

UAHS Band Boosters Meeting 7:00 – 8:00pm January 13th 2025

Called the meeting to order 7:01pm

Directors Report

- Happy New Year to all parents and students
- Concert Season is Underway – larger ensembles than before but students are handling it well. There will be solos as well. 32 events registered. 11 are student led ensembles.
- Clinicians are coming in to work with us to prepare students for ensembles
- Jazz Band is meeting early in day. Some students who have no involvement in band made jazz band.
- Great auditions - Decisions were tough especially with rhythm section.
- Pep Band Starts January 14th
- Hockey game taking place January 31st that we will be playing. Deadline to sign up is Friday January 17th.
- Student Teacher will be working with us – OSU Clarinet Player. Excited about that.
- Moxley helping with some of the games this season.
- Elementary tours beginning – end of February; the March 3rd tour for recruiting and we will start with seniors for interest in signing up and go down from there.

Question was asked: What do you want them wearing for the 6th grade performances/elementary?
Directors are stating they want full uniform for these.

Question was asked: What will they be wearing to hockey games? Answered that in past they have worn UA logo shirts etc – will be colder obviously in hockey arena. It is mentioned that they raincoats may work – not used. Table this to consider

- UAHS Seniors Graduation will take place the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend and the band will be playing again. Same as last year, some travel to and from and sign up genius for volunteers
- There will be a Middle School Festival on Feb 20th to create excitement among new kids

President Report

- Nominating Committee; this will be Formed by February 2025 – set up nominations for people in February. This will start the nomination process and it will go for vote in the April meeting. We need volunteers for the nominating committee and anyone interested should email President at uabandpresident@gmail.com
- We have several executive board positions upcoming for 2025-2026 season
- It has been requested that list of summer dates be released to help families plan for things such as vacations over summer break – July 4th parade, band camp etc. As such we will be issuing a list of those dates on Tuesday
 - Co Treasurer
 - Vice President
 - Committee Chairs
 - Spreads

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Vice President Report

- 1st Bylaws review took place January 12th at Office Space/Building.
- We made it about halfway through
- The next one will Feb 9th at 1pm and the location is TBD

Communications Report none

Travel Manager's Report

- Survey went around and based on the results – it was decided not to do a UAHS Band trip for 2025 to Holland, Michigan. As many know – there were just too many conflicts with exams and things going on for people, and it seems people just didn't have an interest.
- An email will go out to notify parents of the cancellation/decisions. Directors will send

Question was asked: Are there any other plans at this time for further trips this year or for next year? No plans for this year, no updates at this time.

Treasurer's Report

- Financials have been completed through December 2024
- Biggest items were the BITS – Best in State Concessions income and the OMEA fees.

Directors thanked everyone for hard work with this - for professionalism of making all payments on time and outstanding work overall.

Question asked about a new CPA/tax person – don't we need to figure this out by June 30th ? As a follow up to question on this from Nov meet – it was brought up to some of the recommended persons to seek for their suggestions. Do need to be careful - Can't give a recommendation / not wanting to muddy things by making a financial/tax recommendation – conflict of interest. Will need to locate on our own for the most part - Jane Brown has a recommendation and will submit to Ryan.

- Anyone else that might have a recommendation or know someone that could assist – please get their information to the executive board / Ryan

Development Report

- Feb/March re-chartering happening – should get paid soon
- As mentioned, need more people to sign up to work basketball games
- Another reminder – be sure students volunteering are submitting service hours
- Many thanks to the BITS volunteers – fantastic work and great income for us

Committee Chairs Reports

Uniforms

- For Concert Bands is it the same as before/last year – in terms of what the kids are wearing? We will need to know this. Requesting that communication go out to parents so they have time to purchase what is expected – white shirt, black pants etc.
- Request to receive band numbers as soon as possible – we will probably need some more pants for new year.
- Will work with new Uniform Committee chair(s) to provide training – if we locate volunteers before end of school year they would be willing to get together and share info. Question posted: Do we have anyone who has expressed interest yet? No one had heard of anyone yet
- Also Picture Day – who is assisting/volunteer to help for next year – can receive guidance with Soozie. When is it so we can pin that down? Unknown at this time – would like to hear as soon as available
- Sizing for uniforms – upper classmen if we can get them done sooner before school is out it may help a bit
- Hat boxes were collected. All items removed. And boxes were treated for mold. They were emptied / collected while Fessler was out. Collected all back but still missing two.
- Concert Band outfit for graduation performance is decided.

New Business

Concern was posed: there are hardly any instruments for percussion with the growing size of band. 17 kids coming in for percussion – large amount. Are there any plans? Directors answered: We are thinking it will be around the same number as last year and that we have enough to cover most of that. Realistically not all who say they want / will do percussion will do percussion. Realistic would be 12. Which would be where we are now. Registrations have started coming over and we will start looking this over and possibly we will need to revisit that. It becomes challenging to get more and more instruments so we will need to possibly get creative and start talking about that.

Question about hockey – will we need help and what is the plan for travel? Answered: Two busses will be used. So we will need just a few parents – Hockey Boosters shooting for this so don't think we will need much help. And to answer the question about the dress for the game on 31st UA Gear and possibly rain coats

Old Business

- Patches were cool – any way we can get a copy. Michael will get that copy sent out
- Meeting notes were not posted yet – these will be uploaded within the next week. We do have them just not submitted to online yet. New communications minutes – show how to post

Voting none

Adjourned at 7:44pm

Attendance

Directors – Todd Fessler

Sarah

Michael

Renee

Elaine

Jane

Ryan

Soozi

Kristen

Rada

Sandy

Tim