

Graham Band Parents Organization
October 5, 2015
High School Media Center

8 members plus Mr. Cooper were present

The meeting was called to order by vice president Doug Csikos.

Misty Crockett passed out the minutes from the September 8th meeting. Members were given a few minutes to read the minutes. Angela Wahl made the motion to accept and Lisa Moon seconded. Motion carried.

Anita Csikos read the treasurer's report for September. Opening balance was \$30,426.71 and closing balance was \$39,465.10. Tonni Sherwood made the motion to accept and Angela Wahl seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

Mr. Cooper thought that middle school band night, homecoming and the band festival all were successful. He expressed his thanks to everyone who helped organize or run each of these events. These events cannot be done without a great band parent organization.

The middle school music shirts have been ordered.

Due to conflicts with the sports awards, the end of season band banquet has been changed and is now tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 10. The Varsity Show for is still tentatively scheduled for Friday, November 6.

Bradford Pumpkin Show Confetti Parade is tomorrow night. Mr. Cooper invited all to go watch and support the band.

Ohio University Band Day is Saturday, October 17. Due to the fact that the game will be aired on ESPN, the start time is still unknown; it will either be 12 or 2 pm. The bands will be meeting for practice at 8:00 am, which means the bus will be leaving the high school at 4:30 am. On the plus side, they will not be getting back terribly late as they have in the past.

We have Kenton Ridge Band Festival on October 24th. It will be held at Wittenberg University this year.

Mr. Prater has expressed interest in having a director's jacket. Jennifer Noble made a motion to purchase a jacket for Mr. Prater not to exceed a cost of \$100. Lisa Moon seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Cooper felt that Mr. Prater would be happy to pay any additional if the cost exceeded the \$100 limit.

Old Business:

Band Festival Review

- ❖ Doug Csikos thought that things went smoothly and heard very few complaints.
- ❖ Anita Csikos pointed out she included an expense/income sheet for the festival in the treasurer's report. There are still a few items that are not included, so this is not a final report.
- ❖ Anita pointed out that the cost to print student tickets was higher than expected and we only received a small amount back. It was thought that this was an expense that could be reduced in the future. Anita thought that copying them at the school on brightly colored paper would be better.
- ❖ Jennifer Noble suggested that a new band festival notebook be started and be held by the secretary. She thought this would be a big help to future band parents in knowing what was done and what did or did not work.
- ❖ Jennifer also suggested the need for port-a-potties on the visitor side. This would help to keep the band students on that side of the field and keep the traffic at the main concession stand more manageable. Anita said that if we opt to use the additional restrooms in the school building, then we should speak to GHS staff prior to the event to make sure they can be used. It was also noted that we would need signage for the location of these facilities.
- ❖ Justin asked that if we state gates open at 5:30, we keep it to that. He was trying to have practice and people were coming in the stands to watch.
- ❖ More bleachers were needed on the visitor side.
- ❖ A band alumni asked that a dress code for chaperones be included in the letter that was sent to them prior to the festival.
- ❖ Anita suggested a shuttle be available for those who had to park up on the hill by the practice field.
- ❖ Jennifer felt that the amount of food fixed was on the mark this year. She would also like to see a way to find more volunteers to help.
- ❖ It was suggested to offer pre-sale festival shirts to Graham band students and families which would allow them to be personalized. We heard many positive comments about the festival shirts this year; many felt that the second color really made them pop. There were many parents who asked why pink shirts were not available this year.

Order forms for parent t-shirts were passed out and due back on September 30. Danielle Oder was not here to update us on how many were sold. Jennifer Noble suggested starting this discussion in May or June so that shirts would be ordered and back before the season starts.

New Business:

200 Club winners for September 2015: Mindy Stevenson, Lorinda Myers, Barbara Hopkins and Laura Reynolds

Jennifer Noble made the motion to adjourn. Angela Wahl seconded. The motion passed.