

Gulf Breeze High School Band Boosters Meeting

January 10, 2017

Call to Order: 6:37pm

Attended: Don Toole, Keith Whelan, David Bleiler, Heather Cady=Bragg, Lorri Adkins, "T" Dykes, Barbara Scott, Dan Hecht, Lisa Buchanan, Jim Docherty, Susan Docherty, Grace Hofius

Minutes: Keith Whelan moved to accept the minutes and Barb Scott seconded. Motion passed.

President Report:

Mr. Dykes was not able to be at the meeting because he was at All-County practice. Things are going well, but we are struggling to still get MFS paid by some. It was the best year yet in fundraising-Thanks to all who helped. The grant money has not been spent yet because we are trying to earn more money from the county through matching funds. Mr. Dykes is working with the county band director to get the money matched. An order for drums will be placed soon so they will be here in time for the first competition in February.

Band Directors report:

Mr. Dykes was not here but he asked for parents to refer to the most recent email he sent, especially regarding practices resuming January 23rd.

Band President Report: No Report.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising: We really need a fundraising chair! Don Toole might have someone in mind. We need someone to coordinate all the fundraisers we would have. The fundraisers would have their own chairs.

March-a-Thon: no report

Spirit nights: Still need a chair for this. Spirit nights are good if done right.

Grants:

Will Do: See President report for update.

New Grant Writer volunteer: Michael Whitt

New Grant opportunities: Walmart releases monies on February 1st. We need to be on top of it and get the application in soon.

Sponsorships: We are getting money from Amazon. Don Toole is not sure about other sponsorship money coming in.

Concessions: Heather Cady-Bragg stated that she returned some extra food for a refund of \$290 to go back into the concession funds. She would like to get the stand really clean and ready for next year and needs a sign-up sheet on Charms. Don suggested she look at the indoor calendar for conflicts and a suggestion was made to do it during a practice instead of a competition. The date in mind is January 28th, with a back-up date of February 4th. Dan Hecht will put it on charms. Heather would like to have a committee betterment meeting after the stand is clean. A question was asked about modifying the concession stand and the boosters were told we could as long as the modification was not affixed, otherwise we must get it approved. Heather would like to remove the shelving and put in restaurant-type shelving for ease of cleaning. Don Toole said he would need to know specifics and he will get with Judd Crane to see if we can get some items from the warehouse. In regards to the other modifications to the stand, since the modification is being done on county property, Mr.

Watts said the county would have to do the modifications. We are pushing back, so there is no more word yet.

Spirit Sales: Barb Scott reported that we have lots of shorts, car flags, plate frames, and pj pants still.

Volunteer: Dan Hecht reported that there have not been many needs for volunteers recently, but he will put something on charms about the concession stand cleaning. He is looking forward to looking at creating roles for the concession stand in charms. He will also modify times needed for volunteering in the concession stand for next year.

Transportation: Keith Whelan reported that the insurance premiums were lowered on the truck by reducing the number of core drivers from 12 to 4-5. Other people may drive, but with approval. The trailer is repaired; the front was replaced but it still needs to be rewrapped. The gator was returned in December. The tires on the yellow trailer are dry rotting and need to be replaced. Since the county owns the trailer, they will have to be contacted. The other trailer tires can be purchased at Rocky's Trailer for \$57 each including rims and installation. The trailer needs to be greased and it will be done this week.

Communications: No report.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

New items:

Uniform update-They need to be ordered by April 1st. Don Toole does not **think** we can change the whole uniform, which would be best, but it might not be financially feasible. A question about getting a loan was asked and Don stated that we could but there are pros and cons regarding obtaining a loan.

A new fundraiser idea was suggested, which is similar to 'buy a dot'. We would sell music notes that can be put on the truck; it's a way to sponsor the band. No action was taken on the suggestion.

Meeting adjourned: 7:25pm

Submitted by Grace Hofius, Secretary