

Gulf Breeze High School Band Boosters Meeting
January 15, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 6:46pm.

Present: Theresa Moore, Aaron Sago, Mandy Roper, Dan Hecht, David Bleiler, Kelly Bleiler, Heather Cady-Bragg, Tabitha Dampson, Zach Dykes, Doug Scott, Patrick Barnett, Tyler Loncher.

President's Report: Dan Hecht stated that he wanted to start planning for next year and make sure we have committees in place for 2019-2020; secure nominees for Executive Officers, recruit some new volunteers and begin planning for the spring "Everything You Need to Know" Band Meeting.

Director's Report: Zach Dykes stated that rehearsals have begun for the second semester.

Erin Scott performed in the top ensemble at All State. She was 3rd chair out of 15 flutes. Zach enjoyed watching and learning from other band directors. The All State middle school, concert and symphonic performances were awesome! Overall it was a great experience. All County rehearsals are coming up soon and the Concert is on January 25th at 7:00pm, Milton High School. Parents are responsible for their student's transportation to the rehearsals and the concert. February 2nd is the first Indoor Percussion and Winter Guard Competition at Tate High School. IP performs at 1:36pm and Winter Guard performs around 7:00pm. February 8th is Fine Arts Day at GBHS and the Sound Wave will have two performances. February 16th is Solo and Ensemble at Escambia High School. This year we have an outstanding 26 entries. Zach's first year as band director we only had 8 entries. He is excited that our scores and the number of participants keep going up each year. March 8th is Concert MPA at Fort Walton Beach High School. We may have a possible preview show so families can see them perform and to help prepare the students. The Spring Concert is on May 16th at 6:30pm, Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church. The 2019 Sound Wave Award Ceremony may possibly be scheduled for May 17th. Zach is checking with Coach Alt. He is also still looking for a date to schedule the "Everything You Need to Know" band meeting in the Spring. The Summer Band Camp dates are set and can be found using the band app. It's going to be a busy and great semester!!!

Treasure's Report: Dan Hecht passed out a copy of the current finances. He stated we have approximately \$10,000 in our Hancock account and approximately \$15,000 in PayPal. Dan stated there has not been much change to the accounts since the last meeting in December.

Committee Reports:

- A. Uniforms – Amy Woodcock was unable to attend but emailed Dan Hecht that she potentially has people to take over uniforms for 2019-2020.
- B. Football Programs – Doug Scott stated that Barbara Scott will head up the football programs for next year.

- C. March-A-Thon – Doug Scott stated that he is looking for freshman parent participation to help with the 2019-2020 March-A-Thon.
- D. Transportation – David Bleiler stated he is going to get the jack on the trailer fixed at Rocky's. Also, when Keith Whelan used the band truck for hurricane recovery in Fort Walton Beach, he let David know that water is seeping in the truck and it needs sealant. David stated that he will seal the leak.
- E. Concessions – Heather Cady-Bragg stated that she will be meeting with some band parents in the near future to get a concession's team in place for next year. Depending on the weather, Heather is looking to possibly have a day to clean the concession stand at the end of February. Heather stated that she will purge the lines of the Coke machine as soon as possible so that they do not freeze with the colder temperatures we have been having this winter. Heather also stated that we have a small amount of food left over in the concession stand freezer. Approximately 30 hamburgers and a lot of french fries. Heather stated she would like to sell the frozen French fries for \$3.00 a bag. She added that she has been sick and will move forward with these projects when she can.
- F. Social Media – Aaron Sago stated that he and Mandy Roper are set to keep doing the website and social media for the band. Aaron stated that we need to look into something besides GoDaddy, as it is not user friendly and has limitations. He stated that there are better options out there to choose from. Dan Hecht stated that he would like to request that we have a purchase button to buy flags from "Flags in The Breeze" on the website. Aaron stated that it would be possible.
- G. Flags in The Breeze – Dan Hecht stated that he possibly has a couple, Erin and Jim Mazel, who will commit to running "Flags in The Breeze" for 2 years. Dan stated he is going to put some feelers out to see if we are going to be able to get volunteers on the holidays to put out the flags. Dan suggests we start out the first year with a test market by selling flags for 2 holidays for \$25.00 and then move forward the next year selling flags for 5 holidays for \$50.00. Dan stated he is confident we can sell the subscription, but the concern is if we will have enough volunteers to help. Doug Scott suggested we give parents a discount towards the My Fair Share Contribution if they help with the flags, since it is a revenue generating activity.

Doug Scott stated that he would like to revisit the issue of Gulf Breeze Band Boosters writing a check for \$1523.00 to cover some expenses that the Indoor Percussion incurred during their trip to Dayton, Ohio for the WGI World Championships in April 2018. Doug stated that the check was written and mailed without getting approval from the GBBB Board. Doug stated that the bylaws state that any check over \$1000.00 is to be voted on by the GBBB Board. He stated that at the next GBBB General Membership Meeting that the board ask for forgiveness and approval. Theresa Moore stated that she knew nothing about this check being written and asked what expenses were paid for using GBBB funds. Zach Dykes stated that it was a check to Camp Schataqua for providing housing and preparing meals for the Indoor Percussion students while in Dayton. Zach stated that he received an unpaid bill in the mail from Camp Schataqua in December and that Indoor Percussion did not have the money to pay the bill. Zach stated he contacted

Dan Hecht and inquired about getting a check from GBBB to pay the bill. Dan Hecht stated that he made the decision to write a check from the GBBB account to pay the bill. He stated that he and Wendy Hoeflich signed the check. Doug stated that that is not protocol and it should have been done following the rules of the bylaws. He stated that the reason he joined the board was to represent the GBBB general members. Doug Scott asked Patrick Barnett why Indoor Percussion did not have the funds to pay the bill, as they are to raise money prior to the trip. Patrick Barnett stated that he thought the bill had been paid through the bookkeeper at GBHS using Indoor Percussion funds. He stated that it wasn't until Mr. Dykes brought it to his attention that it had not been paid, that he was aware of the outstanding bill. Patrick stated that the IP budget did include money for unexpected expenses. Patrick stated that an unexpected expense occurred in Dayton. He explained that some students forgot their cymbals in Gulf Breeze and IP had to buy some cymbals using the credit card provided by GBHS that is linked to the Indoor Percussion account. He stated that when they returned from Dayton, they still had money in their account. He stated that in May, the IP account had a positive balance, so he used the remaining money to purchase needed mallets and stick heads. Theresa Moore asked what else GBBB helps Indoor Percussion pay for to perform in Dayton. Zach stated that the GBBB paid \$4,124.07 and Indoor Percussion paid \$1635.93 to cover registration and instrument expenses for a total of \$5,760.00. Zach stated that if we look at the 2018-19 GBBB budget we allotted \$3000.00 for mallets/sticks and \$1200.00 for registration fees for percussion and no new mallets/sticks were purchased this year. Patrick stated that this year all student fees are due 3 weeks before IP travels to Dayton, so IP has the money in advance. Indoor Percussion is doing a lot of fundraising for their trip this April. Doug stated that at the General Membership Meeting in February, we need to present this matter to the general members so that it can be taken care of instead of sitting on the table.

Dapitha Dampson stated that Winter Guard is running smoothly.

Dan Hecht stated that the GBBB will need to discuss using My School Bucks to collect My Fair Share Contribution and it being deposited into an internal fund at GBHS. Dan stated that all fundraising funds would be deposited in the GBBB account.

Heather Cady-Bragg stated that she will be turning in receipts totaling \$246.14 directly to Wendy Hoeflich to get reimbursed for the flowers from Senior Night and AT&T Square fees.

My Fair Share Contributions: Dan stated that there is \$14,628.00 in outstanding MFSC. Freshman students owe \$5,939.00. Dan will call parents in January to notify parents and try to spin it in a positive manor with tax season coming up. Zach stated that he will encourage students to sell candles to pay their MFSC. Zach stated he will also look into selling spirit wear from the company Teespring for additional fundraising.

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm Respectfully submitted by Theresa Moore