

GHS Band Booster Meeting Minutes August 30, 2011

In attendance:

Mike McLafferty, Susan Rosene, Jo Landerfeld, Julie Wainwright, Ralph Erwin, Dan Graaff, Cyrus Nabipoor, Mr. Budge, Terri Wanke, Steve Burns, Jon Davidson, Susan Shepperd

July's Band Booster meeting minutes:

Minutes approved.

Susan Shepperd reminded everyone that the minutes are posted online, and we do not print out minutes for reading at the meetings. It was suggested that a reminder be emailed a few days before each meeting to people will read them before attending.

Treasure's Report

Julie Wainwright reported that Grant's bookkeeper will keep an open purchase order for \$500.00 for Booster expenses. Should anyone have expenses for the boosters to be reimbursed they should bring their receipts to Julie at booster meetings or arrange with her to get them to her sooner if they need quicker payment.

August Balance \$1,576.73

Band Council report

The band council has not met since the end of school. Megan and Greta Gleason will attend the workshop and picnic.

Director's report

Earlier in the week the floor of the band room was being tiled, and there was concern that it wouldn't be ready in time. However, it appears it will be. 10-12 kids reported for work on Aug. 26 to prepare for the workshop. Mr. Budge thanked the students and parents for helping out on the work day. The students built the flip folders (music folders) for the workshop, and made a schedule for the workshop. They also made a photo collage with photos Mr. Budge had. Mr. Budge showed the group a framed photo of Sarah Weidman (alumni) playing the trombone that will be featured in the main hall as part of a new project that Ms. Orlen is working on.

The instrument situation for the workshop is tricky. The district has moved instruments around so Mr. Budge isn't sure which instruments he has to hand out. He planed to lend instruments on the day of the workshop and have them returned afterward so they could be cataloged.

The room looks really great. The new floor makes a big difference and Mr. Budge is pleased that we have custodians that will take good care of the building.

Mr. Budge reported that he is no longer using the online music service "JW Pepper," and will be using Beacocks instead -- a local music store. Better rentals available, and they will come to the school to show instruments.

First Pep-band is tentatively Sept. 23 - Homecoming.

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New business:

Volunteer jobs - We have a number of volunteer positions that need to be filled. They are:

- President Elect
- Committee members for Sweet Sound of Jazz
- Pep Band Support (works with the students on snacks for games) URGENT
 - Pep Band support position was filled subsequent to the meeting by Cheryl Hering. Susan Rosene has volunteered to help with the pizza party after the Veteran's Day parade on Nov. 11
- Concert Lobby Support
- Programs design
- Uniform support - URGENT
- GHS Booster Auction donation from the band
- Travel Committee
- Save the Music - outreach and PR for music in our feeder schools (see below)

Workshop Schedule:

Student volunteers arrive at 11

Registration starts at 12

Workshop starts at 1

Picnic at 4 p.m. with music and other pep stuff

Band Boosters will have a table at the picnic area.

Need sign-up sheet for jobs, include music PR point person

Contact list clip-board

Supporting music in our feeder schools:

Dan Graaff and Susan Shepperd described the lack of instrumental music in our feeder schools. As of this time, Beaumont Middle School is the only school that has band available for their students. Despite the fact that music is considered to be a core curriculum item in the new High School redesign, there does not appear to be a plan in the district for how to support that curriculum in the middle schools. In other words, there can be no band program in high school if students don't start taking band in the middle grades.

Susan Shepperd passed out a brochure from the VH1 "Save the Music" website. It described 25 things that can be done by parents and students to promote instrumental music in their district (<http://www.vh1savethemusic.com/sites/default/files/PDFs/25%20things%20Community.pdf>)

There followed a discussion about some of the things the parents and students can do to try to bring music back to our feeder schools.

- Mr. Budge is offering a before school band class for 8th graders from Laurelhurst, Beverly Cleary (Fernwood) and Irvington who have had a year or more of band. Mr. Budge reported that the principals at those schools will need to be involved - and so far the response has not been very good.
- Cyrus Nabipoor suggested that he and other students could visit the middle school and grade schools to give concerts or work directly with the students to

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ensure that the idea of band was out there. Mr. Budge remarked that we would need to get parent drivers for a project like this, since students cannot drive other students to school sponsored events. Parents will need to go to the main office and become approved drivers (a form to fill out.)

- Susan Shepperd suggested that a "Band Camp Day" (similar to the Gendrills Dance Day) be held in which all students from the cluster who have any instrumental music experience would be invited to the school for a day of music making with the Grant students. The Grant students would lead small ensembles and Mr. Budge could lead a mass band piece. The day would end with a performance for the parents. It is hoped that if the students could come to the school and see the program up close they will keep it in mind when they forecast for their freshman year. Cyrus will take this idea to the band council at the September meeting.
- It was suggested that a volunteer is needed to coordinate all of the efforts in this area. Exactly what that position would be called was not determined.

The Band Boosters will follow-up with all of these ideas at the September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next Band Booster meeting will be Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Band Room.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shepperd