

Graham Band Parents Organization

Minutes

May 4, 2015 @ Graham High School Cafeteria

Nine members were welcomed to the meeting by President Randy Oder. He also introduced the new officers.

Misty Crockett read the minutes from the April 6, 2015 meeting as submitted by previous secretary Lori Perkins. Danielle Oder made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Angela Wahl seconded. The motion carried.

Anita Csikos presented the treasurer's report. The opening balance for the month of April was \$24,403.13. Income for the month was \$232 and expenses were \$2,437.81. The balance as of April 30 was \$21,197.32. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Jennifer Noble and seconded by Angela Wahl. The motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- ♪ Band camp is August 16 - 20, 2015. The \$500 deposit has been paid.
- ♪ This year's band festival is on September 26. We now have nine bands signed up online and one has given a verbal commitment. Two additional schools have expressed interest, but have not registered.
- ♪ The school board approved the trip to the Peach Bowl in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Cooper said that most students have already signed up online. Fifteen adults have expressed interest in chaperoning the trip. Chaperones will be chosen after he gets a more definitive number of students attending and available seats on the bus. He also shared that there is \$1000 in scholarship money to help students in need to pay for the trip.
- ♪ Twenty-three students, from both the middle and high school, will be receiving awards for Solo and Ensemble. The cost of these awards is \$92.
- ♪ Thanks was given to all who are volunteering to help with the ice-cream social. The informational letter was sent home and is also on the website.
- ♪ The calendar on the website has been updated to include summer schedule and fall events. Some events may be added or changed, but it should be fairly firm by this point.
- ♪ The summer parent/student meeting was moved up to the end of May and beginning of June to allow for more time to complete physicals.

Jennifer Noble questioned if there was an alert for when the website was updated. Mr. Cooper said that the option is offered, but it has not worked in the past. However, the web hosting site has updated its software and he will try it again. If it still does not work he will try to remember to send a Remind message.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ♪ Ice-cream Social: Jennifer Noble said that she still needs more help and requested that we talk to other band parents that we know. It was also discussed that we would need to find someone to work the Swag table.
- ♪ Yankee Candle Sale: Anita Csikos shared that we had \$5,946.78 in sales. The GBPO earns 40% (\$2,378.71). After designating money to the student accounts, approximately \$1,739.91 will go into the general fund. Jennifer Noble mentioned that there was no informational letter with the name and contact info for the person heading up this sale. This will need to be fixed for the next sale. It was also discussed to make sure the mum sale is held late August/early September so that we have time to send the money in for those students attending the trip.
- ♪ 200 Club: Doug Csikos passed out the flyer. The official kick-off will be at the ice-cream social. Doug will have a table set up to share information about this and the bowling fundraiser. If we get the full 200 members, the top prizes awarded at the ice-cream social in 2016 will be: 1 - \$1000, 1 - \$500, 5 - \$100 and 10 - \$50
- ♪ Bowling Fundraiser: The flyers for this event was passed out by Randy Oder. Many members took extra flyers to place in local businesses. Amy Fransen is working on baskets to raffle that night. It was suggested to ask Walter Stevenson to sell the 50/50 tickets. Mr. Cooper will be posting fliers for this event and the 200 Club on the website. All members are encouraged to share links on social media sites to promote the events.
- ♪ Scholarship Committee: The scholarship committee met on April 27. They selected 3 winners who will be announced at the high school's Honor's Night on May 20th. Randy Oder will be presenting these scholarships on behalf of the Band Parents Organization.

NEW BUSINESS:

Randy Oder stated that he would like to see small committees to plan the events and fundraisers. The committees would meet outside the regular meeting and report back with their ideas and suggestions.

Discussion was held on needing to form a committee for the band festival soon. It was stated that there was a book of information put together by former members including what has been done in the past. This led to a discussion as to what the band parents had in storage beneath the band room and if the binder was under there.

Doug Csikos encouraged everyone to invite one other band parent who does not regularly attend to the next meeting. If each person brought one new parent we could quickly grow our attending members.

Danielle Oder suggested that the band parents have booth at the Pony Wagon Days. We decided to think about ideas for the booth and discuss them at the next meeting.

Randy Oder invited the members to contact the officers if they would like to have something placed on the agenda for the following meeting.

Jennifer Noble made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Danielle Oder. The motion unanimously was passed.