

Gulf Breeze High School Band Boosters Meeting

August 22, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:41 pm.

Present: Scott Stonebraker, Lorrie Adkins, Dan Hecht, "T" Dykes, Tonya Duke, Amy Woodcock, Mike Woodcock, Theresa Moore, Heather Cady-Bragg, Doug Scott, Barb Scott, Elizabeth Freeman, Tabitha Dampson, Keith Whelan, Zach Dykes, Shannon Spooneybarger, Patrick Barnett, Grace Hofius, Jay W. Constant, Greg Buchanan, Lisa Buchanan, Kim Schneider, David Bleiler, Steve Owens, Kelly Bleiler, Kristy Porter, Karen Snow, Yanitza Whelan, Shanty Peterson, Michael Roy, Vicki Roy, Kristen Stonebraker, Lisa Stersic, Joe Allmon, Heike Hollmig, Aaron Sago, Mandy Roper, Dawn Hotchkiss, Chuck Hotchkiss, Michael Hoeflich, Maria Rachel Alba, Jim Docherty, Susan Docherty, Cathy Driskell, Wendy Hoeflich, Bobbie Lewter, Liz Mercado, Chandra Hamilton, Brent Hamilton, Ron Ware, Christi Mirra, John Fusco, Angie Mowe, Vanessa Padla, Marty Hulsey, Ana Rosas, Susan McKenney, Josh Jenkins, Tom Hofius, Missy Hecht, Paula Sarkari, Christie Harris

Minutes: Karen Snow moved to accept the minutes; Lorri Adkins seconded. Motion passed.

President report: Scott Stonebraker welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reported that he filed the OSO (Outside Support Organization) registration with the county. The 5013C status will stand.

Scott wished to give many thanks to the following: all the platform builders and contributors; it looks great! Anyone working in the concession stand, and all the volunteers we have had so far.

Band Director report: Mr. Dykes welcomed everyone and stated how nice it was to see so many new and returning faces. "You make the program run! Thank you for the time you give." Mr. Dykes reported the following: Summer Band camp was a success. We have 140 members which includes our front ensemble, color guard, and all sections. Half the show is on the field. The band has done a ton of work since the preview show. The second song was given out today (8-22). Mr. Dykes share his vision: He wants the band to be the best at everything-the most competitive and entertaining band! He is using a 3-tiered step system to achieve that goal. He would like to make 3rd at the Choctaw band competition. On the concert side, he would like them to make overall superiors at the spring competition. He has instituted Concert Wednesdays where they are playing concert material. He would like the guard to be in the top 3 at regionals and the Indoor percussion to be in the top 15 at worlds. One of his priorities is to be clear about wants and expectations from the students and they are acting like they want to be there. He is very excited about this year!

Treasurer Report: tabled to the end of the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Communications: Barb Scott reported that she needs someone to take over the social media aspect of Communications. Theresa Moore will be putting out the newsletter. There is more to do on the bylaws.

Hospitality: No report.

Grants: It was reported that we need a grant writer! Scott Stonebraker will handle grants but we really need a parent volunteer. The Will Do grant is due September 18, 2017; Scott is working on it now along with Walmart and Publix grants. Mama T is helping out.

Transportation: It was reported that no services are due on the truck now other than a truck-washing. The hitch was damaged, but is now fixed. An LED light is needed under the platform, that will work with the interior lights. The trailers are working. The gator damaged during shipping so a new one was obtained. Keith is looking for an additional

enclosed trailer. The platform at Pride Field is complete except for lighting, but the county has been tasked to take care that. More volunteers are needed for games to transport equipment.

Concessions: *We have more equipment now. Coke has installed a fountain dispenser and replaced the cooler with a much smaller one due to space limitations. It cost over \$702, which was not communicated to us. However, the returns amounted to a credit of over \$778. Other items were requested of Coke. Before the games, there will be a brief meeting of the concession workers to give out information, answer questions, etc.

March-A-Thon: Doug Scott introduced himself and reported that the City council approved our special event request and the city has offered to help promote the event on its website, Facebook, and Twitter. Date is September 9th, with a rain date of September 23rd. Concessions will help Hospitality at the parade end. The goal is \$20K; if \$16,000 is raised, Mr. Dykes will be dunked. If \$20,000 is raised, Coach Alt will be dunked. If \$25,000 is raised, the dunking booth will be filled with whatever liquid the band wants (ex.-pudding, slime) The kick-off was 2 weeks ago. We have already raised \$1,000 from 5 students. Weekly section winner announcements will be made and prizes will be distributed. Volunteers are needed. Lawn concerts will be available. The packet is on the website if parents didn't receive it. We are accepting business sponsorships: \$250 will get the name on the banner; \$500 will get larger name on banner; \$1,000 + will get their own banner.

Fundraising: Dan Hecht stated that there are two ways to support the band: people's time and money. The president looked at what we needed to do to take care of the students and found 4 main sources: Football program, March-a-Thon, MFS contributions, and Grants-and wanted to focus on those. The programs are selling for \$5 this year. They are bigger than ever-72+ pages-and student salutes have doubled! We received content from the band, football program, cheerleaders, and JR ROTC. Dan needs sellers. He thanked all the sales people and is looking for help for next year. The prepaid discount was successful in collecting a larger amount at the beginning of the year to cover the uniform costs. THANK YOU! Please continue to pay. The next installment is due August 31. Grants and MAT-see those items on the agenda.

Uniforms: Scott Stonebraker thanked Tonya and her staff for all the work they did to get ready to have new uniforms. She reported that (taken directly from the submitted report): Show Shirts are in and distributed. A second order of smalls has been made. Shoes are in and distributed. Bibbers are being shipped early this week of August 14th - 18th. Gloves should be shipped this week. Berets are being shipped on August 15th and we should receive them at the end of the week. If students are having troubles with blisters or 'hot spots' Tonya recommends using mole skin to prevent and help that. The Color Guard uniforms came in under budget and on time. Coats and Shako Wraps have been delayed because of backups in production at FJM Uniforms. The last date we were given is shipping Sept 29th. We are working with the company in hopes that we may receive them earlier. Shipping fees have been refunded. Uniform Cleaning – I am hoping to have a full cleaning team established at the Volunteer meeting. A cleaning schedule is made and ready to go!

Volunteers: Dan Hecht conducted a brief meeting regarding volunteering. He stated that the key items are security and being ambassadors for the band. All volunteers must wear an old, gold shirt or may purchase a new one. He gave instructions and information out and stated that the committee chairs will be available after the meeting to answer any additional questions.

Treasure Report: Wendy Hoeflich commented that more paid up front this year. Payments are slowing down now, so please continue to pay. If a family had a prior balance, they should talk to Wendy or Scott and they will work with you on the financials.

Wendy reported that there is about \$57,000 from Paypal and in the bank. She also stated that the MFS contributions are tax-deductible and she will get statements out at the end of the year. She could use some helpers to post payments on Quickbooks.

New Business: The by-laws wording was tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business/Announcements:

1. Tabitha Dampson has taken over the guard drill management and is working with Mr. Dykes.
2. If you have not been receiving emails from Charms, please see Mrs. Dampson to verify or correct emails.
3. Mrs. Dampson also reported that she still needs medicine forms from several families, if she is to be allowed to distribute any kind of medicine to the student.

The next general meeting will be September 12, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Grace Hofius.