

GHS Band Booster Meeting Minutes September 26, 2011

In attendance:

Dan Graaff, Mr. Budge, Ralph Irwin, Nancy Parker, Cyrus Nabipoor, Doris Brook, Steve Burns, Susan Shepperd, Laura Fisher

August's Band Booster meeting minutes:

Online minutes approved.

Treasure's Report

Current Balance \$1,576.73

At October's meeting Julie will provide the 2010-2011 expenses and balances to help us plan for the year ahead. Dan would like to use it as a planning tool.

Band Council report

The first Band Council meeting focused on Pep Band. Cyrus brought up the before school band for 8th graders, and the idea about having a Band Day (festival for younger band students lead by the high school students -- kind of like what the Gendrills do for their "dance day") at the school. The band council did not reply with much interest.

Cyrus wondered if we could start selling bumper stickers or window stickers tied to the band program as a fund-raiser. Those attending the booster meeting thought this was an interesting idea and suggested that Cyrus pursue pricing with Mr. Budge. Mr. Budge also wondered if a new band logo would be in order.

Director's report

125 chairs filled across 5 performance ensembles.

Total Number of students in the program this year is: 88
(51 in Wind Ensemble)

Mr. Budge reports a good start to the year. The pep band had a great showing at both football games, and the snacks and water help a lot. A nice reward for the sacrifice our students make. At the homecoming game the football coach came up to Mr. Budge after the game and thanked him and the band for their effort. He said that his players weren't ready to play at the start and that the music helped them get into the game.

Jazz Lab is 4th period. It's a small class and they will work more on theory and improvisation than big band music. They've been sight-reading so far, and working in combo style. There are 12 in the class.

The feeder program was cancelled due to low enrollment. The principal has asked Mr. Budge and Ms. Hembd to spend time in their day planning for ways to reach out to the feeder schools and improve interest in their programs in the lower grades. This will also include visiting the feeders with our ensembles when possible.

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All State auditions need to be turned in my Wednesday. Students should bring \$10 with their audition materials.

Jazz Ensemble is planning on attending the Gene Harris Jazz Festival at Boise State April 12 - 15. More information coming soon. There was some discussion that parents might be willing to pay a little more for a coach (bus) rather than having parents drive mini-vans and such.

Wind Ensemble girls uniforms have been sized. Men's tuxes need to be matched up soon. Julie Wainwright and others volunteered to work on getting the tuxes taken care of.

New business:

Veterans Day event help needed:

- Pizza party is being organized by Susan Rosene and Cathi Walker. They will need volunteers to help.
- Passing out the uniforms, Quality control, water at the end of the parade route, and then the after the parade party.
- Dan Graaff asked that a list of specific jobs be posted to the website and in an email. People who want to volunteer should contact Steve Burns.

Fitting Marching Band uniforms

- It was decided that the boosters would help do fittings on Wednesdays and Thursdays during tutorial/late opening. We would divide the band into small groups and attempt to get the whole band done by the end of October. Dan Graaff asked that an email go out asking for a project leader. Additional volunteers would need to be found to help with the actual fittings.
- Julie Wainwright, Nancy Parker, Ralph Irwin, Charlie Roberts and Susan Shepperd said they would meet on Friday, Sept. 30 at the school to organize the uniform closet to prepare for the fittings.

Concert Lobby Support- (October 20th). We need three volunteers; Two = door/ programs and One at the lobby table taking donations etc. An email and website post about this will be sent out.

There was discussion about what to do for concert attendees who need to come late to a concert. It was decided that Mr. Budge will leave one lobby door open and a sign will be placed just inside (with a light on it) asking people to please wait at the back of the auditorium until the end of a piece of music. It was hoped that people will understand the need to respect the performers and follow this instruction.

Feeder school liaison and student visits—

Mr. Budge will be working on getting to the schools soon as per his directive from Ms. Orlen.

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Assign Travel Committee- It was decided that no action was needed for this job at this time.

Susan Shepperd discussed the information she has been collecting about the various organizations that are working to save music education in our schools. She talked about how the Portland Youth Philharmonic leadership has made it clear that they feel music education is vitally important and she has spoken to their community liaison about ways Grant can work on this issue. One way that was suggested was publicizing any outreach our students do with the middle school students. Pictures should be taken and the Hollywood Star and other neighborhood newsletters should be contacted about the effort.

Susan also mentioned an organization called "Creative Advocacy Network" which is working on a ballot measure to fund arts education in Portland. She said she would report more about this at the next meeting.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 18th.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Shepperd