

Band Boosters Meeting Minutes, 12 August 2024, 7 PM, Upper Arlington High School Band Room

I. President Sarah Gemperline called the meeting to order. Attendees were provided handouts of the finances, budget and sponsorship program plans.

II. Director's Report.

Mr. Redman-thank you to Boosters, band camp was wonderful, efficiency of learning was tremendous. From his point of view, he didn't feel that we had new students, they learned very fast, and caught on quickly. Our student leaders really have learned great skills, and led the week's efforts. They asked a sampling of students on how they felt things went. Good feedback. The 9 am start was a game-changer for the students. They were well rested and focused. The hottest day (Tues)really pushed them but they persevered, and the directors are very pleased. They accomplished everything they wanted to. A good part of the show is ready, the most challenging elements of the program are making great progress. Looking forward, they see numbers reaching 200 plus soon. Directors invited Mr. Theado to the Skull Session on October 5, OSU vs Iowa. Very excited with the direction. Thank you, thank you, thank you to boosters and parent volunteers. Soozie asked what they will be wearing, Mr. Redman does not yet know. 6th grade fittings for instruments happen during band class during the school day in the coming weeks. Directors are seeing a lot more confidence in the 8th graders entering high school with the every-day band schedule. They have musical confidence with their instruments, and can focus more on marching in high school.

III. Executive Board and Committee Reports

Vice President

Safety policy set by Directors. If you see something, say something. Any adult has authority and responsibility to stop students from acting out. If the student doesn't respond, send the name to Directors. Kristin asked what the response time is for directors. Mr. Redman's response is that if they are present, to notify immediately. They will respond via email within the district policy. There are matters that need to involve administration, please escalate. Per Directors-parent volunteers are not here to babysit the students. Do not spend all of your capital and energy, please get the student names and notify the directors. If a student is not well and in the building, engage another student. For the volunteer safety, and the students. Mr. Redman added that parents and siblings are welcome to visit the band room on game nights. Please encourage student's friends and non-family members to remain outside the band room. The room gets small very quickly with the number of students, their instruments, and their belongings. Kristin asked about spreads during the season with students being at the high school from after school to the game. What will student supervision look like? What are the district rules for the students being at the school right after school hours? Soozie asked if lockers were going to be assigned. Answer is yes, we will use numbers. We must use the same provider of the lockers for the tags/signs. Michael and Sarah with Senior families sharing District policy that after-parties must be the responsibility of the host families and not at all associated with the District and the Boosters. Kristin shared that all of the after party slots have been filled.

Communication

CutTime will be the primary source of communication. They are there to help anyone that needs assistance. Sign up for social media on FaceBook and Instagram as messages are sent to parents via those channels. Mr. Redman asked if UA Bands This Week google document could be sent out in the weekly

CutTime message as this document is updated by Mr. Fessler every Sunday with information of report times for the week. This is a great source of information for students and parents.

Sign Up Genius link for Marching Band Season sign-ups will be sent out through CutTime soon.

Mr. Redman brought up that the kids communicate through Band App not CutTime even though they have access. Need to add new students and parent information to CutTime and check registration forms.

Travel

Tim James provided a trailer update. Expected to be finished by the end of next week. Seeking opinions from the larger group regarding painting the inside to minimize rough edges and splinters. Do we want to install a fire extinguisher and first aid kit? Exterior lighting ideas included installing a plug and a power inverter and installing LED work lights, providing visibility when the trailer is parked.

Financial

We have 5 unpaid fees, following up with families. Summer uniforms-we are getting reimbursed the way we should. QR codes are in CutTime so families can pay for items. Band camp was way under budget. Taxes will be submitted, Karin needs Pres and VP (2024 program service), to provide program updates for 2024/2025, referred to in a message from June 11. Main addresses and titles of the officers, and activities and projects the boosters plan to undertake this year. Bleachers-Greg Thompson wants to meet with Boosters and Spencer to see how this band season goes. Boosters will most likely have some financial responsibility for them. We received the Attorney General exemption, we should be able to get some money back.

Development

Elaine-we are shy of \$6k in sponsorships. 5-6 students have participated in the program. We are not saying that students must get a sponsorship, but are encouraged to try for at least \$100 per student. Asking that students try. Can we enlist the help of Megan Potts for outreach to alumni? Kristin shared that her child did not know about the program. Feels that emails will not be successful and that the students need more information and support for the program. QR codes will be created for easy access to the sponsorship forms. The budgeted amount for sponsorships will be reviewed and confirmed. Sponsorship deadlines for being in the printed materials is this coming week. We will accept sponsorships any time, however. Renee asked families how they feel about the sponsorship program. Kristin shared that the toolkit that we provided is hard to use and not effective. Suggested that the wording could be changed to be specific to the student. Idea to share a tutorial on our social media to encourage outreach. Soozie-Seniors will not be motivated to raise funds without a trip. Flower sales will be in the Fall, Winter, and Spring.

Committees

Uniforms-Kristin-we will need volunteers to move from alpha order to numerical order. They will find a time and post for help. Kristin is a Senior parent, seeking a successor.

Spreads-Laura is meeting with Seniors this week to plan future spread menus. First spread will be Grinders. All spreads will be on GBB in the High School. Timing-eat after 4, play at 5 pm. Michael is working with Todd to confirm the times with us being at the high school. Will need a sign up genius for 8-10 parent volunteers. Will need people to help with the Freshman table, Renee and Rada agreed to help. Remember to communicate to Freshman families that they are invited to eat dinner at the first

spread, and will be included in the signup genius. Another request-have a parent that has a child with food allergies to make the food and man the tables for the spreads-we have a green tablecloth for the food allergy area. Vegan and gluten free are the main areas of concern. Would like specific help with drinks (Tim Brown did this previously). Reminder-Laura is a Senior parent, will welcome a successor and partner to learn the process.

Pictures-Soozi-makeups are on Friday. By 3 pm Thursday, August 15th, Please text at 614-886-2244 the student names so we can pull uniforms. She doesn't know who needs makeups. Recommending that there is a picture and program committee of at least 3-4 volunteers to manage this big effort.

Senior Night-recommendation from Soozi-have someone take pictures of families on the scoreboard when they are on the field.

Spring Banquet-Soozi-recommends that we give smaller plaques and include a framed picture of that Senior and their family as their end of year gift. Or, eliminate the plaque altogether.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Attendance: Kolin Redman, Sarah Gemperline, Jane Brown, Elaine Alicea, Michael Geygan, Renee Rodabaugh, Soozi Cole Hamilton, Brad Conway, Karin Richardson, Kristin Lach, Chris Lloyd, Virginia Kohl, Rada Terzieva, Marc Parulekar, Tracie Parulekar, Tim James, Sandy Townsend, Laura Skoracki, Noelle Fox, Roseanne Goldhammer

Zoom attendees: None

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Gemperline, President