

# Graham Band Parent Organization

## December 7, 2015

### High School Media Center

10 members and Mr. Cooper were present.

Vice President Doug Csikos opened the meeting. President Randy Oder was detained in traffic.

Secretary minutes were made available to those present. Members were given a few minutes to read through the minutes. Cindi Buell made a motion to accept the November 2015 minutes. Angela Wahl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was provided to all in attendance. Treasurer Anita Csikos went through the report. Opening balance was \$34,061.10. Closing balance was \$32,792.36. Angela Wahl made a motion to accept the November 2015 Treasurer report. Lorraine Bowman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Director's Report**

The following are important Band Dates:

- Middle School Christmas Concert – December 15 at 7 pm
- HS Christmas Concert (MS) – December 17 at 7 pm
- HS Solo & Ensemble (Milton Union Schools) – February 6
- Large Group Contest (Bellefontaine or Sidney HS) – March 11 or 12
- MS Solo and Ensemble (Bellefontaine HS/MS) – April 16
- Ice Cream Social – May 7 This is also the date of prom. Mr. Cooper is working on a solution. He is hoping that we can keep this date.

Mr. Cooper is working on final details for the Atlanta trip this week. He plans to post info regarding hotel, spending/meal money, packing list, and etc. on the website and send a letter home with the students. Each student will receive a cinch sack and lanyard with name and emergency info.

He also stressed the importance of putting a nametag with contact info on instruments.

A tentative chaperone meeting has been scheduled for December 22 @ 5:30 pm in the band room.

Mr. Cooper asked if there was any ideas for the chaperones traveling separately. The Fagan's are willing to drive if needed. The Oder's and Csikos' said they are planning on driving separately.

The President Randy Oder was able to join the meeting during the Director's Report.

#### **Old Business**

Misty Crockett thanked all the parents who helped with the phone book delivery. They have all been delivered and the paperwork returned to CT Communications. We are just waiting for the payment. This year we will be making \$1500 instead of the previous \$2000.

### **New Business**

200 Club winners for November were: Rita Zerkle, Chad Hayslett, Frank Wahl, Diana Schlater, and Chad Hayslett.

It was again discussed the need to reach out to Junior High parents to increase participation in GBPO. It was suggested info could be a pamphlet or a letter. Darlene Alltop suggested a newsletter. Info to be included would be fundraisers, cost for marching band, answers to frequently asked questions. Darlene Alltop and Cindi Buell volunteered to do a quarterly newsletter. Mr. Cooper was ok with the idea, just requested that he would see it and approve it before being given to students.

Randy Oder said he would like to have a meeting for junior high parents. Cindi Buell suggested inviting them to a regular meeting. Danielle Oder suggested food for this meeting as a way to draw in attendees.

Randy Oder reminded members that nominations for officers will be made in February with voting to take place in March. The new officers will start April 1.

Lorraine Bowman issued an apology to anyone whose feelings were hurt by her words at the previous meeting on the need to create and use our committees. Lorraine's goal was to increase involvement in the planning and spread the work among many.

Lorraine also suggested a Krispy Kreme fundraiser and is interested in hosting a craft show for the band. Randy Oder brought up the possibility of working at Dayton Dragon Games to raise funds. Darlene Alltop suggested gift wrapping at the holidays, serving at local banquets and having a swag table and concessions at the Varsity Show to raise additional funds.

Darlene asked if she could have a table to recruit volunteers at the Christmas Concerts. Mr. Cooper was ok with it. Cindi Buell suggested that parent volunteering be included in the requirements for the scholarship.

Lorraine would like to see a way to reward kids who participate in fundraisers; maybe give them a higher percentage of funds to the student account.

Doug Csikos suggested a \$50 fundraising fee. When the student earns that in fundraising, the \$50 would be credited to their account. Mr. Cooper said that he would like to avoid adding more fees.

Vanessa Bruce submitted a bill for ice during the season.

Anita Csikos turned in her resignation as treasurer due to health reasons. Angela Wahl made the motion to accept it. Cindi Buell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Cindi Buell suggested waiting another month to fill the position in case there was someone well qualified and interested in filling that position. Discussion was held on filling the position for the remainder of Anita's term (approximately 16 months) or filling it temporarily (til elections in March). Angela Wahl made a motion that we vote for an interim treasurer to fill the position through the end of March. It was seconded by Danielle Oder. Motion passed.

The floor was opened for nominations for the interim treasurer position. Anita Csikos nominated Darlene Alltop. Angela Wahl seconded the nomination. Darlene accepted the nomination and members passed the motion.

Vanessa Bruce made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Danielle Oder seconded the motion. Motion passed.