

## **August Minutes**

### **Minutes GHSIMB Booster Club Meeting**

**Tuesday August 14, 2007 - Location : GHS Auditorium**

**Item 1: President Troy Osborne called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. after an introductory slide show featuring scenes from last year. He began with a general welcome to all new parents and spoke generally about the fun and rewards of getting involved with band activities.**

**Item 2: Troy introduced the 2007-2008 GHSIMB board members: CoVPs - Bob and Deana Zastudil, Sec'y - Meg Bell, Treas. - Mike Crawford, along with himself and wife Debbie as Co-Presidents.**

**Item 3: - Troy briefly discussed band camp and explained how the band camp fee is used: t-shirts, payment of adjunct band staff, main dishes, etc. for end-of-camp family picnic. He also spoke about the advantages of booster club membership and the importance of helping to fund our program as budget cuts in the arts increase yearly. Troy then explained some changes this year in the membership structure:**

A. Just one level of booster membership - covers supplies, insurance (in order to chaperone an event, must be a booster in order to be covered under insurance)

B. No required fundraising.

Other important elements regarding booster membership include

A. When chaperoning, must have a Gaither shirt on - makes adults immediately noticeable to students when needed

B. I.D. Badges - Troy will send an e-mail to let members know when they can go to the media center to have I.D. badges made. I'D. badges are required in order to have voting privileges and must be worn to all events when chaperoning. Goal is to have badges done by the first football game. Officials at schools will strictly enforce the policy of only allowing adults with badges to enter with the band.

**Item 4 - E-mails - Troy generally sends e-mails once a week - sometimes more often as needed. Members should alert a board member immediately if they are not receiving the weekly e-mails. Troys e-mail address is Tosborne@metlife.com. Mr. Dell will also send out his Weekly message via e-mail.**

**Item 5 - FSU Day - Saturday Sept. 8. In order to go on the trip, students must be current on all band camp and other expenses up to that point. The \$40.00 cost for the trip includes the bus trip, lunch at Governor's Square Mall, "Skull Session (the**

**kids will watch FSU's band warm-up and play cadences, stands tunes, etc.), and the game against the University of Alabama Birmingham.**

**Item 6: Speaker - Victoria Keene - athletic trainer for the Cowboy's Football Team came and spoke to us about the warning signs and treatment of heat-related medical conditions and the importance of proper hydration as the students practice during the hot weather. She stressed the importance of replacing electrolytes and the importance of proper nutrition, such as avoiding heavy, greasy foods right before practice. She provided hand-outs for the parents on the topics upon which she touched during her presentation.**

**Item 7: Water Committee - Each student must bring in two cases of water by the dates indicated on fliers posted on the instrument closets in the band room. Water committee will meet on Thurs. nights to ice the water down for the following night's game. E-mail reminders will be sent about specific dates for each section.**

**Item 8: Mr. Dell came into to speak to us about band camp and other items for the coming year. He commended the students on their excellent work thus far in camp and commented on the fact that even though the band is somewhat smaller this year, they are making tremendous progress on learning the show. He introduced the new Starette sponsor Victoria Jackson and commended both she and the girls on their excellent work.**

He echoed Troy's mention of the upcoming FSU trip and said we need 80 people to fill the bus. Parents, friends, and siblings are also welcome to attend.

He also discussed the new Gaither Band website which is currently under construction and will be completed soon. It will have a calendar link and a DVD of the past Friday's show as well as photos. Paperwork will be available on a PDF format. This year's motto is "No Stress!"

He then provided an overview of this year's show called "Metal." It will feature the music of the rock group Metallica. The show will be high energy and lots of fun to watch. Incidentally, several schools in the county will have rock-related shows this year, so FBA should be lots of fun. He also said we are in need of businesses who might be able to donate materials for our Starette props. If anyone has an idea or a contact, please let Mr. Dell or a board member know. Finally, he invited everyone to come Saturday at 8:30 A.M. to watch the kids perform the parts of the show they have learned thus far. Following that morning's rehearsal will be our family picnic. He let parents know to expect "all in good fun" 'welcoming' rituals for the freshman - he emphasized that these will be all in good fun albeit a bit messy! Picnic will be held at lake Park on N. Dale Mabry in the Osprey shelter; students might want to bring a change of clothes.

He also asked that those freshmen planning to attend the Freshman Orientation on Thursday Night try to find their way around and then return to practice so as not to disrupt momentum too much.

**Item 9:** Troy discussed the t-shirt ad fundraiser. Each season's "show shirt" has ads on the back that helps us pay for the shirts we give to the visiting middle-schoolers on Middle School Band Night. For each \$100.00 ad sold, the student earns \$20 for his acct. and the band account gets \$80.

**Item 10:** Troy went into greater detail regarding the fundraising system for this year. Unlike in past years where we had specific fundraising requirements, this year students and their parents may participate in fundraising as they see fit in order to meet their individual needs. Despite this change, we still desperately need everyone's help - especially in our major fundraiser - working concessions at Raymond James stadium. Parents, other relatives, and students 17 (18 to serve alcohol) or over may work. Must take an online training and alcohol test before being able to work. Bob and Deana Zastudil have all info. regarding the schedule/requirements for Raymond James. For those who work, 60% of money earned goes into the student acct; 60% goes into the general band acct. Some events are "double commission;" Bob and Deana have that info. There is a new system in place this year, in which groups earn points (which translate to dollars) based upon elements such as being on time and exercising cleanliness and organization. Those who work may eat free food and have free soda if you bring your own cup.

**Item 11:** All parents were reminded to get their student paperwork packets in and to be sure all are complete and notarized as needed. This is especially important for all freshman. All forms must be complete in order for the student to march. Volunteers must also have completed the SERVE form.

**Item 12:** Band Trip Update - The board has been researching and pricing the possibility of taking a cruise for this year's trip. We are waiting for approval by county level administration and the school board. Once we have approval, we will proceed with more specific information. Other possibilities include flying to a destination or taking another train trip.

**Item 13:** Student Accts. - One change this year is that families can now fundraise for all members. As a result, parents who may wish to chaperone trips may raise money for themselves as well as their student.

**Item 14:** Linda Richards discussed where we are with uniform fittings and other requirements related to the uniforms. 90% of band members have been fitted. Shoes are \$23.00 - upperclassmen do not need to buy if they already have shoes that fit and are in good shape. All checks should be made out to GHSIMB. ALL girls this year will need to purchase the black concert dress which is \$60.00 and all boys (other than Wind Ensemble who need full tux) will need black tuxedo pants, white tuxedo shirt, and cummerbund. Upperclassmen need to order by Sept 10 for Oct. 9th concert. Freshmen's first concert is Dec. 4th, but please send in money ASAP so we can make just one order if possible. By the first game students also need to purchase the blue band t-shirt and blue shorts (\$10 each) which are worn under the uniform.

**Replacement costs for lost items such as socks, gloves, etc. are generally \$5 or less; tuba berets are \$7.**

**Item 15: Jr. Starette Camp and Jr. Starette Night - Camp will be held on Saturday Sept. 21 from 2-6 P.M. for girls age 5 - through 8th grade. We are including older girls in an attempt to facilitate recruiting for the squad. The cost for the camp is \$35 and includes the camp activities, food, routines and participating in the performance at the following week's game. Forms must be notarized - notary will be present on site. Fliers are available.**

**Item 16: Chick-fil-a Night - We want to try to get more revenue from this event. 10% of purchase goes to the band when customers say they are there to support GHSIMB. We want to have people at the door passing out fliers to alert people of the fundraising effort underway. Troy also discussed the role of the Jumbo Haulers and invited parents to get involved.**

**Item 17: We will have a Rummage Sale in the GHS parking lot on Saturday October 27 from 7:00 A.M. - until ??. All families are asked to clean out closets, drawers, and garages to help with this event. We also need baked goods and other snacks donated. Anyone who might like to do face painting, please let Meg Bell know.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Meg Bell - GHSIMB Secretary