

Graham Band Parent Organization
January 11, 2016
High School Band Room

15 members and Mr. Cooper were present.

President Randy Oder opened the meeting.

Secretary minutes were made available to those present. Members were given a few minutes to read through the minutes. Nichol Masters made a motion to accept the December 2015 minutes. Lorraine Bowman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was provided to all in attendance. Treasurer Darlene Alltop went through the report. Opening balance was \$32,792.36. Closing balance was \$29,178.79. Krista Cahoon made a motion to accept the December 2015 Treasurer's report. Vanessa Bruce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director's Report

The following are important Band Dates:

- HS Solo & Ensemble (Milton Union Schools) – February 6
- Large Group Contest (Bellefontaine or Sidney HS) – March 11 or 12
- The Arts are Alive (GMS) – April 7, 6 - 8 pm with performances by 6 and 7/8 bands and solo and ensembles
- 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. Still no word on this situation.

There are 11 soloists and 3 ensembles from the high school band competing this year.

Mr. Cooper shared that he is planning on attending the Ohio Music Education Association Professional Development Conference in Cincinnati on January 28 – 30. He requested funds from the director's fund to pay for conference registration (\$155), meals (\$60, will provide receipts and return unused money), hotel (\$209, he is sharing a room), and parking (\$56).

Lorraine Bowman made a motion to pay up to \$480 for Mr. Cooper to attend The OMEA Conference. Vanessa Bruce seconded. The motion passed.

Old Business

Darlene Alltop and Cindi Buell have finished the newsletter and submitted it to Mr. Cooper for approval. They need to add comments from Mr. Cooper and it will be ready. Darlene plans to have it ready to go home with students at all buildings within a week.

New Business

200 Club winners for December were: Joanne Neff, Catherine Lingrell, Rita Zerkle, and Doug Ellison

Randy shared that it was time to create committees for the upcoming year. The committees are as follows-

- 🎵 Nominating committee: Randy Oder (Chairman), Nichol Masters, Krista Cahoon, and Chantell Westcott
- 🎵 Budget Committee: Officers Randy Oder, Darlene Alltop and Misty Crockett (Doug said that due to a busy schedule, he would be unable to participate in this committee), Mr. Cooper, Vanessa Bruce, Cindi Buell and Mark Crockett
- 🎵 Ways and Means Committee: Lorraine Bowman (Chairman), Anita Csikos, Mindy Stevenson and Misty Crockett
- 🎵 Scholarship Committee: Mr. Cooper, Cindi Buell, Nichol Masters, Vanessa Bruce, and Lorraine Bowman
- 🎵 We will need to form band festival committee in the future. Danielle Oder is interested in chairing this event again.
- 🎵 Jennifer Noble is planning on heading up the ice cream social again.

Ways and Means: Lorraine Bowman shared several ideas for fundraisers. Her goal is to find ideas that can be done by the band parents and not students. Ideas she presented include:

- 🎵 Cookbook sale: 300 cookbooks with 200 recipes would cost \$2.95 each, suggested sale price of \$10 would be a profit of \$2115
- 🎵 Scratchers: Scratch card costs \$20, but bring in \$100 in donations. When customers scratch and make a donation, they receive a sheet of coupons.
- 🎵 Personalized Christmas ornaments
- 🎵 5k
- 🎵 Basket Party
- 🎵 Vendor/Craft Show

Cindi Buell asked about bringing back tag day. Randy Oder said that he would contact administration about it. If possible, it would be in April and students would pass out a tag with info about the ice cream social. It usually lasts from 9 am to noon on one Saturday and all students are required to participate. Cindi Buell made a motion to do tag day if approved by the administration. Mindy Stevenson seconded. The motion passed.

Chantell Westcott asked if we could do something at the Varsity Show to draw attendees and raise funds.

Darlene Alltop is checking into wrapping presents at Christmas time. She has checked with the mall in Piqua, but it is not available. She is trying to contact someone at the Springfield Mall.

Darlene also asked that everyone keep their eyes and ears open for the opportunity to serve at alumni dinners or similar dinners as a fundraiser.

Bill Masters suggested opening a Go Fund Me account over a sale as all the funds raised would go to the band instead of making just a portion of sales.

It is nearly time for the spring sale. Discussion was held on options. Candy cannot be sold during the school day or for 30 minutes after school is out. Randy asked Mindy Stevenson to put together a

proposal for PartyLite. Lorraine Bowman pointed out that we have many GBPO parents who are in direct sales and each should be given the same opportunity to present an option for the spring sale. Cindi Buell made a point that no parent should profit from organization fundraisers.

Randy Oder shared that the Dayton Dragons, Nutter Center and UD Arena all have opportunities to work concession stands to raise funds. A special alcohol training would need to be completed. It would require a commitment from parents. It was also mentioned that there is a one weekend tennis tournament in Cincinnati that could be an option as well.

Our treasurer shared that we have a savings account that has had no activity for over 3 years. Darlene requested permission to move money from the checking account to the savings account so we could show activity in the account. Vanessa Bruce made a motion to move \$25 two separate times from the checking to the savings. Mark Crockett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The CD for the uniform account is up for renewal in May. Darlene suggested we think about whether we want to leave the money in the CD or put it in the checking account. The amount in the CD is approximately \$3000.

Krista Cahoon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vanessa Bruce seconded the motion. Motion passed.