

Gulf Breeze High Band Boosters Meeting

April 11, 2017

1. Called to order at 6:40pm

Attended: Dan Hecht, Keith Whelan, Scott Stonebraker, Lisa Buchanan, Patrick Barnett, Wendy Hoeflich, Heather Cady-Bragg, Zach Dykes, Don Toole, Grace Hofius, Shannon Spooner, Tabitha Dampson, Kristen Stonebraker, Amy Woodcock, Barb Scott, Kim Lawrence

2. Minutes: Scott Stonebraker moved to accept the minutes from February and March. Keith Whelan seconded. Motion passed.

3. Presidents report: Don Toole reported the following:

- A. Year-end push-There is still a lot going on. Don't lose momentum.
- B. Nominations-The nomination list is done and will be presented later in the meeting.
- C. 2017-18 budget- We had a great budget meeting with the executive board, Mr. Dykes, Patrick B., Jackie, and Mark. It will be proposed today and voted on at the May meeting.
- D. Seniors-Leslie Allison has gotten pictures and is working on the presentation. Don reported that Joe Allmon said the banners are done and he hopes to bring them tonight.

4. Band Director's report:

- A. Mr. Zach Dykes reported that things are going well and we are moving closer to the concert. There is an issue with the concert date; it is Senior awards night, so he is working on another date. Audition packets were sent out. Auditions are as follows: May 23-Brass; May 24-winds, May 25-incoming members.
- B. Patrick Barnett reported that he reached out to the president of Will Do and arranged to play before their meeting on April 9th as a surprise to the rest of the group. They showed the new drums and played the old ones. When asked about that, the members were told that the drum carriers for the old drums didn't fit the new ones so they are working to obtain them. The drumline got glowing reviews.
- C. Patrick also reported IP was back from Hattiesburg and will go to Dayton next week (April 23rd). They were supposed to do a send-off show on April 8th, but could not and are working with Coach Alt for an alternate date. Mr. Sanders came to give advice to the group and said that they had a good chance of doing well. After Fine-Arts day, several people inquired about the band.

5. Band President's report-No report.

6. Treasurer's report-Wendy Hoeflich reported that there is \$43,318.31 available but she just wrote a check for \$18,700 for the uniform deposit that is not reflected on the statement. Wendy presented the proposed operating budget for the next year. She said to keep in mind that we won't get 100% of the My Fair Share (MFS), so we lowered the number of members we are expecting to receive from. Just some notes: the concession stand amount (\$8,000) is based on 5 games. The instrument expense was lowered a little because we had a big push for instruments this year. The Color Guard amount is more

because the equipment costs have gone up. Uniforms, gloves, and shoes are paid by the members. Contract-Instructional labor is raised because of the staff we have. Uniform amount is the rest of the deposit to cover the new uniforms.

The MFS amount has been lowered because, with the purchase of new uniforms, many sophomores, juniors, and seniors will be required to purchase some parts they didn't need to purchase last year. Shannon Spooneybarger asked why the percentage is what it is-regarding the percentage of people paying MFS (100% of 160 members) when we know not all will pay. Don explained why that was. She asked about making the fees a requirement, but we cannot because it is an extra-curricular activity, but we are working on ways to make sure more people pay, like a band trip.

Keith Whelan asked about how many away games and competitions there will be and if the fuel costs will be enough. We were informed there are 6 away games, including one in East Gadsden, Florida, and 3-4 competitions, depending on where the 4th may be.

A comment was made that the MFS down payment and payment schedule will be set so that money will be in the bank to pay the uniform balance.

There was discussion about the budget and the feasibility to have enough to pay the final uniform payment. Dan Hecht asked about having a discount on MFS, which was not figured in on this current proposal.

Scott Stonebraker moved that MFS would be set at \$500, payable in installments, with a 10% discount to any family who either pays in full by July 17, 2017 OR works in a revenue generating position such as the concession stand or program sales for 3 or more shifts. The discount would come off the final payment of MFS AFTER completing 3 shifts or at the time of the final payment before July 17th. Dan Hecht seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Committee reports:

- A. Hospitality-End of the Year Banquet-The banquet is May 19, 2017. It will be held at the CLC. The cost is \$20 per person. Because the band is so large, it will be limited to the band student and up to 2 parents/guardians. Seniors will be allowed one extra person after the deadline if extra seats are available. Franco's is catering; there will be 3 kinds of pasta to choose from. Brendalee will need people to help set up. Mr. Dykes stated that he would let the students know the information.
- B. Uniforms-Tonya Duke that the second half of the uniform payment will need to be paid this summer. She still needs to order bibbers and shoes. She would like to order a set of gloves, shoes, and bibbers for trying on (that will also be sold). The new hat is only \$67 instead of \$87. The hats need to be ordered soon because they take time. We cannot quite get the gauntlets this year. Scott Stonebraker suggested that we charge for the hats at the same time as the first MFS payment. Don Toole suggested writing up a payment fee schedule so parents know what is due when. Keith Whelan asked about a shipping charge for the uniforms and Tonya said she would ask. Keith was willing to go and get them if it saved the fee. Scott Stonebraker wanted to make it known that the juniors would like to have the gauntlets if at all possible this year.

- C. Fundraising-Dan Hecht reported that he needs a program sales person as soon as possible, so we can get started on the program ad sales. It is in the newsletter. What else can we do? Dan will get together with Kim Moss about how to run the sales, and include Scott Stonebraker and Don Toole. The uniform raffle information will be distributed, and we would like to have it available at the concert and banquet. It didn't work quite the way we wanted it at the arts festival. Mr. Dykes will find out if we are able to sell the tickets at the concert and banquet.
- D. Grants-We received a grant from Walmart for \$500, as previously stated last month.
- E. Sponsorships-No report, but Barb Scott encouraged everyone to keep going through the website when purchasing from Amazon. We have made over \$200 this year.
- F. Concessions-Heather Cady-Bragg reported that there will be a concession stand meeting on Friday, April 28th at 6pm at her house. The address will be given to those interested.
- G. Spirit Sales-We will have a sale at the concert, IP preview show, and banquet to try to get rid of inventory.
- H. Volunteer- No report
- I. Transportation-Keith Whelan reported that the tires cost \$50 more than reported in last month's minutes. Fluids and such should be checked after the trip to Dayton.
- J. Communications-No report

8. New items-

Bylaws. A proposal for a change to the bylaws to allow for 2 vice presidents was made. In the bylaws there are provisions for 2 presidents and 2 treasurers, but not 2 vice presidents. Scott Stonebraker would like to expand the board to allow for more representation of the band families, this is why he would like to have 2 vice presidents on the board. There are other changes that correct misprints or updates to articles or statutes.

The board nominations are presented as follows: President-Scott Stonebraker; Vice-presidents-Dan Hecht and Barbara Scott; Secretary-Grace Hofius, Treasurer-Wendy Hoeflich. No other nominations were presented.

Both the bylaw changes and the board nominations will be voted on in May.

9. Meeting Adjourned at 8:03pm