteering and being more involved. Overall, things went pretty well this year and we did not have any major issues. Dave Bleiler stated we can never have enough volunteers and we need to try to get the volunteer forms turned in as soon as administration will accept them. Ideally, then next fall, people can begin helping at the first game. Ms. Donahoo stated that at the "Everything You Need to Know About Band" meeting in the spring, we should be prepared to hand out informational packets and get parents email addresses that night. Then, we can enter the email addresses into CHARMS so we can send parents/guardians the volunteer form PDF as soon as it is available.
10. Old Business: August and September financials were addressed.

New Business: Barbara Scott stated that the next meeting will be on December 10th, at 7:00pm in the band building.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm by President, Barbara Scott.
Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Theresa Moore