

## Band Boosters Meeting Minutes, Jan 10, 2023, Upper Arlington High School Band Room

I. Jane Brown, President, brought the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

II. A motion was made and seconded to approve last month's minutes. The motion passed, and the minutes were approved.

### III. Officer and Committee Reports

A. President's Report. Jane Brown introduced the Executive Board members. She encouraged the meeting attendees to think about what roles/committees they would like to take on next year (bandaids, spreads, exec board roles, etc.).

B. Uniform Committee Report. Kristin Lach had provided Jane with a list of uniform needs for next year. We need to assess if we should purchase all new hats. They are ~\$80/hat, and we would need 200 hats (\$16k). This would use half of the balance of the current uniform account. After discussion, it was tentatively decided to wait a year on the new hats or to ask for a grant from the Upper Arlington Education Association Foundation. In addition, the new uniforms will be arriving the week of week of Jan 23; we need to pay the second half of the cost of the uniforms upon arrival. We have a raincoat shortage of 24: if we buy 50, it would be \$4500. The raincoats that are available now are slightly different from the current raincoats (the lining is slightly different). We could get a few this year and a few next year; there is a three month turnaround. We still need to design drum major uniforms. Todd and Kolin will talk to the drum majors to think about a design. Michael Geygan asked if we need a committee put together for the drum major uniforms. Kristin will get a sample of the raincoats, and we can plan to vote on the raincoats next year next month.

C. Fundraising/Development Report. Michael Geygan provided an update on fundraising efforts. Regarding the Krispy Kreme digital sales, we have sold ~23 gift cards so far, which is \$50 profit for the Boosters. This is not a lot of money, but it is an easy fundraiser. We made \$330 from spirit wear last month. Toward the end of the month, Michael would like to set up another sale for this. He asked attendees to submit ideas for logos/words. Someone asked if we could inform the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents about spirit wear. This transitioned to a discussion about the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Outreach Committee. Katie Petronella would like to transition the committee to a new chair soon so that outreach at 8<sup>th</sup> grade events this spring could be led by someone who will be around next year. There is the Jones/Hastings joint concert at the high school at the end of February; this would be a good opportunity for outreach. Rada Terzieva expressed interest in working with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade committee and could be a chair next year.

D. Treasurer's Report. Noelle Fox provided an update on the Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer activities. Noelle has a credit card now. This was used to pay for pizza for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Noelle is using a spreadsheet for finances, documenting the money from fall and winter flower sales. If anyone still has money in Charms that needs to be transferred to Bob Rogers, ask Noelle how to

get it to them. All of the money from the car wash and fall and winter flower sales is already with Bob Rogers. In addition, the pavilion account is closed.

#### IV. Old Business.

A. Trailer. Michael is working on pricing for the trailer outfitting. This is moving slowly because we can't solicit donors who would have their information, but Michael can meet with Chris Potts regarding the design.

B. Tax Exempt Status. We are moving forward with the paperwork getting submitted.

C. Bylaws. We reviewed the updates to the bylaws. A motion was made to vote to accept the revised bylaws with the caveat being that input from the accountant and/or the tax attorney may require some adjustments. The motion was seconded, and the motion passed. The bylaws were accepted but may be adjusted by the account or tax attorney.

#### V. New Business.

A. Disney Trip. There will be a Disney meeting on Jan 23 7:00 at Hastings, for parents and kids. There are 141 kids and chaperones going. All of the kids who want to go are going. Final payments are due Feb 1. Nancy Stevens asked about the requirements for the chaperones. Jane said they need to have background checks which can be done at the main district office and cost \$50.

VI. Directors' Report. Mr. Fessler appreciates being able to do the past few meetings over Zoom. The band program is in a great place. There will be a pep band event Jan 20. We could use a few parents to help? Katie will send out a Signup Genius for four parents. The program needs a new piano for jazz ensemble, but Mr. Fessler doesn't yet know exactly what to get. The Zoom recorders are \$100 each. Concert attire for concert bands will be black on bottom, white on top, dress clothes. Students need to wear a belt with pants and should wear black shoes and black socks. A black dress is OK but it should be just plain black. Students should be aware that they need to look uniform/neat. The band room needs storage/shelving in the office so if anyone knows of a small book case that is available, please let Mr. Fessler know. Feb 23 is the combined middle school concert. Hastings and Jones students will be together. Mr. Fessler is considering having symphonic or jazz ensembles play a piece. This event will be held at the high school and is an opportunity to communicate with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents. Everyone will be all together so Todd could do the speaking for that. Solo and ensemble contest is next Saturday. There are 23 UA student events. Clinicians are helping prepare the students for that. There is a \$20/person cost which is to pay for clinicians and ensemble fees. Middle schools are starting solo and ensemble repertoire; this event is Mar 25 for middle school. Two high school groups are going to OMEA large ensemble district contest. The symphonic band will perform in class A; concert band will perform in class C. The event will be at Thomas Worthington, probably on Mar 3, but it could be Mar 4. Mr. Fessler proposed that we have a Jazz band event/fundraiser and possibly a trip next year. The directors are brainstorming that. The Montgomery family has

a restaurant at Bridge Park which could be a venue. There could be a silent auction. However, the capacity is only 100 at this restaurant. Another venue option is the Dublin North Market. Mr. Fessler also reported on some more honor band students. We are still figuring out awards and a bandquet date/location. Band camp next year will likely be at the high school and the dates may change, with preband camp the week of July 31 and band camp the week of Aug 7.

VII. Adjournment. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Feb 7 due to musical performances during our normal meeting time.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Petronella, Communications Manager

Attendance: Jane Brown, Noelle Fox, Katie Petronella, Michael Geygan, Renee Rodabaugh, Todd Fessler, Kolin Redman, Scott McWilliams, Nancy Stevens, Amy Turnball, Laura Skoracki, David Goldhammer, Sarah Gemperline, Kristin Lach, Luis Alicea, Rada Terzieva (Zoom), Linda ? (Zoom), Emily Geygan (Zoom), Zuzana Bohrer (Zoom).