

Graham Band Parents Organization

April 6, 2015 meeting minutes

There were 17 members present at the April meeting of the Graham Band Parent Organization held in the High School Media Center. Members were welcomed by President Julie Jenkins.

Lori Perkins, read the minutes from the March meeting, as submitted by Vice President Lorraine Bowman due to the absence of Lori at the previous meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Angela Wahl and seconded by Randy Oder. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by Anita Csikos. Opening balance for March was \$26,647.98. Income for the month totaled \$332.00 and expenses totaled \$3,576.85. The closing balance is \$23,403.13. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Randy Oder and seconded by Doug Csikos. The motion carried.

Anita mentioned that we have a CD that matures on May 25th. Discussion about what to do with it was tabled until later in the meeting after other expenses were discussed.

Mr. Cooper's Report: Mr. Cooper's report was moved to first on the agenda in order to address many of the topics that will be discussed under other business.

Band Camp: Camp will be August 16-20, 2015. Cost will be the same as last year (\$195 per student and \$125 per staff/additional leaders). Payment of \$500 is due April 21, 2015.

Mr. Cooper thanked the parents who chaperoned the Large Group Contest. He was very pleased with the Excellent rating (II) they received overall and the Superior (I) in sight reading.

Band Festival is September 26, 2015. There are 8 bands registered already with possibility of Kenton Ridge and Sidney. There were 90 postcards sent to bands to save the date.

A trip is being planned if approved by the school board at next week's meeting. Mr. Cooper read over the itinerary for the trip and discussed the protection plan. There is a parent meeting for the trip on April 15, 2015 in the band room to discuss the details of the trip. The first payment will be due May 1, 2015. Cost of the trip is \$647 per student and \$747 per paying adult. Mr. Cooper requested that GBPO assist in the cost of the trip in order to get the cost down to \$500 per student possibly by paying the \$5,900.00 cost of the 55 passenger bus.

Committee Reports:

Ways and Means

Yankee Candle Sale: Spring fundraiser this year is Yankee Candle sales. This sale will kick off Thursday April 9, 2015. The sale will run until April 27, 2015. Online ordering is available. Grades 6-12 are involved in this sale. Money is due at the time the order is taken.

Trip Fundraising: Randy Oder, chairman of the committee, gave an update on fundraising for the trip.

200 Club has been approved. It will be promoted at the ice cream social in May with enrollment due in June. If the club is full, this would bring in \$10,400. Half (\$5,200) will be used as cash prizes and the other half will be used toward the trip.

Bowling fundraiser is being planned for May 30, 2015, from 6-9 PM at Southwest Lanes in Urbana. Cost is \$30 per couple and our profit is \$18 per couple. During the event there could be extra raffles such as a 50/50 raffle and a basket raffle that Amy Fransen is coordinating. It is projected that we will make at least \$3000 for the trip.

Ice Cream Social: Jennifer Noble reported that the building use form has been approved for May 9, 2015. She and Mr. Cooper are in the process of making changes to last year's letter and these should be sent home later this week. Bands will begin performing at 3:30 PM with the same entertainment schedule as last year. Food will be served from 3:00-6:00 PM. Any donations will be mailed to Jennifer not brought to school.

Anita Csikos suggested that voting for a favorite section could be done at the ice cream social. Coins placed in a container for each section would count as a vote for the section and bills placed in the container would reduce the votes for that section. Miami Co. Farm Bureau does a similar fundraiser at the fair.

Old Business:

Scholarship Committee: Scholarship applications are due April 15, 2015 to the guidance office. The Committee will consist of Anita Csikos, Danielle Oder, Misty Crockett, Cindi Buell and Mr. Cooper.

2015 Budget: Brent Perkins made a motion to make changes to the proposed budget to include \$8200 for trip expense and the instrument expenses decreased to \$1000. Income added for bowling fundraiser \$3000 and increased income for band festival profits due to the increased bands already registered. Angela Wahl seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Doug Csikos that fundraiser profits for the spring and fall fundraisers be split 50/50 with 50% going to the GBPO and the other 50% going into the student's account for the trip. If the student's account is overdue then this account will be paid from these fundraiser profits before the student's trip account is credited. The motion was seconded by Angela Wahl. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Randy Oder that the trip expense be paid by GBPO for 1 assistant director, 1 percussion director and 1 band aide. There is no charge for the director. Motion was seconded by Doug Csikos and the motion carried.

Following the discussion about trip expenses, it was decided that the CD that matures in May will remain earmarked for uniforms as it does not appear that it will be needed for the trip expenses.

New Business:

Ashli McAlexander asked about season shirts. Mr. Cooper said nothing has been done. The seniors were supposed to submit a design but no designs have been submitted at this time. She asked if other students could submit a design.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Randy Oder and seconded by Brent Perkins. The next meeting is scheduled to be held May 4, 2015.