

# The Grandview Heights Band Parents Association Minutes

## August 17, 2017

Notes from the meeting are in blue.

In attendance: Lorena Caito, Chris Herrmann, Joanne Taylor, Julie Rutter, Laura Fitch, Janna Thompson-Chordas, Pam Browning, Collin Wheeler, Linda Wheeler, Stacey Bergmann, Greg Bergmann, Debbie Wilson, Melanie Luckenbach, Jessica Walli, Bonnie Andrew, Martha Field

### **Secretary's Report (Martha Field, Secretary)**

- Review and approve minutes from July 20, 2017 Pam moved to approve the minutes, Julie second, all approved.

### **Treasurer's Report (Collin Wheeler, Treasurer)**

- Treasurer's Report as of August 16, 2017 Bank balance is \$72,533.06.
- Uniform Fund Donor Plaque Collin reported that Village Trophy has provided an estimate of \$1700 for the plaque. Pam offered to proofread the names and wording before the final submission to the company. There was discussion on some changes to the wording, particularly to note that these donors contributed \$500 or more to the new uniform fund. All in attendance agreed on this point. The BPA would like the plaque displayed at the stadium for maximum visibility, with a framed photograph of it to be displayed near the band room as well. Lorena moved to approve \$1700 for the plaque, Pam second, all approved.

### **Committee Chairs**

- Band Camp – Stacey Bergmann, Bridget Kahle, Debbie Wilson Stacey was pleased with the volunteer participation, except for the lack of male chaperones. Two dads covered 5 of 10 male chaperone spots for the entire week. Also, we may want to increase the number of chaperones from the current one per floor. The chairs are already scouting a new location for 2018 camp, as the OWU arrangement has declined in quality and increased significantly in cost. Camps are not available the last week of July because they are still operating their summer programs, so best options are college campuses. The board is committed to a week away from Grandview for focused preparation and bonding among students as an integral part of marching band. Camp is not required for students, but almost all attend anyway.
- Decal Sale – Janna Thompson-Chordas, Megan Stanley Janna reported that the students were successful in securing donations, but corporate donations are currently down from the past. However, donations are still coming in, so a final tally is not yet available.
- Fall Uniforms – Debbie Wilson, Karen Smith Debbie reported that all students have been fitted and all items distributed to students. Hats are likely to ship the week of August 21. She detailed the procedure for outfitting students on game nights. The Z racks hold the uniforms in alphabetical order by class. Students will get their own uniforms off the rack. Volunteers will check as uniforms are returned to make sure they are hung properly and returned to racks in alphabetical order. Cubbies will be made after the hats arrive.
- Concessions – Krista Voltolini, Pam Browning Pam thanked the volunteers who cleaned the stand recently. The first run of the concession stand at the scrimmage went smoothly. New openers Gretchen Varner and Susan Kukla are doing a good job. Joanne will check in during games to make sure things are running well. Other sports are just now getting their concession

chairs. There is a detailed manual of operations posted online and also available in the stand for any questions that come up.

- **Senior Banners – Laura Fitch** Laura reported that Michele Leach took photos of all 34 seniors and the order has been placed. They should be delivered before August 24. She investigated reusable ties instead of zip ties. Enough bungee cord ties can be ordered for around \$75. Lorena moved to allocate \$75 toward the banner ties, Debbie second, all approved. There was discussion about a parent’s inquiry about having banners for seniors who are in Jazz Ensemble but not marching band. The board agreed that those seniors should certainly be recognized in a comparable way, but that banners should be reserved for Marching Band members, as displaying banners at concerts was problematic. The matter is still open to discussion as to the best way to do this. Last year, these students received gift cards in place of banners.
- **Volunteer Coordinator – Melanie Luckenbach** Melanie reported that people are beginning to sign up but more volunteers are still needed. Reminders are posted on Facebook, the website, and through Charms communications. Stacey suggested an additional way to link with signup genius. Want to encourage 3 volunteer times per parent and remember to thank volunteers and make them feel appreciated.
- **Chaperones – Martha Field, Julie Rutter** Martha outlined the chaperone expectations as approved by Chris. One addition was tasking the chaperones with preparing and transporting the water cooler and cups used by the students in the stands.

**Director Agenda (Chris Herrmann)** Chris has reached out to Wittenberg and Wright State about camp options, will also check with Kenyon and Ohio Northern. He is committed to going away for camp. The increase at OWU was 15-17% this year and will be higher next year. The quality of facilities, service, and food was all down from last year. Marching band will perform Show 1 for the first two games (home and away), then Show 2 on Sept. 8 for the debut of the new uniforms. The Ready game is back at Grandview. Ready will be the home team but we can use the same stands, just no senior banners will be displayed.

**President’s Report (Lorena Caito, President)**

**Communications Secretary (Julie Rutter, Communications Secretary)** Julie received permission to post contact information for the board members and chairs on the website. She is also posting information in a blog on the website that should make it easier for parents and students to go back and find info they may have missed in an email. Chris will also share this resource with the students.

**Vice President’s Report (Joanne Taylor, Vice President)** Joanne thanked everyone for their hard work.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- August 23 Evening Rehearsal 8-10 pm
- August 25 Home Game vs. Centennial
- September 1 Away Game at Africentric
- September 7 Evening Rehearsal 8-10 pm
- September 8 Home Game vs. North Union, Ox Roast Pit Lighting after game
- September 15 “Home” Game vs. Ready
- September 20 Evening Rehearsal 8-10 pm
- September 21 GHBPA Meeting 6:30 pm