

Graham Band Parents Organization
September 8, 2015
High School Media Center

15 members plus Mr. Cooper and Mr. Prater were present

The meeting was called to order by Randy Oder.

Misty Crockett passed out the minutes from the August 3rd meeting. Members were given a few minutes to read the minutes. Brandy Underwood made the motion to accept and Jennifer Noble seconded. Motion carried.

Anita Csikos read the treasurer's report for August. Opening balance was \$28,500.75 and closing balance was \$30,426.71. Danielle Oder made the motion to accept and Kelly Kenyon seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

Mr. Cooper introduced our new assistant director, Ben Prater.

We are still pushing the 200 Club in hopes of getting 200 members.

Middle School band night will be September 25.

Mrs. Trenor and Mr. Cooper will be collecting money from students for middle school band shirts and requested that the Band Parents Organization order them as we did last year.

The end of season band banquet is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 3 and the Varsity Show for Friday, November 6.

Mr. Cooper has requested volunteers who are willing to work with him to come up with a plan to reduce the cost of band for incoming freshman. Currently with uniform and band camp fees, the cost for new members is approximately \$340. Mr. Cooper's goal would be to have the parents pay for band camp and the GBPO to pay for the remainder of the fees; not including the pay to play. (This would be one time per student. If they need new shoes, uniforms, etc. then it would be the parents responsibility.) Vanessa Bruce suggested informing parents of the cost of band earlier, such as while still in middle school.

Discussion was held on the quality of the food at band camp. Chaperones felt that parents are not getting their monies worth. Anita Csikos asked if it would be possible to do the cooking ourselves. Discussion was tabled to a later date.

Old Business:

Band Festival

- ❖ Lions Club is doing the parking in the rear. Arlos Priddy will be parking the busses in the front of the school.
- ❖ Sheriff department is scheduled.
- ❖ EMT's are scheduled. Darlene Alltop made a motion to make a \$200 donation to Johnson-St. Paris EMT as a thank you for giving their time to the festival. Lorraine Bowman seconded. Motion carried.
- ❖ We are able to get 5 sets of bleachers from Concord Community Center. They are scheduled to be picked up on Thursday, September 24. We need help loading and transporting them. They are approximately 12ft X 8ft.
- ❖ Chaperones have been taken care of. We have 19, possibly 20. The field commander parents are doing Graham.
- ❖ Awards have been ordered.
- ❖ Danielle made a motion to purchase flowers and corsages for the band directors, assistant band directors and chaperones, approximately 45, from David's Greenhouse at a cost of \$3 each. Tonni Sherwood seconded. Motion passed.
- ❖ Brandy Underwood made the motion to have tickets printed for Graham students to get in free. 1500 tickets will cost \$75 and have one day turn around. Jennifer Noble seconded. Motion passed.
- ❖ Cindi Buell, Darlene Alltop and Matt and Lorraine Bowman will be working the ticket booth for the festival.
- ❖ Lisa Moon is heading up the swag table and programs.
- ❖ The basket raffle will be set up beside the swag table. Amy Fransen is still in need of items for the baskets. The basket raffle will be done at intermission.
- ❖ The building use form has not been filled out yet. Jennifer Noble volunteered to do this.
- ❖ Danielle Oder had flyers available and encouraged everyone to pick up some to distribute.
- ❖ It was suggested to send a form to other schools so festival shirts can be pre-ordered if they want personalization. Cost will be approximately \$18 and we make \$4 per shirt.
- ❖ Walter Stevenson is willing to sell 50/50 tickets.
- ❖ Anita Csikos is in charge of voting for favorite sections. It will close at the end of intermission so we have time to count money and announce the winner.
- ❖ Jennifer Noble is still in need of volunteers for the concession stand.

Papers with designs for a band parent shirt was passed around. Parents could vote on their favorite design by placing a check next to it. The winning design had the band logo on front and "Divided by section, United in harmony" on the back. Danielle Oder is going to get prices and an order form to pass out.

Students sold 589 mums. Pick up will be September 9 from 3-8 pm at the high school. Lorraine Bowman expressed her frustration that only 25 high school students and 12 middle school students participated. Lorraine is also checking to see if we can have them delivered to the vo-ag shop if it is raining.

New Business:

200 Club winners for August 2015: Nelson Faulkner, Ralph Zerkle, Lane Moon, Rita Zerkle, and Jan Cooper

Brandy Underwood volunteered to be in charge of the band banquet. She will send a letter out to families with what each grade level is to bring.

Jennifer Noble shared that she has been working with Angie Bowman to learn how to do the food for ice cream social and band festival.

Arlos Priddy is unable to drive the band bus to the Lehman game, Bellefontaine Band Festival and OU Band day. Randy Oder said that he already found someone to drive to the Lehman game. Discussion was held on what the requirements were to drive the bus (class B CDL and background check for the school) and if there is a list of those who already have the background check completed. Randy said that the band parents would pay to have the background check done if needed. Mr. Bugg and Fred Cahoon have both driven the band bus in the past.

Discussion was again held about having the swag table at football games and if there was a way to get more parents to volunteer for a turn working a game.

Arlos Priddy said that he thought Wyatt Neth needed someone to help with the water at games and festivals. Vanessa Bruce volunteered to do this.

The suggestion was made to have a band parent facebook page or something similar for electronic communication.

Darlene Alltop suggested selling healthy snacks after school to raise funds for the band parent organization. It was unsure if we would be allowed to do this.

The seniors have turned in a design for the season shirt. Danielle Oder made a motion to purchase the 2015 season shirts. Kelly Kenyon seconded. Motion passed.

Vanessa Bruce made the motion to adjourn. Lisa Moon seconded. The motion passed.