

Gulf Breeze High School Band Booster Meeting  
December 9, 2019

Barbara Scott called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Barbara Scott, Grace Hofius, Victoria Donahoo, Dave Bleiler, Kelly Bleiler, Theresa Moore, Aaron Sago, Doug Scott, Wendy Hoeflich, Tonya Duke, Dennis Christiansen, Josh Jenkins, Tyler Loncher

Minutes: Kelly Bleiler moved to accept the November minutes as written. Grace Hofius seconded. Motion passed.

Grace Hofius moved to accept the October minutes as written. Kelly Bleiler seconded. Motion passed.

President's Report: Barbara Scott stated she would like to congratulate Cole Kariher and Kendall Docherty for making the Macy's Great American Marching Band. She would also like to congratulate Erin Scott for making the Auburn University Marching Honor Band in November, and the 29 band students that made the Santa Rosa All-County Band. The Volunteer Appreciation Cookout was on November 17<sup>th</sup> and attendance was lower than she hoped for. Next year, it will be better organized and advance notice of the date will be given. The remaining concession stand inventory will be used at the Winter Concert, sold to other booster organizations or we will have a flash sale. We need new co-committee chairs for concessions and transportation. Grace Hofius is leaving us for one year and Dave Bleiler is moving to be a griller in the concession stand. We also need someone for the football program starting in April. The Gulf Breeze Christmas Parade was on December 7<sup>th</sup> and the Pensacola Cox Christmas Parade is on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Tomorrow is the Winter Concert at GBUMC.

Director's Report: Ms. Donahoo stated that the band is in full swing in concert stuff, mostly getting ready for the concert tomorrow. There is some really tough music, especially the last piece that symphonic plays. Indoor is up and running. The contracts have been handed out and the students need to turn it in by this Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. The Cox Christmas Parade is this Saturday and she will ask administration if it is still possible to get buses. She was not aware of the inebriation at the parade. Mr. Whelan did a great job with the truck and all of the thousands of pounds of food donations delivered to Catholic charities for Thanksgiving. After the Christmas Concert, they will go right into MPA music and move on into spring. The student's final exams will be on physical material that they have kept track of and not playing music.

Committee Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report: Wendy Hoeflich stated that she had the most recent P&L, which is through the end of November. The accounts are up to date and reconciled. She stated that we did much better on the football program than we anticipated, thank you Barbara. Fell a little bit short on concessions due to no home games in September and the home games we did have were not well attended. The positive is that with the higher program ads amount and negative concession amount it was almost a wash, budget neutral overall. March-A-Thon did very, very well again, thank you primarily to Doug and Barbara. Wendy stated that we were a bit upside down on Senior banners from having them produced and also money collected. Barbara then stated that 32 of the 33 Seniors have paid. Ms. Donahoo stated that the one student that has not paid, will be paying for hers. Wendy stated that the expenses on the bottom of the page are as follows; show design was something that was paid prior to Ms. Donahoo being her and was paid in early June right before Mr. Dykes departed, we did not spend much on laundry detergent this year, we also had some student uniforms and polo invoices. Everything else is pretty much standard that we know about. She stated that she was not going to read them all aloud since they are listed. The bank charges are primarily PayPal, we have had a couple of bounced checks we are in the process of collecting those, interest expense and loan on the backside are related to the truck and trailer payment and the truck and trailer repairs for new wheels/tires. Overall, we are doing pretty good due to the March-A-Thon and Ms. Donahoo being very cognitive of the spending of parent's money.

2. Communications: Theresa Moore stated we need bios from Quinten, Royce and Blake for the website. Aaron Sago stated that he needs to get together with Barbara and Ms. Donahoo to talk about getting PayPal set up on the website for Flags-In-The Breeze in January.
3. Flags In The Breeze (FITB): Josh Jenkins handed out the FITB fundraising form/flyer that Michele Werner designed. Barbara stated that we will need lights to illuminate the flags over night and we could purchase those as the subscriptions are sold. The lights are \$7-\$8 with a military discount at Lowe's. We need manpower from the students to put the flags out and then pick them up. Students get service hours for helping. Selling subscriptions will kick off in January and the first holiday will be Memorial Day. Barbara will post it on several social media pages and Theresa Moore will include it in the next newsletter. Michele will manage the subscriptions and Josh will handle the logistics of the flags.
4. Concessions: Grace Hofius stated that she does not have the totals of the extra concession inventory to sell but she will work on that this week after the Christmas Concert. She stated will be pulling some of the inventory, especially water and Powerade, to use at the concert reception. Grace apologized for having to send out two emails about the list of items that the students are to bring to the reception due to miscommunication. The reception after the concert will be in the pavilion because the music suite it too small for our group. Unfortunately, there are no lights in the pavilion right now due to construction. Her plan is to use some lights from the concession stand or from Barbara's personal light strands. The church will be providing the tables. Grace will be setting a date to clean the concession stand sometime after January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
5. Football Programs: Barbara Scott stated she has a lot of programs left over due to the odd football game calendar this year. She is going to give a program to those businesses that advertised this season as a nice gesture and to promote sales for next year. She is selling them for 1/\$3.00 or 2/\$5.00 for those that still need one.
6. March-A-Thon (MAT): Doug Scott stated that we did reach our MAT goal which was \$13,000 this year. He stated that he had \$13,500 as his total and that he is going to announce this, as well as the top 3 fundraisers, the top class and top section at tomorrow's Christmas concert. He has award packets for the top 3 fundraisers and stated this is a great way to recognize those students that went above and beyond. He will also recognize the business sponsors as well. Sixty two percent of students brought in donations of any amount, 47% of students reached or exceeded the \$100 goal; which is the highest percentage we've had in 4 years since starting the MAT. Barbara stated that those students that reached their \$100 goal will receive a treble clef pin through Ms. Donahoo at a later date.
7. Transportation: Dave Bleiler stated the truck seems to be running fine as long as we keep driving it on a regular schedule. Dave hopes this continues, as it would be a big relief if we don't have to end up paying for a repair.
8. Uniforms: Tonya Duke stated that the uniforms will need to be washed after wearing them for both parades. After they are washed, the uniform committee will make sure they are all put away properly. It would be helpful to have a list of the students that will be wearing their uniforms for All-County, so those uniforms are washed again after the concert. Each student needs to take their shoes home because they cannot store them in the uniform bags, due to odor and that the weight of the shoes tears the bags. Grace Hofius stated that some of the students had to wear damp uniforms for the parade due to uniforms not being dried for 24-48 hours prior to them being returned after washing. Tonya will tell Cathy so that doesn't occur again. Tonya stated that if a uniform needs a repair, there is a clipboard on the end of the hanging racks in the uniform room for the students to communicate this.
9. Volunteers: Kelly Bleiler stated that there is nothing new with volunteers as this is their slow season. She stated that the band had a nice group of volunteers for the Gulf Breeze parade.

Kelly is not available to attend nor recruit volunteers for the Pensacola parade. Barbara Scott will make sure there are 3-4 volunteers to walk and Keith Whelan is driving the truck.

Old Business: None

New Business: Ms. Donahoo stated that there has been a request from the Indoor Program (IP), that until the IP gets payments coming in, to ask the GBBB with help getting the floor purchased. It's important since that is the biggest item to purchase and the IP needs it to set drill on. She stated that the first set of payments from the kids will cover the uniforms but if we don't order the floor we will be pretty far behind. The kids have been fundraising and have a payment schedule of a \$130.00 payment basically every 2 weeks concluding on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Tyler Loncher has a copy of the payment schedule if anybody wants to see it. Tyler Loncher stated the cost of the floor is \$3235.00 and that includes shipping. The IP is asking for a loan, as the payments from the kid's payment schedule includes the cost of the new floor. Ms. Donahoo stated that IP will be paying the GBBB back as they receive payments from the kids. Tyler stated that there are groups that go to their first performance and they already have their floor and uniforms. One group in particular is Pace High School, so Tyler asked them how this was achieved. He was told that the Pace HS Boosters loan them money to buy everything in December and then they pay them back throughout the season. Tyler stated that a floor takes about 6½ weeks to be produced. If they are able to order it in December, it will arrive about the time of their first show.

Dave Bleiler asked if we needed to vote on this. Barbara Scott stated that we did need to vote. Wendy Hoeflich motioned that the Gulf Breeze Band Boosters loan the Indoor Program \$3235.00 to be paid back by March 27, 2020. Kelly Bleiler seconded the motion. Doug Scott stated that we should open discussion before a vote is taken on the motion to loan IP the money to purchase the floor. After a very lengthy discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Donahoo stated that she appreciates the trust the boosters have in the Indoor Program. Tyler Loncher stated he wanted to thank the boosters and that he really appreciates the support. He also stated that IP is not going to Dayton, OH is year.

Barbara Scott stated that the next meeting will be on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the band building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm by President, Barbara Scott.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Theresa Moore