

## GULF BREEZE BAND BOOSTER MEETING 1/12/16

President Bruce DeMotts called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Previous minutes were reviewed, amended and accepted as published.

Those in attendance: Janna DeMotts, Barbara Scott, Scott Goette, Jason Olson, Bruce DeMotts, Jill Whitesell, Michael Hoeflich, Wendy Hoeflich, Lisa Buchanan, Eddie Allison, Theresa Moore, Scott Stonebraker, Dalton Kennedy, Michele Kennedy, Amy Armstrong

### **Treasurer's Report: Scott Goette**

The financial reports were passed out and discussed. December's bank reconciliation will be completed soon.

### **Band Director's Report: Jason Olson**

Mr Olson had a meeting with the guidance counselor this week and discussed the additional music classes that may be offered in next year's curriculum. They also discussed symphonic band becoming a weighted class on the junior and senior level. Solo and Ensemble is February 19-20 and the All County performance is Friday January 22 at 7pm in Milton. Next year's half time show has been determined by Mr Olson and Mr Dykes. The kids should have their music for the show before the end of the school year so that they can practice and get familiar with the songs before band camp this summer. A decision on drum major(s) should be made by the middle of February. The band owes money to the school for transportation during football season. This was mainly due to taking four busses instead of three to the away games. Approximately \$6,700 is owed but is not immediately due. We discussed uniform fees being rolled into My Fair Share. Next year's MFS value will be increased from this year. We discussed that a letter needs to be written on school letterhead to DCI in order for them to hold the six contras that we may be interested in purchasing for the band. Mr Olson said he will write the letter this week to have a signature line for Mr Brothers.

### **Fundraising: Janna DeMotts**

Right now there is a middle school dance shown on Charms for Feb 13. The Rec Center is not available. We can use the Baptist Church for a \$75 cleaning fee. On March 4 there is a fundraiser for indoor percussion at the Rec center. Wayne Broom will be coming to the Solo and Ensemble competition again this year for T-shirt sales. The band will profit \$3 per shirt and \$5 per sweatshirt. We discussed the idea of having food trucks at the Gulf Breeze Arts Festival as a fundraiser. Dalton Kennedy suggested

Yeti cup wraps and Tervis type cups as possible future fundraiser options. Michele Kennedy reported that we still have approximately 150 cookbooks left. We decided to sell them at Solo and Ensemble, the Gulf Breeze Arts Festival and at the Gulf Breeze Middle School Band interest day.

**Uniforms:** No report

**Hospitality: Amy Armstrong**

A meeting will be held with Ms Smithey this week to discuss Solo and Ensemble coordination. The middle school parents provide the Friday night meal and letters are being sent out for donations for the other meals. More of the details will be discussed at the February booster meeting.

**Grants:**

No report. Mr. Olson gave a Gulf Breeze Will Do application to Eddie Allison and felt confident that we may be successful if we apply for it

**Volunteer Report:**

Whether we have a middle school dance fundraiser is still to be determined. Volunteers will be needed for Solo and Ensemble for moving pianos and coordinating what instruments/equipment needs to be located in each room. The volunteer opportunities should be identified on Charms for parents to sign up.

**Concessions:**

Five boxes of hamburger patties are available for sale as well as 30 5lb bags of French Fries. The idea was discussed of selling these items at Solo and Ensemble and also at the Gulf Breeze Arts Festival.

**Transportation:**

Thank you to Keith Lee for going to Nashville and picking up the truck as well as coordinating Penske to repair some items once it arrived in Pensacola. The truck is being wrapped and will be on school grounds in the next day or two. There is an issue with the trailer door needing to be shored up. Dalton Kennedy will look into this issue. The hitch sizes between the trailer, truck and small trailer will be conformed and unified so that they can all be used together. Bruce DeMotts insisted that all outside and inside lights need to be functioning.

**Spirit Sales:**

We need indoor climate controlled storage space to store the remaining spirit sale items that we have. We determined that the closet in the choir room will suffice.

**Communications:**

The newsletter will start up again this month with a cutoff date of 1/25/16. We would like input from any committee chairs that need things done from the parent volunteers.

**Trophies:**

This option is still being looked into and will be discussed at a future meeting.

**Corporate Seal:**

This is a requirement of the By-Laws and has been discussed as a contest between the band students. A suggestion was made for a booster member to reach out to the Gulf Breeze art teacher for guidance.

**New Items:**

Some new fundraising items were discussed by Eddie Allison and Michael Hoeflich. The first was to sell an American flag 'subscription' whereby the band students place a flag at the subscriber's home at various times over the year and then remove it a few days later. The second was for a 'tiered' fundraising approach whereby each leader has three to five people underneath them that make contact with another three to five sponsors to donate a target amount of money (to be determined by the fundraising committee) in exchange for corporate sponsorships and various other acknowledgements. This was the method used for the UWF Argos football team for fundraising. We discussed sending out a yearly letter to all past GBHS band alumni asking for a yearly donation of a set amount. We also discussed the idea of recent alumni buying their old uniforms or paying a certain amount to have their name on a current uniform as a sponsor. We also discussed having pavers installed in front of the band room having sponsor's names on them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

The next meeting will be held on February 9, 2016 at 6:30pm in the band room.

Respectfully Submitted by Jill Whitesell, GBBB Secretary