

Graham Band Parent Organization
April 4, 2016
High School Media Center

15 members plus Mr. Cooper were present.

The new officers took office on April 4, 2016

President: Randy Oder
Vice President: Cindi Buell
Treasurer: Misty Crockett
Secretary: Lorraine Bowman

President Randy Oder opened the meeting.

Secretary minutes from March 2016 meeting were made available to those present by Misty Crockett. Members were given a few minutes to read through the minutes. Angela Wahl made a motion to accept the March 2016 minutes. Vanessa Bruce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Misty Crockett presented February Treasurer's report prepared by Darlene Alltop, as well as a revised report for March 2016 to bring all accounts current. The revised report is to the positive and we can move forward with all being corrected with the revised report of March 2016 with a closing balance of \$32,428.90. Misty mentioned the audit of the general ledger did pass and included income and expenses. Darlene Alltop asked if the balance included all accounts and Misty stated the new balance includes the uniform CD, in addition to the checking and savings accounts. Chantelle Westcott made a motion to accept the February 2016 Treasurer's report and Angela Wahl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Walter Stevenson made a motion to accept the adjustments to the revised report by Misty Crockett. Heather Carter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director's Report

The following are important Band Dates:

- HS Large Group performed at Bellefontaine High School on March 12, 2016. They received a Grade II, Excellent.
- GMS Evening with the Arts - April 7, 2016, 6-8 p.m. Bands perform from 7:10-7:40
- MS Solo Ensemble at Bellefontaine High School – April 16, 2016
- Ice Cream Social (MS) – May 14, 2016 (1 week after Mother's Day)
- Band Camp – August 14 through August 18, 2016 – Still tentative – waiting on final schedules from GLS and OHP

Mr. Cooper stated that he has postponed open band until the end of April as there is a lot going on after school for the students. Schedule and times have not yet been determined, but most likely 2:45-4:15

Mr. Cooper mentioned that he would like a group of parents to line the practice field weekly beginning this summer and lasting through the fall. He is asking for volunteers to do this. He stated he would like to invest in field lining kits and yard line markers. The Band Shoppe carries the field lining kits. Lorraine Bowman mentioned that there should be yard markers in the supply room. Mr. Cooper will check on that.

Mr. Cooper also mentioned again that he would like some kind of tower for the practice field. He stated he would like to be able to be above the students so he could see the formations better. He suggested the Family Tradition "DBL-TRI" stand which costs approximately \$800-900. He asked again if this was something the GBPO could provide. Questions were raised if it would be something permanent or something he could take down every night with regards to safety. Mr. Cooper stated he would discuss with Don Burley. Chantelle Wescott suggested having someone build it. Mr. Cooper stated it would be about 10-12 feet high. Jennifer Noble noted that Ed Noble ran a metal fabrication shop and he might be able to modify something and that she would check with him. Randy Oder asked Mr. Cooper to get an idea of what he wants and bring to the May meeting.

Mr. Cooper would also like a bullhorn. He said it doesn't have to be anything expensive, but needs something for practices. Mr. Cooper stated that the Fagan's have one and they might be willing to sell it. A motion was made by Angela Wahl to purchase a bullhorn with a cap of \$100. Walter Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Cooper announced that Arlos Priddy has resigned as Equipment bus driver due to the inability to keep his CDL for health reasons. Mr. Cooper read Arlos' resignation email. Mr. Cooper asked if the band parents knew of anyone that would like to take over the position. He mentioned he wouldn't mind having a few drivers in case he would need someone to fill in. Jennifer Noble asked what Class they had to have to drive and that she would check with Ed Noble. Darlene Alltop stated that Harry Alltop would be glad to do it. Randy Oder said he would talk to Matt Bugg as Matt had driven a few times last year. Mr. Cooper requested that those interested contact him. Mr. Cooper also stated he would like to have a spreadsheet for all trips so we can keep track of who would be driving, etc.

Old Business

Ways and Means Committee:

- Craft/Vendor Show - Lorraine Bowman shared that we have 37 vendors for the craft show and still adding people to waiting list. As of April 4, 2016 we have raised \$1005.00 in vendors fees and \$2,185.00 in raffle sales for a total of \$3,190.00. Lorraine stated there are still a lot of raffle tickets that have not been returned or money for them, so there possibly could still be more income for the craft show. Lorraine stated that Mindy and Walter Stevenson have received amazing donations for the baskets, but would like to request a check for \$250 written to Mindy Stevenson to pick up some finishing touches for the baskets. Heather Carter made a motion that a check be issued to Mindy Stevenson with any unused portion returned to the GBPO. Doug Csikos seconded the motion. Motion carried. Lorraine has also requested a check written to Gordon Food Services so the food could be purchased for the vendor show.
- Students Spring Fundraiser – Anita Csikos stated the spring fundraiser (Bags for Bucks) began today, 04/04/2016 and will end on 04/15/2016. She stated the bags will arrived approximately 4 weeks after paid for with a delivery in mid May. Students will profit \$1.56 per roll.
- Cookbook – Misty Crockett shared there are 100 recipes. We still need another 100. She stated we needed beverages and side dishes.

Old shoes - Ashli McAlexander contacted the Band Shop and they stated we could bring them back for credit. They asked that we call first before coming to the store as their hours vary in the off-season.

Ice Cream Social – Jennifer Noble stated she has submitted the building use form. She stated she would have Mr. Cooper email her the old letter so that she may update it and send home with the students. She asked that we all post messages on Facebook for volunteers and may use her number as a contact. Jennifer will check in at May meeting. Cindi Buell asked if Jennifer has an apprentice. Jennifer stated that she did have someone last year following her, but that parent and student is no longer in the district. She stated that she is willing to continue doing the band festival and ice cream social even after her son has graduated, but is willing to help someone else take over.

Ice Cream Social 200 Club Prizes: Doug Csikos shared the year end prizes would consist of 1- \$500; 1- \$250; 3- \$100; and 5- \$50 winners, Walter Stevenson suggested we have 200 Club forms for next year at the craft/vendor show and also at the Ice Cream Social.

GBPO webpage/Facebook Group: Alan Wescott reported his findings on web pages. He reported for a personal page is \$13.92 a month and for a business page is \$18.92 a month which includes 100 gigs, 100 emails, and web hosting. Alan also discussed about a Facebook Group that could be created. When asked about privacy, he stated there are many options for making it private, closed group versus public, having administrators to monitor the page. Cindi Buell stated you could set the page up so that only certain people could post as well. Randy Oder asked that we table this discussion until next meeting and asked that Alan find out the specifics for the Facebook Group. Mr. Cooper suggested looking at Wellston Band Boosters Facebook Page.

Darlene Alltop shared that she spoke with the Village of St. Paris and secured a spot at the municipal building for gift wrapping on the following dates: 11/19/16, 12/03/16, 12/10/16, 12/17/16, and 12/24/16 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. She stated anyone that is willing to help with the gift wrapping is welcome. She also asked for everyone to start saving supplies such as gift wrap, tape, bows, etc. The fee for the spot is \$5 which Darlene will be donating.

New Business

Uniform Committee: Randy shared that he had a list of current uniforms and sizes to the best of Ashli McAlexander's knowledge. Some of the uniform sizes are unreadable. Ashli relayed to Randy that she didn't have time to count the hats, but they really need replaced. She suggested approximately 75-100 hats. Mr. Cooper stated that hats are quite expensive. Randy would ask Ashli to get pricing on the hats. Cindi Buell stated that we wouldn't have uniforms in time this year as they have to be ordered by February to be ready by August. Randy asked that Misty look for the last invoice to see what the sizes were that we ordered a few years ago. Walter Stevenson also suggested looking into other companies for uniforms to see if we could get them sooner and/or at a better price. Darlene Alltop and Chantelle Wescott volunteered to be on the uniform committee with Ashli.

Band Festival: Randy Oder announced that Danielle Oder would be stepping down as chairperson for the Band Festival due to work commitments. Chantelle Wescott stated she would be happy to volunteer to help, but unable to be the chair person.

Athletic Boosters: Randy Oder stated he has been working with the Athletic Boosters about being able to sell Graham apparel at our bling table. Randy was told that the Athletic Boosters sell Graham Apparel such as sweatshirts and T-shirts and asked that we do not sell those items. We are still interested in selling the Slider/slip-on shoes. Lorraine Bowman will be in contact with the company and get a sample before purchasing.

Scholarships: Vanessa Bruce asked when the scholarship recipients would be chosen. Mr. Cooper stated that the Guidance Office has not contacted him yet regarding the application or receiving any applications. The Guidance Office handles all scholarship applications. He stated he would check with them on that.

Parent T-shirts: Angela Wahl asked about parents T-shirts. We still have parent T-shirts for sale from the last year that will be sold at the Vendor Show and Ice Cream Social.

200 Club: Winners for March 2016:

Darin Grimm, Nelson Faulkner, Lisa Moon, and Alfonzo Olivares.

Krista Cahoon motioned to adjourn the meeting. Heather Carter seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.