

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

- I. The meeting started with introductions of all attendees.
- II. Mr. Fessler presented the director's report. Band camp went well and thanks to all parents that helped. 4th of July parade went smoothly and thanks to parents for water hydration efforts. Fittings at Jones and Hastings have helped with instrumentation. Shout outs to those students accepted to university bands/ orchestras. Mr. Fessler is working on nominations for additional university/honors band opportunities for students. Information will be provided about security for the Groveport Madison game when available. The UA Athletic director is working on a band specific security plan and additional chaperones and security detail/SROs are planned. Friday, September 22/homecoming also will be 8th grade night and 65 middle school students will be attending. Middle schoolers have been volunteering at the home games and enjoying the experience. The band received a \$15,000 education foundation grant for band uniforms. Mr. Fessler explained how well the students presented at the school for this grant application. Thanks to Michael for pulling together the basket for the Bear Bash. The band participated in the UA Bear Bash and UA Arts Festival.
- III. Executive Board and Committee Reports
 - A. Amy Turnbull (current president) discussed pre-band camp and leadership day. She gave a band camp update and mentioned the \$15,000 grant will go towards 26 new uniforms. Volunteer sign ups have been going well. There is currently a volunteer call out for anyone interested in co-hosting spreads, and we will be needing a co-treasurer, and vice president for next year as well. Groveport Madison information will be mailed out tomorrow.
 - B. Financial Report: Handouts were provided and presented to attendees. Scott provided July and August financial updates. He said we are trying to stay within our budget so we don't need to dip into our savings. A few items not budgeted for were ear plugs and instrument purchases. We are expecting a few more band fees to come in as well as a couple more expenditures relating to band camp and year start up. Some fundraising expenses are startup heavy and should show profits in the longer term. Finances look pretty good overall and will even out when looking at the annualized report. Pre-camp was not budgeted for this year, but will be included in follow up year budgets. Rada also mentioned the website is not presenting expenses this year (costing less). She requested adding allowance to the budget for website costs and the 8th grade outreach committee. Elaine said eventually the new website platform will present savings long term. Scott said a line item will be created for the web.
 - C. Fundraising/Development report: Michael Geygan provided attendees with a handout of the fundraising/development manager report. Current fundraisers include the Awesome Company (swag sales). Foertmeyer flower sales is another, and our sale is partnered with Scotland trip sales to contribute to overall sales to meet sales goals. Digital donut sales continue. RaiseRight is a gift card sales program starting up. Information has been posted on the Facebook page. Future fundraisers under consideration are pop-up sandwich sales during the school day (permission request pending). Concessions stands

manning with other sports is also being considered. We are still waiting on IRS 501C3 reinstatement. There will be a winter flower sale including 8th graders. Flower sales go into student accounts, and if we meet our minimum sales, then profits will also go into the generic account.

- D. Website Update: Rada and Elaine have been working behind the scenes on the new website. Elaine provided an update on the web's redesign. Wordpress will be used to make it user/update friendly for years down the road. Eventually once the redesign is approved, it will be redirected to the uaband.org site. Remind messages can be placed on the website. A Google calendar can now be used with the new website platform which will make updates much easier. Pictures are uploaded to Facebook, not the website. Mr. Fessler provided the interim web address for attendees to provide feedback on the website design. Feedback should be emailed to Elaine, or the "contact us" button on the interim web page. Amy thanked the website team for their work. Director photos may be obtained from the school for the bios. Corporate sponsors will be added once we have our 501C3 reinstated. Website should go live in about 2 weeks.
 - E. Senior Night will be October 6th. Suzanne has sent communications to senior families and today is the deadline to hear back. Band members will be announced and golf and cross country will go before the band. Band will be last before the game begins. Suzanne will order flowers for parents as well as flowers that the juniors will present to the seniors. Band halftime announcers will be asked to read names of band seniors. Senior families will be invited to the spread. Parents will be given roses and students will receive carnations. Bob Phillips will be here to take photos.
- IV. Rada requested student leadership names and director bios for the new website. She also asked where the 8th graders will be sitting on 8th grade night given the large numbers (65) and if chaperones are needed. Mr. Fessler said we may need to ask about getting chairs or other bleacher seating. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be Oct 9th.

Attendance: Jane Brown, Michael Geygan, Scott McWilliams, Greg Stevens, Amy Turnbull, Todd Fessler, Kolin Redman, Renee Rodabaugh, Rada Terzieva, Noelle Fox, Sarah Gemperline, Elaine Alicea, Suzanne Smith, Kristin Lach, Soozie Cole Hamilton, Mickey Merritt, Chad Dowler, Heather Dowler, Leigh Lehman, Stephanie Hunt, Marcia Summers, Chris McManus.

Respectfully submitted,

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