

UAHS Band Boosters Meeting 7:00 – 8:00pm November 11, 2024/Veterans Day

Called the meeting to order 7:01pm

Directors Report

- New Baby has arrived!! Maddox David Todd Fessler – we think he was born on Friday. Still Waiting on details but yes he is well and mom is well.
- Championship game - Looking forward to this one – Will be at Westerville Central vs Olentangy Liberty
- Standard Volunteers through Sign up Genius for busses and uniforms
- 3 busses will be needed
- Temperatures will be pretty cold - 57 degrees

Question was asked: Do we have more information on Tulip Festival / Trip for the marching band this year. Travel Director explained they are still brainstorming for Tulip Festival in Michigan – it is not set in stone. Haven't been able to discuss in detail yet either with Todd out. Attendees explained that some students are upset – there were arguments against and for; which uniforms to wear, when it would be, why Kings Island was not chosen/talked about because other groups like choir/etc are doing those. It is not expected that the Directors would want to do another amusement park but again, nothing has been set in stone. Tulip Festival was just an idea and they are researching it. So more to come

- Concerts at middle schools will be taking place - on Tuesday at Hastings / Thursday at Jones
- Will be talking to parents (Colin)
- May have Concessions w kids

Presidents Report none

Vice President Report

- Cheerleading BITS competition – going to be even longer at least 2 maybe 3 ½ hours longer than usual. As such - we are looking for more volunteers
- Bylaw review -- Committee is being formed and will meet when Season ends to review formally the bylaws as required. This would be possibly the first week in December
- As always consider the upcoming events and Volunteers needed – spread the word

Communications Report none

Questions was asked: What is going on with Cut Time announcements? Could we request times of inspections be included? They have not been included in the pushouts and kids ask a lot – what time they are supposed to be at inspection – over and over asking. Anyway to get this out to more by using Cut Time too? Will be presented as idea yes to the communication chair and directors. Continuation of discussion for why the request was presented: The Directors need to know too – it would be helpful to

send to parents to be able to make sure kids are aware (not all kids have access to the reminders going out/parents have access). It is also confusing for kids and parents. The announcement needs to have inspection included.

Another question – Related to this an attendee feels the timing needs to be looked at - the students already know what they are doing so there isn't as much time needed for these inspections. And there is often no director here with the kids and they're in multiple rooms sometimes. Concerns about spilled drinks, misbehaving, etc Would like to have this brought up to directors as well. Perhaps have a parent or teacher who monitors. For these recent games there was simply too much time for kids doing nothing. Perhaps think of rule like they can't come into the room until _____. Just lots of down time before the inspection, running down halls, chasing around band room, etc. Before we had spreads but now there are not any so... concerning. Also complaint of liquids on the floor of orchestra and choir – Gatorade fights, gummy worm fights – teachers of those rooms are not here to take gum food candy liquids away or monitor and don't want it in their rooms. Teachers have threatened to remove the ability to access the rooms

Related - Once regular season is over – there were lot of complaints of kids hanging out for first period and not really set to do something in particular to keep them busy. As an example – there was a Fire Drill during first period and some band kids didn't know where to go.

Considering all of this - Is it possible to have one of the directors back here when they are both at Hastings now for example for later hours after 4pm --- Or possible volunteers for non-spread game weeks.

Also idea presented: Can Tuba room possibly remove doors? Maybe hire another staff member

These will all be taken to Directors for consideration.

Travel Managers Report

Friday Night We have another Playoff Game since we Won last week

- Game is at neutral location --- At Westerville Central playing Olentangy and begins at 7pm
- As usual - Volunteers via sign up Genius for uniforms and such
- Possible Hot Chocolate due to temperatures – Elaine bringing

Possible Trip for 2024-2025 Marching Band

- Directors are looking at possible trip on May 9th, 10th, 11th 2025 – Tulip Festival
- If approved it would be from Friday. However we are aware there will be some testing going on so not sure - maybe leave late Friday night and hotel overnight. Still in planning/inquiring stages on that and food. Would need to accommodate for allergies, preferences, etc.
- Parade would be in starts at 2pm we would be the only out of State band. The parade has stand seating that is purchased to watch to do performance. It is a long parade and option to have at

the end of the parade area: lunch at the convention center or box lunch whichever is cheaper. Again still looking into this.

- After marching/performances – there is a really nice Carnival nearby. They will have fireworks in evening and there's lots to do within walking distance. Fun dutch dancing, live music, foods of course.
- Then Sunday morning possibly going to local parks with life house tour before opened to public. If not that or along with that – we could stop at Beaches to see. Looking into at this point not set in stone.
- Ballpark for busses \$20K for 3 - no paperwork yet/check with Andrew

Concern was posed: In terms of Uniforms in general related to this possible trip --- Dry cleaning is done early spring – and they really take everything off of the uniforms --- nothing is paired and have to reassemble everything. So this would be a huge undertaking if we are wanting uniforms to go to this Tulip Festival. So there is a conflict with this. Some uniforms will be smaller if we wait; Some will be dirty if we try to do the cleaning before the trip. So we may need to rethink the uniforms – for this festival. This is hard because performance presented to grand stand seating, would be nicer with uniforms. Will have to consider/think about this. Possibly Black pants Raincoats and summer shirt?

Concern was posed: Band Kids are getting another story – some are saying that this is a for sure trip – so need to clear this up if it is not set in stone yet. Because some are complaining about it, but also if it is going to happen then we have lots to do – so need to finalize. We could look at sending out a poll or discuss this in our executive meeting how to best approach this and will ask directors to make kids aware it is still just in planning/talks.

Final Concern related to uniforms --- We are having the kids turn in the hat boxes during auditions – during first period. Possible Sign up Genius for help --- Last year it was a big job. There was mold and need to clean out after last game this time

Treasurer's Report

Tax Returns

- State and Federal Taxes have been completed and submitted
- As we know – we need to start seeing out a new CPA
- Specifically June 30th deadline – Because this was his last term. He is retiring. So we need to start that process. If anyone knows of someone, has recommendations – please bring to executives to consider.
- It was mentioned by an attendee perhaps Muncy, Andy – meeting right at end of school year - maybe one of these would have a suggestion
- Everyone is paid that was outstanding and all emails answered - except Michael and we will meet after this to sort out
- Mostly surplus revenue and holding steady - a lot of things came due and working on those

- Plan after looking at everything going out and in - to start working on budget for next year.

Development Report

BITS ----- Cheer

- Rented out the facility but no estimate on how many we will have was given so we were requesting that. We finally got the response very last minute, so we are short numbers of volunteers. Ask around as much as we can. However on the other side - we could make a lot of money from this. But we need a lot more people. Students or parents. We will be approaching orchestra and choir etc. We will bring up to the teachers/directors of the other groups as well. Another idea - 8th grade parents

Concessions for basketball –

- For this we need adult volunteers who can take things on – like take over as head of the area on certain game nights. These will go beginning around Thanksgiving week through the week of winter break/ January 3rd (worried about that week so begin asking now) And through rest of basketball season. Looking for help with running it for Elaine and Michael

Service credits

- Be sure students who volunteer for these events are turning in their service credit hours

Winter flower sale

- Began and we had an interesting idea - choir took some for their concert – so keep this in mind for next year as well
- Students have their own individual link for sales and going well
- Began already and goes through about the 15th.
- Dec 6th will be delivery to us
- At this point 189 flowers coming
- Delivery will be early morning couple people to help would be good

Committee Chairs Reports

- Spreads – we will need new way of doing with them at high school. New; Leadership to take over next year
- Outreach for help with concerts is planned
- Uniforms leadership and training - based on football schedule and how many more games but will need new volunteers for 2025-2026 school year

New Business

- Banquet /End of year celebration --- brainstorming beginning. Looking at plaques how much are they etc for giving to students. Will take place May 6th from 5 – 9pm in the PAC reserved. Possible set up by 7pm
 - Cords letters, musical notes and numbers are planned. Stephens film they are doing again.
 - Spent \$2600 last year but this year budget is \$2000 so not sure if it is all included
 - Keep in mind last year the items here late and people don't come back and pick them up - at least last year not everyone picked up. So really have leftovers we could use. Also keep in mind we need to order much sooner or year ahead of time so doesn't happen again
 - Will need a bit of End of year celebration help – reach out to Soozie
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Old Business none

Voting none

Adjourned at 8:05pm

Attendance

Ryan

Michael

Sarah

Renee

Elaine

Kristen – left

Soozi

Sandy

Remote Attendance

Rada

Charlie