

GHS Band Booster Meeting Minutes June 15, 2011

In attendance:

Mr. Budge, Alex Turner's parents, Susan Shepperd, Carson Trexler, Dan Graff, Audene Walraven, Deborah Zitrin, Diane Gariety, Steve Kern, Laurie Roberts, Cyrus Nabipoor, Jacob Wigen, Ralph Erwin

New officers introduced:

Dan Graff, President; Susan Shepperd, Secretary; Steve Burns and Ann Eldridge-Burns, Communications

Deborah Zitrin was elected Treasurer. Her acceptance of this position is dependent on her daughter's continued enrollment at Grant next year. She will know by the end of June.

Approval of minutes:

May meeting minutes were not available for approval. We attempted to review several items that had been discussed with regards to income and expenses.

Treasurer's Report:

The booster account balance at the May meeting was \$1,755.
At the D.C. al Fine concert on May 26 we raised \$350 in donations
Additional money was donated at the Coda concert -- we need to find out how much.

Band Council Report -- Cyrus Nabipoor:

The 2011-2012 Band Council met for the first time earlier that day. They were given a budget of \$100 for new pep-band music. Using an online sheet music service, they picked two new charts for the fall: "Forget You" and "Bad Romance." They are also interested in commissioning a chart by student Kenny Regan. They will be retiring "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "Fox Sports Night."

Cyrus reported that the Band Workshop for current and incoming band students will be at the school on Wednesday, August 31. There is a workday for Band Council members and any other student volunteers on Friday, August 26 to get ready for the workshop.

Director's Report -- Mr. Budge:

"Great end of the year, and thank you!"

The audition results for Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble are now posted on the Grant Band website: www.grantband.org

A before-school Middle School band class will be offered next year to students from our feeders which no longer have band -- Laurelhurst, Irvington and Fernwood. The principals at these schools have been contacted with this information and we hope to hear from them soon about their participation. This class is not a beginning band class -- it is for students who have already started an instrument but don't have a band to play with at their school anymore. Students would need to find their own way to Grant to participate.

Jazz Lab will now be part of the regular schedule (and not before school). There was some discussion about how that will work with the freshman schedule since they have an added core

requirement. Mr. Budge has been assured by the powers-that-be that freshmen will be able to fit Jazz Lab into their eight class schedule.

The 2011 Band Workshop will be on August 31, and will coincide with a school-wide picnic/BBQ. By having it on this date we will not be competing for participation with sports practices. The band will rehearse and spend some time getting to know each other before performing for the gathered community at the picnic at Grant that evening.

A work-party will be held on June 29 in the band room. Mr. Budge needs help installing new shelving in his office, which will require moving some file cabinets. We will also stuff envelopes with information about the Band Workshop at this work-party to be mailed to all the band students' homes.

There was some discussion about what should go in the mailing in addition to the Workshop information. Susan Shepperd and Dan Graff will craft an additional flyer about the Band Boosters to be included. We will also have updated information on the website to coincide with the mailing.

Mr. Budge reported that he met with the Three River's League directors and has the following dates for festivals:

- Three River's League Jazz Festival is at West Linn High School on Nov. 15, Jazz Ensemble will perform at 2:50 p.m.
- Three River's League Wind Ensemble Festival is at Lakeridge High on April 10, Wind Ensemble will perform at 4:00 p.m.

New Business:

Booster meeting times and dates: Dan Graff asked if anyone had an objection to the third Tuesday of the month for the monthly meetings. Diane Gariety reported that she had a conflict with that but we should not change the time just for her. After no other objections it was decided that meetings would continue on the third Tuesday, beginning with a meeting in July. The August meeting will be postponed one week because some executive council members will not be in town the previous week. So, the August meeting will be on the 23rd. Locations for summer meetings to be determined. See website.

July's business: At the July meeting we will look at what information needs to be communicated to the band community, i.e., volunteer opportunities and how to become involved. We will also discuss what needs to be done for the Workshop in August and for the start of the year in September. Finally, we will begin working on a Mission Statement for the Band Boosters. It is hoped that the Mission Statement will better define the boundary's of the organization and its purpose.

Sweet Sound of Jazz: Susan Shepperd reported that, after a long search, the venue for the Sweet Sound of Jazz in 2012 will be the Westminster Presbyterian Church -- where it has been for the past six years. The date is Friday, Feb. 10, 2012. Rebecca Kilgore will be returning as our guest and she has saved the date on her calendar.

At previous meetings we had discussed the possibility that a larger venue would be appropriate since we've been selling out the room for the past few years. However, due to calendar conflicts, budget, space and inability to bring in our own food, no other suitable space was found.

Dan Graff suggested that we should begin searching for SSoJ silent auction items during the summer in order to avoid the other auction procurement that happens later in the year. Everyone agreed that this was a good idea. Diane Gariety has agreed to start the procurement process. Susan Shepperd will be sending out an email asking for volunteers to help Diane within the next two weeks.

Next meetings:

July's meeting is Tuesday, July 19

August's meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 23

Locations for both meetings will be announced on the band website: www.grantband.org

Respectfully submitted: Susan Shepperd