

Gulf Breeze High Band Boosters meeting on July 19, 2016

Called to order at 6:35 PM

Attendees: Debbie Kranak, Don Toole, Doug Scott, Barbara Scott, Reba Libby, Scott J. Stonebraker, Heather Cady-Bragg, Amy Armstrong, Dianne K. Powell, Lisa Rawson, Theresa Moore, Vanessa Reynolds, Jasmine Ruiz, Tonya Duke, Lee Buxton, Dan Hecht, Missy Hecht, Grace Hofius, Michael Whitt, Jonathon Erwin, Mya Cuall, Lisa Buchanan, Amanda Alexander, John Alexander, Shannon Spooner, Keith Whelan, Michael Utsey, Patrick H. Barnett, Zach Dykes, Michele Kennedy, Dalton Kennedy, Marie Rachel Alba, Liz Mercado, Susan Docherty, Amy Solomon, Sherry Austin, Mary Ann Owens

Don Toole introduced himself to the group at large and gave a welcome statement. He discussed the focus of the boosters for the year-increase fundraising, explained why we do not get much financial help from the county, and said that we want to highlight the accomplishments of the students.

Committee volunteers still needed:

- Newsletter/communications person
- Volunteer Coordinator (can also be 2 people)
- Grant writer

If anyone is interested, please contact Don.

Fundraising so far:

*Program Sales:* Kim Moss is in charge of this. It's our biggest fundraiser of the year. Our current revenue is \$12,758.92; of that, \$9198.92 has been paid. Only 5 have not paid, but will be. If you want a copy of the list, please ask Don.

*March-a-Thon:* Doug Scott gave a presentation about what it is and laid out how we will do it. It will happen on September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. The band will march along a route and play, while asking for donations. Some donations can and will be collected beforehand. If someone donates \$100 or more, we will play a mini concert per their reasonable request.

The strategy: Raise our goal of \$10K after expenses, which are the GB PD, event insurance, and flyer/ door hanger printing. We are asking for a per student goal of \$100. There will be a prize/privilege for the section with the highest per capita amount raised and prizes for the top 3 individuals.

The ultimate goal is to have only one large fundraiser per year instead of a lot of small ones.

We will need volunteers!

Printing, flyer creation, solicitation, creator of web page on GBBB website, posters are some. On event day: 20 or so volunteers: medic, truck and van drivers, water break setup and cleanup, and chaperones/helpers.

The list and sign-up capability will be on the charms site. Contact Doug Scott at [douglas.scott169@gmail.com](mailto:douglas.scott169@gmail.com) for more questions or information.

*Concessions:* Volunteers are needed in the stand. See the charms site for how you can help.

*Grants:* This is another avenue we can use to earn/receive money. Leslie Allison will get the information to whoever is willing to take over. The boosters would like to submit an application for a Will Do grant, among others.

Finances: Bank balance: \$31,256.65 after all is reconciled. See the sheet on the band budget.

We should have over \$42K. We do have \$27.9K so far. Every year there is a shortage, the equipment line item gets hit. We anticipate having 160 students and hopefully the shortage will be smaller or nonexistent this year. A parent asked why the Fair Share was double this year if there are more students. Don gave an explanation about reasons for the higher amount: debt from previous years, expectations, extra expenses, like truck, trailer and more uniforms.

#### Band Needs:

*Instruments:* we need more because of growth and usage. We also need 2 vibraphones and 2 marimbas at the cost of \$5,000 each. We have some avenues for revenue; for example, selling ad space on the back of the truck.

*Truck committee:* all shelf materials for the truck disappeared. Scott Stonebraker said we need lumber now to build shelves for the instruments. The axles on the trailers need to be greased and one trailer needs to be fixed. We still need ads for the truck and trailer. The boosters will be able to get a gator at minimum cost from John Deere in Pace.

*Uniforms:* With the growth we may need more uniforms. There are currently 148 uniforms. The committee will need help with fitting and sewing. They will also need help with sizing during camp week from 8:00am-5:00pm or sewing at home.

#### Band Camp:

There are concerns about the heat. There will be tents for shade, misting fans, Gatorade jugs with water and Gatorade, and ice and water from the concession stand. We need volunteers to send in fruit each day as well. Lunch will be offered on Tuesdays (Chick-fil-A at \$5), Thursdays (Santino's at \$6) and on Wednesdays Kona Ice will be available for \$3. On other days, lunch will need to be brought or brought in; students will *not* be able to leave the campus.

\*Schedule: Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm. Get students used to the heat by getting them outside now! See the camp survival guide on the website if needed.

August 5<sup>th</sup> will be a preview show in the stadium at 6:00pm.

August 8, 9, and 11<sup>th</sup> practice will be from 4:00pm-6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM