

Graham Band Parent Meeting/Band Festival Meeting - September 9, 2014 6 p.m. Media Center

Meeting was called to order by President, Julie Jenkins. There were 6 members in attendance.

Secretary's report was read by President, Julie Jenkins in the absence of Secretary, Lori Perkins. Lisa Moon motioned to approve the secretary report and Angela Wahl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer, Anita Csikos. The opening balance was 31,181.74, expenses were \$26,783.65, income total was \$6,162.25 with a closing balance of \$10,560.34. Misty Crockett motioned to approve the Treasurer's report and Doug Csikos seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At this time, we started the meeting with Band Festival Agenda:

**Food Concessions/Building Form: Jennifer Noble** - In the absence of Jennifer Noble, Lorraine Bowman, Vice President, reported that she had spoken to Jennifer Noble prior to the meeting and would relay all information. Jennifer informed Lorraine that the building form has been submitted online, but that she must stop in and put her signature on the hard copy. Jennifer also asked if we needed both concession stands to be open since there are only 4 bands. It was discussed that maybe we should keep both concessions open so the visiting band members would have time to go to concessions. No final decision has been made. Jennifer also stated that she would be ordering the pizzas from Jim's Pizza Chalet because a whole pizza (10 slices) cost \$9 and we would make a profit of \$11 on each pizza.

**Gate and Ticket Sales: Lorraine Bowman** – Lorraine reported that the Gates/Ticket Sales were covered. Lorraine Bowman and Krista Cahoon will be at the main gate and Brent Perkins will be at the front gate.

**Flowers/Awards: Julie Jenkins** – Julie will contact David's Flowers with a total number of carnations that are needed for the directors, chaperones, etc., as well as the awards table flower display. As for awards, Julie will be contacting Custom Sportswear as Jennifer Noble stated the other trophy place that she called was very expensive. Mr. Cooper stated he would prefer plaques over trophies for the awards.

**Bling: Lori Perkins/Amy Fransen:** Julie reported that Lori has ordered a lot of stuff for the bling table. Lori and Amy will be heading up the bling table, but Julie stated that Lori requested more volunteers to help them.

**50/50 drawing:** Mindy Stevenson – Mindy reported that Walter Stevenson and herself will be doing the 50/50 drawing. Anita Csikos reported that she had the aprons, buckets, and tickets needed for the 50/50 drawing.

**Sponsors/Ads: Lisa and Lane Moon** – Lisa reported that she had 2 band sponsors, but no trophy sponsors yet. She stated that she is receiving mail every day and would continue to look for sponsors for both bands and trophies.

**PR/Signage/Advertising:** Misty Crockett/Anita Csikos – Misty reported that she had made up a flier in color and that she would be happy to pay to have the flier printed up as she felt colored fliers are more appealing. Anita knows a place that will print the fliers up fairly cheap and quickly. Mr. Cooper asked if it has been sent to be advertised on radio stations, etc.

**Bleachers: Mindy Stevenson** – Mindy reported that she has canceled the bleachers since there are only 4 bands attending. Mr. Cooper stated that the visiting bands will sit on the visitors side and Graham band will sit in their regular spot in the stands on the home side. Mindy reported if the need arises that we should need the bleachers that she just has to make a phone call and we can pick them up.

**Chaperones: Danielle and Randy Oder** – Danielle was not present, but the board members received an email from Danielle stating that she had chaperones. It was questioned by Lorraine Bowman that since the list of chaperones had been prior chaperones if we should offer to alumni that have not had the chance to chaperone yet. All felt it should be rotated to get alumni involved who have not had that change. Lorraine will email Danielle and ask her if chaperones have been asked or if that was just a list and tell her what was discussed about using alumni that have not done it yet.

**Parking: Anita Csikos** – Anita said that she spoke with Wilma Lewis and the Lions are happy to do the parking again. They will arrive at 5:30 to start parking.

**Sheriff/EMTS:** Julie Jenkins – Julie has spoken with the Sheriff Department, Rick Jordan, who will arrive at 5:30. Julie will contact St. Paris EMS this week. Lorraine provided Julie with EMS phone number

**OTHER FESTIVAL STUFF:** Mr. Cooper recommended that next year we start inviting bands in February/March. He stated that a lot of bands have moved their festivals to October because a lot of schools have moved their homecoming to September. He suggested maybe we look at moving our band festival to October for next year.

At this time, we moved onto the regular band parent meeting:

**Committee reports:**

- Ways and Means:

**Fundraisers:**

- **T-shirt Sale** – Julie Jenkins reported that T-shirts that were ordered prior to September 12, 2014, have been delivered. We will make 20% off of those sales. She will have the total profit at next band meeting. She also reported that she had a pair of slides (shoes) at home and we would have to sell for \$20. She said the T-shirt lady told her the best thing for putting a logo on would be to go with a sticker like they put on football helmets. She will get more details on this.
- **Mums/Asters/Hanging Baskets:** Lorraine reported that we sold a total of 458 plants for a profit of \$2783.00. Lorraine also expressed

concern that only 50% of the High School students participated in the sale. Anita compared the profits for the mums to the cheese and sausage profit which was \_\_\_\_\_. Anita suggested we try the mums one more year and it was suggested that we stick to just mums and no hanging plants next year.

**Band Festival:** T-shirt design has not been presented from the seniors yet. Discussion was held regarding giving the seniors more time to design. Ashli McAlexander suggested a few quotes to be put on the festival T-Shirts. Mr. Cooper informed band parents that the seniors have had plenty of time. Doug Csikos motioned for the seniors to have until 09/11/14 at the start of evening practice to produce a design. Ashli McAlexander seconded the motion. Mindy Stevenson motion if not received then Band Parent Organization will pick a quote. Lisa Moon seconded the motion. Motions carried. Anita Csikos suggested the quote on the back so you can read as you are walking behind and band logo on the front/upper right chest area.

**Old Business:** No discussion

**New Business:**

- **Scholarship Eligibility:** Julie Jenkins suggested there be changes made to the requirement for eligibility of the Scholarship regarding the Ohio Hi-Point students and students who are unable to meet eligibility because of conflict with classes. It was mentioned that students must participate in 2 fundraisers a year as well as maintain so many quarters in all areas of Band. Mr. Cooper suggested that we need to make some changes to the Scholarship program and also would like to see it at the end of the handbook so all students know what is expected of them throughout their high school band career. He also suggested that he would like to place the eligibility on the blog so all will have access to it.
- **Blog:** Lorraine Bowman asked if the Band Parent Organization minutes could be placed on Mr. Cooper's blog. Mr. Cooper agreed that anything we would like to put on there to please send him and he would put on the blog.

**Mr. Cooper's Report:**

- **New Assistant:** Mr. Cooper announced the hiring of Mr. Paul McCalla as the Assistant Director. Mr. McCalla is a Miami University graduate and is currently teaching general music K-8 in the Dayton Public Schools. Mr. Cooper reported that Mr. McCalla will be present at Thursday evening practices, as well as all Friday and Saturday events.
- **Freshman 7's:** Mr. Cooper reported that the company had sent the wrong order originally. He ordered again in spring and never received them. He contacted the company again and was told there was a computer crash. He reordered, as well as for the next few years, and was told they would be here in 4-6 weeks. He said he would like to give this company a chance to redeem themselves before looking for another company so the numbers are all the same.

- **Hamilton Township Festival:** Mr. Cooper reported that the festival was canceled by Hamilton Township Festival committee as of 09/09/2014 which was to be held on October 4, 2014, due to small number of bands participating. Mr. Cooper reported he is looking into the Defiance Band Festival and Logan Band Festival that are on the same date. He stated he had emails out to both and would let us know any information he finds out.
- **Drums:** Mr. Cooper reported that he is very thankful for the Band Parent Organization in the purchase of the drumline. He stated they sound great and that the old drums are already falling apart. He stated the students are still using the old drumline to practice with, with the exception of Thursday night practice as he needs to know how they will sound so they do use the new drumline at that practice.
- **Middle School Band Night:** Mr. Cooper reported this will take place on Septum 19th home game against Tecumseh. He asked for a parent volunteer to oversee the MS students instruments. Doug Csikos volunteered to watch the instruments. There will be no meal provided for the middle school students for practice as Mr. Cooper plans to have them come to Thursday night practice starting at 6 p.m. Only 7/8 grade band students will be participating.
- **Stand for Mr. Cooper at practice field:** Mr. Cooper is requesting a stand of some sort be built for his use at the practice field. He suggested maybe finding a Boy Scout troop that could do this as a project. It was suggested that he ask Brent Perkins as he was still involved with the Boy Scouts and probably had someone that could do that for him.
- **Fair Week:** Mr. Cooper has concerns as he heard that Fair week is now a week later which runs into our band camp time. It was confirmed that Fair week will be the week of our usual band camp time. Mr. Cooper will contact Camp Cotubic to see if there is any open weeks prior to the beginning of August that we could switch weeks.
- **Varsity Show/Band Banquet:** Mr. Cooper reported he put in tentative dates for these two events and may be changing them. He will let us know.
- **Questions to Mr. Cooper:** Lorraine Bowman asked if Mr. Cooper has located the box of replacement pads for all the woodwinds that were purchased last year by the Band Parent Organization. Mr. Cooper reported he has not seen them at all and suggested we contact Mrs. Allen. Lorraine said that would ask Mrs. Allen.

The next Band Festival meeting has been scheduled for September 16, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Media Center.

At this time, a motion was made by Mindy Stevenson to adjourn the meeting. Doug Csikos seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Minutes prepared by:** Lorraine Bowman, Vice President