

Graham Band Parent Organization

October 6, 2014 meeting minutes

10 members were present for the October 6, 2014 meeting of the Graham Band Parent Organization. Members were welcomed by Vice President Lorraine Bowman and President Julie Jenkins.

The secretary's report from the September meeting was read by Lori Perkins. A motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Randy Oder and seconded by Angela Wahl. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Anita Csikos. The opening balance for the month was \$10,560.34. Expenses for the month totaled \$7,874.79 and income totaled \$17,539.98. The closing balance was \$20,225.53. A motion to approve the report was made by Randy Oder and seconded by Angela Wahl.

Ways and means:

T-shirt sale: A profit of \$184.60 was reported from selling t-shirts.

Mum/aster sale: A profit of \$2533.00 was reported from the mum/aster sale. Discussion for next year included the possible need to ask for donations if members choose not to sell. We have to sell a certain number to do the sale so the suggested donation would need to be high enough to encourage people to sell vs. donate. Members felt we should do the sale at least one more year now that people have seen the product the sale might be more successful. Our price will go up to \$5 for pots and \$8 for hanging plants. Selling for the same price as this year was discussed.

Band Festival: Anita Csikos took the income from last year and this year's festival and divided it by the number of bands in an attempt to compare the profit from the two events. Last year we made \$1400 per band and \$1629 per band this year. She compared SWAG sales of \$351 last year compared to \$130.50 at the SWAG table and \$191.00 on the basket raffle. Lorraine Bowman reported that when she was selling tickets at the main gate, there were complaints about the price being the same for students as adults and that the Graham students did not get tickets unless they were in band this year. Discussion among members centered around the fact other festivals we have attended had a single gate price. It was also suggested that gate prices may have limited the amount spent on SWAG or concessions. It was also discussed a possible price of \$5 for everyone next year. Mr. Cooper wants to keep it the festival same week next year despite numerous conflicts this year preventing several bands from attending. He feels moving it to another weekend would create other conflicts. Lori Perkins asked if the amount we pay the bands is comparable and Mr. Cooper said it is but he also felt that increasing may be helpful in attracting more bands.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss other than what was discussed in Ways and Means.

New Business: Anita Csikos spoke with a representative from Century Fundraising. He says that we have a contract to sell their products this year. They already had sale packets made up for the students and asked if we would postpone to February or March. Mr. Cooper did not realize that something they

had him sign last year at the kickoff was a contract to sell this year. Anita said the wording is vague in the agreement and that it lacks specific details. She will speak to this representative again this week telling him we do not intend to participate in this fundraiser.

Mr. Cooper's report: Mr. Cooper is happy to announce that the Freshman 7's arrived and were distributed to the students. Awards for this year have been ordered but not received yet.

He felt Middle School Band Night at the football game was a great success. He thanked Doug Csikos for his help making it a success.

He thanked everyone for their help with the band festival and said he felt it went well and he has heard a lot of good things from people. He plans to send out more information sooner to try to get more bands for next year. His goal is 10 bands for next year.

There will be practice after school Friday for Homecoming so we need to feed the band at 5:15. This will be for the band only as alumni will be tailgating.

Currently the band banquet is scheduled for November 3rd but NHS has reserved that date. November 10th was chosen as the possible date. He is also scheduling the Varsity Show for November 7th.

He was asked about a stand for the practice field. There is still nothing planned for this. He said there is not time to get something for this year so we will look into getting something for next year. He was also asked about the conflict of fair with camp for next year. He is looking at moving camp back 2 weeks but has not called Camp Cotubic yet.

Randy Oder made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Misty Crockett seconded it.