

Gulf Breeze High School Band Boosters Meeting

January 9, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

Present: Missy Hecht, Theresa Moore, Heather Cady-Bragg, Barb Scott, Keith Whelan, Grace Hofius, Tabitha Dampson, Jay Constant, Scott Gootee, Tonya Duke, Amy Woodcock, Kelly Bleiler, Dave Bleiler, Patrick Barnett, Tyler London, Scott Stonebraker, Lisa Buchanan

Minutes: Keith Whelan moved to accept the November 2017 minutes. Kelly Bleiler seconded. Motion passed. (Secretary note: October minutes do not appear to have been passed per notes received. Secretary arrived late to meeting.)

President report: Scott Stonebraker reported that we have begun a new year with new goals for the Gulf Breeze Band Boosters. At the upcoming executive board meeting we will discuss what we did well and what we can improve upon.

Scott had many thanks for:

1. Hospitality-Thank you to Heather and others for the winter concert.
2. Dalton and Keith took the gator back today (Jan. 9)
3. Dave Bleiler, who drove at the parade and all other volunteers who helped at the parade.

Instruments: the first priority is more music stands. We also need more music folders and more instruments. Scott has done some pricing and will see what we can purchase

Band Director report: Mr. Dykes is in Milton tonight, so he reported via email and Tabitha that: We are off to the races already in All County and All State this week and next. The first All County Rehearsal is tonight at Milton High School and we have 23 students in the ensemble this year: Erin Scott, Alyssa Lodge, Morgan Churchill, Heather Patten, Kendall Docherty, Roman Mirra, Sabrina Foster, McKenzie Jones, Siena Mowe, Maggie Sago, Rebecca Woodcock, Madelyn Mercado, Kellen McKenney, Cole Kariher, Alexa Laux, Anders Foster, Tory Lebourdais, Sarafina Mowe, Leigh Gordon, Jessica Fitzpatrick, Kort Gilbert, Destin Smith, and Neo Greiner. Gulf Breeze High School has the second most students in the honor band! This week is the All State conference and we have three students that are participating this year in the Student Conference Experience Anders Foster, Marissa Lawrence, and Sarah Spooneybarger. This part of the conference is for students that are interested in going into music as a profession. Next week the All County Band will have their concert on Friday night at Milton High School Auditorium starting with the Middle School followed by the High School. The concert is free and will start at 6:00 PM. Continuing the honor band report we have four students Jessica Fitzpatrick, Anders Foster, Alyssa Lodge, and Heather Patten that have been selected to participate in the Troy University Honor Band. Also, Anders has been accepted to the Auburn University Honor Band. This is a great showing of the talent that we have in our amazing program!

January 22nd we will start back up with our after-school rehearsals along with sectionals in the mornings to prepare for MPA as well as Solo and Ensemble. Solo and Ensemble will be taking place on February 16th at Escambia High School. We are looking into doing Jazz MPA this year as well as Concert MPA which will be at Fort Walton Beach High School March 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. The closer we get to it the more we will know about the days we will perform. During concert season we are less visible to the community, but we are working as hard or harder than Marching season with all of the various ensembles that are performing during this part of the year.

Treasurer Report: Wendy Hoefflich reported via Scott Stonebraker that it is projected to cost \$10,924 for stands and folders. We probably will not spend it all to have a reserve for next year.

Committee Reports:

A. Communications: Barb Scott reported via email that: as far as I know Theresa will be doing the newsletter and Mandy will continue with social media and may potentially take over the band website. I (Barb) will be stepping down from communications (the website) and we will need a replacement. I also will not be running for any officer positions next year. I can be a part of the MAT committee with Doug. Theresa Moore stated that the next newsletter will be published in February.

Tabitha Dampson has been tasked with band promotion. She would like to have posters similar to the senior banners to be more visible with recruiting. Tabitha asked if there was money in the budget for the banners. Scott stated he will check on and exact amount we can spend and will get back with Tabitha. Tabitha is also making a video to promote and recruit.

B. Hospitality: It was reported that there will not be a banquet this year. There will be an awards night in the gym for the whole band with a slide show. No charge. There will be refreshments after the awards (not in the gym). Tabitha Dampson is doing the slide show and working with the seniors. She will also work with the students on the awards to streamline the evening. The date is not set yet. There is a dinner being planned for the seniors and anyone else who wants to pay. Some suggestions: Vinnie R's in Navarre can accommodate 50+ people; St. Sylvester also can accommodate a large group and we can cater. Keith Whelan said he would contact them. Heather Cady-Bragg asked if IP would have any hospitality needs. Currently there are no needs.

C. Grants-Scott plans to apply for the spring WILL DO grant, but the application process hadn't been posted yet.

D. Transportation: Keith Whelan reported that he is soliciting quotes for maintenance. The truck will be serviced when the weather clears. Estimated cost is \$300. Keith received an estimate of \$200 to replace the jack, repack the bearings, and check out the rest of the trailer from Skipper Truck and Equipment. The jack replacement is estimated at \$65 and bearings grease at \$12. The yellow trailer has a taillight out.

E. Concessions: GB Celebrates the Arts contacted Heather about participating on March 10 and 11, 2018. Several questions were considered about the feasibility of doing the festival. There is also an IP competition that weekend. It was decided that the boosters would not take part in the festival this year. The remaining coke has not been returned, but it should happen on January 11th. We received a bill from ACE Hardware for the propane tanks for approximately \$150. We were under the impression that it would have been free. A comment was made that if we must pay, we need to find the lowest price. There will be a concessions cleaning day on April 28th. In the meantime, Scott and Heather will go through the stand to winterize where necessary.

F. March-a-thon: We need a committee for our biggest fundraiser.

G. Fundraising: Don't know where we stand on MFS contributions. We still have not received the ad check from West Florida Hospital. They need to be contacted. Keith Whelan stated that he did send payment reminders each month from October through December.

H. Uniforms: It was reported that the uniforms have been cleaned but we still need to do an inventory on the old uniforms going to alumni. Tonya stated that the oldest uniforms were not fit to donate to anyone due to poor condition and corrosion on metal items.

** Grace Hofius made a motion to pitch (throw away) the oldest uniforms. Kelly Bleiler seconded. Motion passed.*

The next idea was to offer the old uniforms to alumni at the cost of \$50 and then dispose of the rest later. They are all in the shed right now. We can push this through social media. We are not selling a specific number. The deadline is spring break. Suggested procedure: have the interested parties send a request to Tonya's email. It is a first-come, first-serve if they want a specific uniform number. The stipulation is that there is NO guarantee they will get their specific number. Tonya will decide on pick-up dates and times. She would like to make the deadline to request a uniform February 16, 2018. It will be a cash on delivery transaction.

**Keith Whelan made a motion to sell the old uniforms at a cost of \$50. Missy Hecht seconded. Motion passed.*

The feathers have been paid for but are not the right color. They need to be changed. Gauntlets are the next item to get at \$52 per pair. It has been recommended to wait until later.

I. Volunteers: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business/Announcements:

a. Instrument needs: see president report about this item.

b. Indoor Percussion: There are 38 members, 3 full-time staff, and 2 design consultants. 62.5% of the needed amounts for their budget are being paid by the members. 37.5% is to be covered by fundraising. April 1st is when the final payment is due.

Competitions: February 10th at Choctaw, March 3rd at Pace High, March 10th at Escambia High, March 17-18th in Hattiesburg, MS, April 7th at University of South Alabama, and April 17-22nd at Dayton OH.

The goals are to be 1st at a circuit event, in the top 3 at Hattiesburg, and a finalist at Dayton. Rehearsal schedules have been scaled back.

Fundraising dates: January 19-Krispy Kreme, January 24-Zaxbys, January 27-Jazzercise Jazzerjam in the gym There will be a pancake breakfast in the morning and an evening (7pm) drum-off in the gym later. They will roll out the sponsorship program for Dayton. There will be special seats and items for sponsors. This will pay for the capital expense items.

Patrick Barnett reported that they are 3 months ahead of schedule as far as music and part of the show. There will be more props this year as well. Heather Cady-Bragg suggested having a king cake fundraiser and 50% would be donated to IP. Scott encouraged Patrick to get with Doug Scott for tips on doing the drum-off fundraiser. Scott encouraged all to support IP, not necessarily financially, but also by volunteering with moving things, selling, etc. It was suggested to create events on FB for spirit nights and Jazzerjam.

c. Spirit items for sale: PJ pants \$20 each or 2 for \$30, shorts \$10. Cups will be sold in concession stand. Barb has an inventory of items.

d. Senior banners-Yes, they can still be purchased and will be given out at the awards night.

The next general meeting will be February 13, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Grace Hofius.