

Band Boosters Meeting Minutes, February 6, 2023, Upper Arlington High School Band Room

I. Jane Brown, President, brought the meeting to order at 7:00 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 reported that there are Executive Board positions and committee openings available for next year. There will be no March Boosters meeting because of the Disney trip.

B. Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer Report. Noelle Fox provided a budget report. Zoom recorders have been paid for. A question was raised regarding yard sales: do we make money on these? The answer was reported that yes, we do, but not a lot. Signs cost \$45 and are sold for \$50.

C. Communications Manager Report. Katie Petronella reported that the 8th grade communications committee leadership is transitioning to Emily Geygan and Rada Terzieva. The Communications Manager role will be available next year.

D. Travel Manager Report. Renee Rodabaugh shared her plans for Disney chaperone bags. These will have supplies for the chaperones in case of minor medical situations. Kellen Fessler is going on the Disney trip and has provided input on the chaperone supplies. Kids will carry their own epipens and inhalers. Another Disney meeting will be held soon. There will be an online responsibility form.

E. Development Manager Report. Michael Geygan reported that we made \$53 from donut sales December and January. He will need to buy more donut gift cards. The Awesome Company Store will be set up again ~Feb 20-Mar 10. Students have reported that sizes run small. The spring flower sale will include the 8th graders; Katie will send Michael the list of 8th grade contact information. The sale will be Feb 17-Mar 3. Flowers will be delivered May 8. Noelle has already confirmed that the church parking lot will be available for flower distribution. There will be two car washes: July 1 and Aug 12. Soozie asked how the car wash tickets will be distributed. Michael will distribute them.

F. Uniform Committee Report. Kristin got quotes back for the raincoats. They will be \$84/each, which would be ~\$4500, with a 3 month timeline. We have 147 raincoats. The raincoats look a lot like the old ones so we may not need to replace all the raincoats. We also need hats. We have one extra hat if there are 30 more kids in the band next year. The sample hats look really good, so we may not have to replace all the hats. They are \$65/each. Also need more hat boxes. Hats have a 6 month timeline. Soozie Cole Hamilton asked if we could have a deposit for parents for uniforms, to cover "wear and tear" on the uniforms. Should this be added into band fees? This could be more of a cleaning fee/wear and tear/maintenance cost rather than a

returnable deposit. We need to make band fees delineated and transparent about what the kids are fundraising for. We need to take inventory for summer uniforms. A motion was made and seconded to purchase 15 hats upon Todd's approval. After discussion, this was amended to purchase 20 hats. This motion passed. This will be ~\$1300. We also need new lanyards, 93 for \$50. Michael will look into other companies for this. We will also need to buy gloves.

IV. Old Business.

A. Band camp. The question was raised: what will the actual costs be? Band camp will be at the high school. We should try to have the costs known by the Feb 23 middle school band event. Emily has ideas about how to bring the 8th graders into the band. Todd spoke about scheduling 8th graders for next year.

B. Trailer. Michael has been working on the measurements and designing the inside outfitting, with lighting. The band will buy the supplies for the trailer outfitting, but the school will do all the work and will pay for the wrap. Chris Potts did not want sponsors on the trailer.

C. Insurance. The Executive Board has voted to move forward on insurance with Overmyer insurance. This includes Director and Officer insurance. Trailer and instruments are insured by the school.

D. Bylaws were amended by the attorney, including wording related to the student Charms accounts. We need to vote on the amended bylaws. A motion was made to approve the amended bylaws. The motion was seconded. Motion passed.

E. 501 Status. All the paperwork is ready for the accountant. Once we get it started, we can be a little more aggressive with fundraising as long as we are transparent. This is only applicable for big donors.

F. Disney Trip. There is a slightly new itinerary, as of Jan 27. This is posted on the website. Jane will bring copies to the next Disney meeting. A question was raised regarding how the hat boxes will get to Disney. They will be wrapped in plastic wrap. The kids should bring their hats in by the same date that the responsibility forms are due. We should do a uniform check before the Disney trip.

V. New Business.

A. Treasurer Resignation. Jane Brown reported that the Executive Board has accepted Treasurer Christine Foulke's resignation. This is effective immediately. To replace Christine, Scott McWilliams has agreed to be the new Cotreasurer (with title change to match the new bylaws). A motion was made to add Scott as the new Cotreasurer. The motion was seconded and the motion carried. Scott McWilliams is the new Cotreasurer, effective immediately.

B. Batons. Noelle suggested we purchase 5 new practice batons for ~\$145 each for the drum majors and people who want to be drum majors. We would need to order a couple of different sizes and ensure we know who is using them. A motion was made to order 5 for under ~\$150 each. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

VI. Directors' Report. Todd Fessler provided the Directors' Report. There is a new student teacher, Luke Bingham, from OSU. The pep band hockey game event went well. The hockey parents fed the band pizza. The athletic department bused the kids to the game. We did receive the Zoom recorders, and they have been helpful. The combined middle school concert coming up Feb 23. High school kids can volunteer/help with the event. OMEA large group district contest is coming up; Todd requested Fri Mar 3. The OSU director of bands will come to work with symphonic band; the director of Grove City bands will come to help with concert band before the contest. Band camp will be Aug 7-11, and pre band camp will be the previous week. We need to confirm the photographer. OMEA dates were just released for next year's solo and ensemble contests. This year's solo and ensemble contest went well, with 12 superior ratings and 4 excellent ratings. The overall enrollment was low and has been since the pandemic. Next year the event will be Feb 10. Todd is considering an in-house solo and ensemble event. Todd is looking forward to Disney. There will be a busy couple of weeks before the trip. Rada asked about the timing of the Mar 1 and Apr 26 concerts as she wants to submit ads. The concerts will be at 7:30.

VII. Adjournment. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Petronella, Communications Manager

Attendance: Jane Brown, Noelle Fox, Renee Rodabaugh, Katie Petronella, Michael Geygan, Scott McWilliams, Nancy Stevens, Amy Turnbull, Soozie Cole Hamilton, Kristin Lach, Angela Lao.
On Zoom: Todd Fessler, Rosane Goldhammer, Luke Bingham, "Cherry", Radmi Nemade, Rada Terzieva, Emily Geygan, Amit/Mani Vutha?, Janet Gerkin