

Band Boosters Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2023, Upper Arlington High School Band Room

I. Jane Brown, President, brought the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

II. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the February meeting (the March meeting was a Disney meeting rather than a Boosters meeting). The motion passed, and the minutes were approved.

III. Officer and Committee Reports

A. President's report. Jane welcomed everyone to the Boosters meeting. She expressed her love of the band and appreciates everyone who comes to the meetings and is an active part of the Boosters organization. Next month's meeting will focus on committees, band camp, and other summer activities. Jane also introduced all of this year's Executive Board; everyone on the Board was present except for Wanda Berk.

B. Fundraising/Development Manager's report. Michael Geygan reported on the Awesome company sale. This made \$130. The spring flower sale raised \$3752; 65 students participated. Any graduating seniors will have their money go to the general fund unless it is designated for a sibling or friend. Digital donuts are still for sale but nothing has sold recently. Prior band camp shirts are for sale for \$5 each. Soozie Cole Hamilton suggested selling the shirts at the spring concert. The summer uniform store is online. This is not a sale to make money; summer uniforms are for sale at cost. The store will close Apr 17 but will reopen the week of the concerts (last week of April) or the store will be extended. People may want to buy more than one uniform. The link for the sale is on uaband.org and in the Facebook group. The summer car washes will be July 1 and Aug 12 (day after band camp is over). Michael will distribute tickets in May to middle schools and high school, 50 tickets per student (\$10 tickets). We have received permission from Upper Arlington but we need a permit from City of Columbus as well. The car washes will be at the municipal building. Renee Rodabaugh asked about using Venmo. Michael said we can use the Square payment. He is creating a proposed calendar for fundraising next year and wants to do the Century Resources fundraiser August, September, and October. This would replace the fall and winter flower sales as these did not meet the 400 minimum item requirement this year. To continue the fall and winter flower sales, we would have to team up with another organization. The spring flower sale sold 789 items. We need Mr. Fessler's buy-in for the Century Resources sale. If anyone has fundraising ideas, please let Michael know. He would be especially interested in online options. Mr. Fessler asked about the give day fundraiser but Alan needs to confirm that the 501c3 reinstatement will be retroactive upon submission of the paperwork.

C. Vice President's report. Amy Turnbull reported that the Executive Board created some goals for next year: financial stability (comprehensive and transparent budget in place, fundraisers), and sustainability with a master schedule so everyone knows what is coming up. She would like all processes for events to be written up and put in a Google Doc. Another goal is to encourage participation and integration with new families.

D. Communications Manager's report. Katie Petronella had nothing to report.

E. Co-treasurers' report. Noelle Fox and Scott McWilliams reported that the February budget is done, but March hasn't been done yet. The five batons for Z row were ordered and have arrived.

F. Travel Manager's report. Renee Rodabaugh reported that the Disney trip occurred and was a great success!

G. Uniform Committee's report. Kristin Lach reported that the new uniforms have arrived but raincoats still need to be ordered for next year, \$84.20/coat. We need to order them soon. A motion was made and seconded to buy 50 raincoats. The motion passed. We also need to order plumes and hats. Gloves were ordered before Disney.

H. Third Quarter Refreshments Committee's report. Nancy Stevens reported that two coolers are cracked and need to be replaced. Mr. Fessler suggested taking some time to think about how to make things more efficient. Should we get more carts? Soozie will look for them at Costco. Nancy mentioned that storage could be a concern. Jane mentioned that the pavilion needs to be cleaned out. Cart purchases were tabled.

I. Eighth Grade Committee report. Rada Terzieva reported that she and Emily Geygan are updating the flyer for parents of eighth graders. They will go to the middle school concerts and will encourage parents to order uniforms. The deadline should be June 1 for orders to arrive in time for July 4. Rada has gotten questions about percussion auditions already. Mr. Fessler confirmed that there are no cuts. Rada needs the dates for the games. There are 54 new families but this number is not final; 165 kids are signed up for band next year.

IV. New Business.

A. Elections of 2023-24 Executive Board. The slate follows: Amy Turnbull, President; Sarah Gemperline, Vice President; Nancy Stevens, Communications Manager; Renee Rodabaugh, Travel Manager; Michael Geygan, Fundraising/Development Manager; Scott McWilliams and Noelle Fox, Co-treasurers; Jane Brown, Past President. A motion was made to elect the slate. The motion was seconded and passed.

B. Cords for graduation. Jane ordered these.

V. Old Business.

A. Trailer detailing. Michael needs to take more detailed measurements.

B. Insurance. Insurance was purchased and is in place for 3 years. The yearly payment is \$694.

C. Nonprofit status. Michael recreated the last four years of tax income statements and sent the materials to Alan. It will probably take six months to get the status back. Amy and Noelle met with a retired accounting professional who will take on this year's taxes. He suggested moving the fiscal year to the end of June. He is willing to do the work pro bono. He will help get us reinstated with the Ohio Attorney General for fundraising. Maybe there will be a bingo night at some point. This person will also do the paperwork for 1099s for clinicians.

D. Lanyards for marching season. Michael followed up to get a quote: \$100 for 50. A motion was made to buy 100 lanyards; the motion was seconded and passed.

VI. Directors' report. Mr. Fessler clarified that students are ordering their own summer uniforms this year. There will be some extras for students who need to switch sizes but we don't want to have money invested in extra uniform stock. Mr. Fessler ordered the awards for the bandquet which is likely going to be May 16. There are 165 registrations for next year. Orchestra Boosters reached out about recruiting. We will have a recruiting presentation but not on the date they proposed. Mr. Fessler is discussing this with the new high school orchestra director. It will not require Booster assistance. Instrument fittings will be the first week of school for the middle school students. Every day band at the middle school for the past two years has really changed things. There are 256 students in the middle school band program. The long term goal is 200 students in high school band. Mr. Redman and Mr. Fessler will meet with Spencer Smith about summer band camp practices. These should be at the Marv. They would like an eighth grade outreach meeting sometime in May. Michael suggested this happen before the DC trips. Mr. Fessler will book Hastings for that. The Disney trip was a huge success. Students had a great trip. Thanks to Jane and Renee! Mr. Redman added that they are excited about the eighth graders getting started next year; they are taking on harder music. Concerts are coming up.

VII. Adjournment. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Petronella, Communications Manager

Attendance: Katie Petronella, Jane Brown, Nancy Stevens, Amy Turnbull, Michael Geygan, Noelle Fox, Scott McWilliams, Brad Conway, Laura Skoracki, Rosane Goldhammer, Doug Lach, Kristin Lach, Soozie Cole Hamilton, Sarah Gemperline, Elaine Alicea, Luis Alicea,

On Zoom: Todd Fessler, Kolin Redman, Luke Bingham, Sandy ??, Sara Emmons, Emily Geygan, Rada Terzieva