



**Band Parents Association Board Meeting Agenda + MINUTES
July 20, 2023**

Present: Dot Keil, Julie Rutter, Jay Carini, Lisa Gladman, Jennifer Olis

Dot called the meeting to order. June minutes were approved as written.

Julie took minutes for July in Molly's absence.

Treasurer's Report + BUDGET discussion

- The Board discussed the draft budget proposal shared by Jay Carini in advance of meeting, including budget requests submitted in advance by Scott Heath and those discussed by Jennifer Olis at the meeting
- We agreed on several changes to the draft, including elimination of line item for printed programs; adding a line item for t-shirt sale fundraiser (\$200) and adding similar amount to education and culture; moving \$300 from directors' fund to education and culture
- This gets the E&C fund to \$5000 total
- The Board revisited the question of honor band participation fees, and decided we will probably still handle these case-by-case but emphasized that the directors be aware that the BPA would always step in if financial need was a barrier to participation
- Jay planned to make the proposed adjustments to the draft budget and the Board will do an email vote to approve
- Additionally, Jay will get a logo from the Pepsi distributor so that we can acknowledge them as sponsor on banners, web site, programs, etc
- Regarding Scott Heath's proposals, Jenn clarified that the Central Ohio Brass Band concert is a proposed performance at GHHS by that group, which SH proposes we would sponsor as a community and educational event – Jenn will suggest to him that perhaps some of the HS musicians could play a side-by-side piece with the group as an educational/additional performance opportunity
- Jenn also confirmed that all three directors think the OSU holiday concert is a better option than the marching band concert for the 5th and 6th grade, because it includes orchestral pieces
- The directors plan for the 7th and 8th graders to have a performance/King's Island day like last year
- Jenn will research the OU Marching 110 performance in downtown Columbus as a field trip opportunity for the HS students
- We expect Thomas will take orchestra students to Naked Classics event again (Julie notes it is in January rather than March next year)

GHHS Director's Report

- Jenn and the Board agreed that Jenn will order herself a ladder
- Jenn confirmed that the Band will not be performing at the GH National Night Out event this year due to logistical and scheduling challenges
- Instead, Jenn agreed to the GHHS football meet the team event on 8/5 because it is more school-focused; she acknowledged the scheduling challenges of that day and made clear to the football boosters that it may just be a small pep band of whomever is available
- Jenn will ask Karen Feast about an order form and call time for group photo day
- Jenn also confirmed that she has accepted Bobcat Boosters request to perform at Thursday night pep rally/pit lighting even during ox roast week
- Bertani arranged for GHHS MB to have rehearsal time on the field on Tuesday instead of Thursday that week since the new event conflicted with scheduled rehearsal time
- Not ideal since it will now be three required performances/events that week for students, but maybe in future we will be able to arrange for Thursday rehearsal right before the pep rally
- The Board and Jenn determined that 8th grade band night will be September 29 (which is also Homecoming)
- Julie will find a middle school parent to lead shirt ordering – should be easier this year since we only have to do all 5th graders and whatever 6/7/8 need a new shirt, rather than outfitting everyone
- Jenn also shared that Liv Glaser has auditioned for all-state orchestra and is waiting to hear back, and Max McCullough went to two summer music camps this summer
- Jenn and Andrew Grega are also hoping to have a combined concert in March for the HS groups
- Jenn hopes to take HS groups to district contest this year

President's Report

- "I'm With the Band" postcards have been printed but not distributed before Camp – we will ask squad leaders to send them after camp instead
- Janna has prepared an initial draft of a new logo for GHBOB; Dot is providing some feedback and hopes to have final logo soon
- Senior banners – Dot's BIL Ken will shoot the photos at school sometime TBD after Band Camp and Jim Jackson will make the banners

Committee Reports

Band Camp

- Discussion of check-in logistics – we decided to do check-in in the hallway outside band room
- Students will enter through breezeway doors and we will do luggage checks in choir room
- Still pinning down logistics for social activities – Lisa offered to call the pool on Friday
- Portapotty delivered today and will be picked up on 7/31 – key hidden underneath
- Truck confirmed with Penske and Dot sent info to Dave Schmied (Driving TO camp) and Bob Rutter (driving BACK); confirmed that Bob should be at Otterbein by 10am on Friday with truck
- Jenn confirmed that Karen Feast has reserved two buses for students

- After discussion, we agreed that Ken will be at Otterbein for camp photos on Friday morning after breakfast
- Nursing staff all confirmed and background checked as of today

Uniforms

- Lisa reported that formal uniforms are back from the cleaner – and she got them sorted out and organized in the uniform room – she will send an invoice to Jay
- Regarding uniform fittings – Julie and Dot will handle seniors (possibly on July 30?) so that they can have their individual photos for banners taken at one of the evening rehearsals that week
- Remaining students possibly fitted on Aug 7 after 4pm? Dot and Lisa to discuss – need to be fitted in time for Aug 9 group photo
- Dot will also ask Jim Buffer about a key for the parka closet in the Band Room
- Dot will think about summer uniforms on Saturday

Decal Drive and Sponsorships

- Molly is all over decal drive – finalizing yard signs and hang tags
- Molly will create signupgenius for Decal Drive
- Dot will start working on sponsorships on Saturday

Cake Walk

- no report

Concessions

- Brenda Parker not present, but shared the following info with Dot
- Brenda is getting concessions set up tomorrow
- One of the fridges in the concession stand has died
- Dot will ask Jim Buffer about whether we can just buy a fridge or if the school has to be involved etc
- Julie will work on signupgenius for fall volunteering
- Regarding scrimmages – Brenda plans to cover the 7-on-7 event on 7/22, Dot will find someone to cover 8/4, and Jay and Brenda will do 8/11 together
- Soccer will staff for soccer previews
- 8/11 Jay and Brenda
- Expired items in the concessions stand will be provided to students pre-camp

Communications

- Julie shared that Mary Landrum had renewed the url for the band web site and also bought ghbob.org so that we can plan our transition
- Jenn will obtain rosters for Julie of 5-12 instrumental students outside of GHHS MB so that Julie can build comms database

OLD BUSINESS

- we agreed on the following dates for 23-23 board meetings
- Julie will send them to Andrew and the building secretaries and will update Band calendar and web site

July 20
August 17
September 21
October 12
November 16
December 14
January 18
February 12
March 21
April 18
May 16

New Business

None

Meeting adjourned at appx 9pm, just in time for a massive downpour and thunderstorm!