

Gulf Breeze High School Band Booster Meeting  
September 10, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm

Present: Theresa Moore, Barbara Scott, Karen Snow, Jim Docherty, Susan Docherty, Aaron Sago, Grace Hofius, Dennis Christiansen, Cathy Driskell, Joe Allmon, Kelly Bleiler, Dave Bleiler, Josh Jenkins, David Roberts, Victoria Donahoo, Denise Miniati, Tyler Loncher, Missy Hecht

Minutes: Karen Snow moved to accept the minutes as written. Kelly Bleiler seconded. Motion passed.

President's Report: Barbara Scott thanked all the volunteers for helping at home and away games. The month of September is all away games with the last Friday being a bye game. Then October 4<sup>th</sup> is our next home game, which is Homecoming so we anticipate being very busy and will need a lot of help. ROTC has reached out to use to open the concession stand for their drill meet on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-2:00pm. The concession stand will offer a specific menu and we are offering preordering so the food will be ready and make serving go smoothly. This is also a competition day, so we are going to need to divide and conquer. Ms. Donahoo stated that this year MPA wanted to try something different and they are doing 2 split blocks and so, if you perform in the morning, you don't have to wait until the end of the competition to get your scores. You will get them at the end of the first block. She is going to try to sign up for the afternoon/evening block so that if parents want to do both it would be possible. Unfortunately, the second block is going to fill up faster. Next, Barbara stated that she is going to create a "floater" volunteer slot for each game. The floater will be an executive board member walking around to all the different areas making sure everyone has what they need and are good to go. We are going to try it and see how it goes but I think it will be helpful. Also, we need to add feminine hygiene products, band aids and alcohol wipes to the first add kit/bag. Karen Snow stated she will bring those items to add. Barbara stated that Joe Allmon will be making the senior banners again this year. They will be done a little earlier this year since we have 35 seniors and it will take longer. Pictures for the banners will be taken after school on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Students need to get their uniforms on and be ready by 3:45pm. The cost for the banner is \$60 and parents can pay on My School Bucks, Charms or put a check in the band room safe. Karen Snow volunteered to help Joe manage the students while he took pictures. Barbara stated that she has heard it from 2 different sources that Mr. Brothers is going to rebuild the current drum major stands/tower. ROTC has also asked to use it. Barbara stated that she has run into a snag with the volunteer polos. The navy blue and Vegas gold shirts are discontinued due to the fact that the pattern/style changes every couple of years. So, moving forward, the Sound Wave volunteer shirts will be a solid navy blue, polo with Vegas gold embroidery. Plus, since the shirt is simpler, it may be less expensive too. She will let us know. Barbara stated that the deadline to order the spirit shirt is September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Director's Report: Ms. Donahoo stated that they put the last set of drill on the field tonight. So, yay for that! We will cleaning and putting all sorts of stuff in it and Mr. Gootee has been kind enough to spend some time working on the mic system for the front ensemble so we are going to have electronics in very soon and the flute soloist will have a microphone on Friday, finally. So, things are moving along, we have guard and percussion orders coming in. The speaker carts are not in good shape/broken so Ms. Donahoo found some replacement carts and the new Saturday. The Indoor Percussion made \$603.30 on last Saturday. The Day of Percussion is coming up Saturday and after that they are going to come back and do another fundraiser for GBSA. As far as fundraisers go, anyone in the band is welcome to participate and they can earn volunteer service hours if they are not in indoor percussion. Ms. Donahoo stated that she would be meeting with Mrs. Smitley tomorrow and meeting the little eighth graders that will hopefully be replacing the 35 senior band students that will be graduating this year. Ms. Donahoo reported that Mr. Brothers has been really supportive of the band program and when she turned in the March-A-Thon fundraising form, he asked if she needed anything. She stated that we need money and that we are fundraising and trying to cover our own expenses. She stated that when she goes to Mr. Brothers, she wants to ask him for only the big stuff. Mr. Brothers has purchased us 6 new mellophones, four of which are already in. Cathy Driskell asked Ms. Donahoo if she was okay with the band wearing full uniforms for the game on Friday. Ms. Donahoo stated that then she would need to have an earlier student call time, so they would have time to snap up their super-suits. Barbara Scott stated that pertaining to fundraising, the owner of the Subway across from the high school has offered up his parking lot for students to have car washes for free. He is a GBHS alumni and wants to support the students. Ms. Donahoo stated that the ECMC Daphne Competition is replacing the Choctaw Competition on October 19<sup>th</sup>. It's a little jump up from what she expected to do this year, but it's all good.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Scott stated that Wendy Hoeflich is not present so we will skip the treasurer's report.

#### Committee Report:

- A. Communications: Barbara Scott stated that Theresa Moore sent out the first Parade Rest Newsletter yesterday. Barbara Scott stated that it was missing the Director's and Color Guard reports and that hopefully they would be in there next month. Aaron Sago stated that he still needs staff bios from everyone except Ms. Donahoo and thanked her for putting hers on the website.
- B. Concessions: Grace Hofius stated that she wanted to start by thanking all the volunteers for working in the concession stand. She would also like to thank the Gutshall and Brummer families for donating the 2 new blue tents and will be sending them thank you notes for their generosity. Grace stated there are 2 new items on the concession menu, grilled chicken and veggie burgers and we sold all that we made at the last game. A new addition is that volunteers that work at the stand get 3 coupons for a free sandwich and side item for the night they work. Several \$1.00 off coupons from the football program were used last week. Grace stated that we now have an invoice account with Coca-Cola, and we won't need to write a check each month. With the last check she had, Grace did pay the current balance. We are selling quite a few souvenir cups. However, the coupon in the program is incorrect. It should say \$2.00 refills, not \$1.00 refills. Also, we have sold one pickle pop so far. Coke graciously gave us 2 free menu boards and 2 new coolers. Joe Allmon stated that he would donate banners to highlight menu items we want to push at the concession stand. Dennis Christiansen and Denise Miniati donated 16 bags of ice last week and it was very helpful because the ice machine doesn't replenish all the ice we need during the duration of the game. David Bleiler suggested he may be able to get ice from his church. Theresa Moore suggested we get ice from the physical therapy room in the high school. Ms. Donahoo stated that that's where the water crew fills the coolers so there would probably not be enough for the stand too. Grace stated that she expects the health inspector to make a visit during the Homecoming game because our certificate expires at the end of September. Grace stated she still needs a grill master and fryer. Thank you to Tom Hofius and Paula Sarkari for grilling and making fries last week.
- C. Football Programs: Barbara Scott stated that she brought some programs with her tonight if anyone in attendance would like to buy one for \$5.00. Barbara stated that they sold 87 programs at the game versus Catholic High School. Doug Scott walked through the stands and sold a few, which helped. Barbara stated she has sold 16 programs at the freshman and junior varsity games. If people can't volunteer on Friday, Thursday night is a great opportunity to sell programs for 1.5 hours. Barbara stated that she actually had parents buy 3 of the 2018 programs at the Catholic game.
- D. Flags In The Breeze (FITB): Josh Jenkins stated that Barb has the preliminary documentation to go out. His expectation is to help on the back end and be instrumental in physically placing the flags out. Barbara stated that we received a Will Do grant last spring and we bought flag sets that we will sell through subscriptions to families that live within the GBHS attendance area for \$50.00. We will put a flag in their yard the day of the holiday and then remove it. The flag cannot be flown at night without a light on it, so we need to look into purchasing lights. We need to have a plan to have kids place the flags in the morning and kids remove them later that night. Barb stated that there are still a lot of logistics we need to work out. The Mazel family was working on this and they discovered that they did not have the time to commit to this. Ultimately, we need to find more people to volunteer on the FITB committee. Ms. Donahoo stated that band members can get service hours for this also. Also, Barbara stated that the kids will be the ones selling the subscriptions. Karen Snow suggested handing out flyers to sell subscriptions during the MAT. Joe Allmon also suggested promoting the idea of buying a subscription as a gift for a veteran. It was also suggested that we put a sticker/sign on the flagpole stating it's sponsored by GBHS Sound Wave Band. The flags are currently being stored at the storage unit next to Publix. Ms. Donahoo stated that the deadline for the Will Do grant is September 30th and we could potentially request more flags or lights. Missy Hecht stated that her husband Dan Hecht could write the grant because he wrote the original grant application for the flags. Barbara stated that we want to start selling subscriptions in January 2020. The holidays of the subscription will be Memorial Day, July Fourth, Veterans Day, Flag Day, and Patriots Day.
- E. March-A-Thon (MAT): Barbara Scott stated that Doug sent her an email about MAT. The fourth annual MAT is scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 10:00am. The door hanging distribution will take place Sunday, October 20. Planning has ongoing since July and we expect to receive approval at the November 16, 2019 city council meeting. Since we moved the MAT to the end of October, distribution of the MAT packets to students will be around September 23 to give them plenty of time to get donations. There are

plenty of opportunities for parents to help at the MAT and door hanger distribution day. Doug Scott sent all of the donation packet files to Aaron Sago to update the band website. Aaron Sago stated that he is aware of this and will update the website. We are still looking for a volunteer to head up the MAT committee. Doug Scott has been running the MAT for four years and is looking for someone to mentor and replace him. The top three sellers get goodie bags usually filled with gift certificates from local businesses. Also, students get a gold pin if they reach their \$100.00 goal. Doug will be out of town the date of the MAT and is looking for someone to be in charge of the execution of the MAT this year. Ms. Donahoo stated that the front ensemble and color guard students will be carrying the business sponsor banners and shakos to collect money during the MAT.

- F. Transportation: Dave Bleiler stated that we are having a problem with the truck. The brake system was repaired for \$4,500 last year and we are having the same problem again. The problem is with the hydraulics and Keith Whelan thinks that it's because we don't drive the truck on a regular basis. It causes problems with the valves and the mechanics of it. After we get it fixed, we are going to have to have a schedule where we drive the truck on a regular basis. Keith is trying to work out a deal with the seller of a part we need to get a discount. If he can't do that, we are going to have to spend another \$4,000-\$4,500 to get it fixed. Keith feels comfortable driving the truck, but Dave does not because the brakes lock up. Keith has graciously been helping with the truck and has been awesome because he doesn't even have a student in the band anymore. Kelly Bleiler stated that we need to do something special for Keith. Barbara stated that Keith is trying to work a deal to get the part in exchange for the business to have an ad on the back of the trailer. After some discussion, David Bleiler motioned that GBBB spend the money up to \$4,500 to fix the truck. Kelly Bleiler seconded. Motion passed. Barbara stated that it's nice to have the band truck, but we need to look at the budget and see if it would be better to sell the truck and rental something with a hired driver from a trucking company on a weekly basis. The truck loan payment, maintenance and repairs is very costly. The county has to own everything and wants the truck so, the only reason we still have it is that we owe money on it. The benefit of renting is that we could upgrade and downgrade as we need to and we would always have a dependable vehicle with a driver and definitely be more cost effective. Barbara stated that that is the direction we need to be moving in with transportation and we will need to come up with a plan in place before we do anything. Dave Bleiler stated that we need more volunteers to help with transportation and hopefully some of the volunteers that helped last year were approved at the school board meeting tonight.
- G. Uniforms: Cathy Driskell stated that the majority of the uniform pieces and parts have come in and she is just waiting on a few stragglers.
- H. Volunteers: Kelly Bleiler stated that she is excited about the amount of volunteer involvement and things are going well. Things are picking up as more and more people are being approved and she is totally satisfied with how things are progressing.

Old business: Financials from the August meeting are old business but since Wendy Hoeflich is not present, we will move that to old business for the October meeting.

No new business. Barbara Scott stated that the next meeting will be on October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15pm as we discussed, in the band building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm by President, Barbara Scott.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Theresa Moore.