

Minutes

Gaither High School Instrumental Music Boosters (GHSIMB) Meeting
Tuesday, August 17, 2010
Gaither High School

1. **Call to Order** at 7:15 p.m. by Co-President John Whittington. Attendees given nametags and encouraged to sign attendance sheet being passed around.
2. **Minutes** – The last meeting of the GHSIMB was in May, 2010. Minutes are on file and available through the website.
3. **Introductions** –John Whittington welcomed everyone and introduced the 2010-2011 GHSIMB board members.
4. **Forms** – Co-Vice President Annie Middleton reviewed the forms parents need to complete and stressed the importance of current, accurate contact information in case of emergency.
5. **Booster Membership** – Co-Treasurer Marta Chastain shared the benefits of becoming a member of GHSIMB, including the privilege of voting, priority for chaperone slots, and numerous meaningful volunteer opportunities.
6. **Chaperone Policy** – John Whittington reviewed the chaperone policy, which is stricter this year. There will be 20 slots per home game for official chaperones. Chaperones must a Gaither Band shirt and will be assigned chaperone badges. They will enter the stadium with the band and will be expected to perform assigned chaperone duties. Cowboy Crew leaders, photographers and uniform chairs will automatically have chaperone slots. Other slots will be filled by sign-ups, with priority given to Booster members. If there are too many who want to volunteer, we will use a rotating system to be fair to all. This year's chaperone volunteer is Lara McKay.
7. **Director's Report – Mr. Brian Dell**
 - a. Mr. Dell thanked parents for all their support.
 - b. Students will receive a Band Handbook in class with valuable information, policies, etc. An electronic version will be available on Edline.
 - c. Students and parents encouraged to attend USF's HOT Day Sept. 4.
 - d. The first home game on Aug. 27 will be considered a "practice" so students can learn pregame, performance and post-game routines.
 - e. Once classes start, band practice will be 4-7 Tues/Thurs. Students encouraged to take advantage of academic tutoring available from 3-4 if needed.
 - f. Fees – Families reminded of fees, encouraged to let him know if there are financial concerns, so he can let them know of options.
 - g. Shoe fitting will be done on Monday. Two volunteers needed.

h. Calendar – Mr. Dell keeps the website calendar up-to-date. The school board is still debating the school year schedule regarding days off. Following the Aug. 31 school board decision, he will finalize the calendar dates.

i. This week's schedule – Band camp will start at 6:00 on Wed. to accommodate Freshmen / New Student orientation. Students will be released during Band Camp Thursday to attend Open House. Parents are invited to a sneak preview of the show Friday night on the practice field.

j. Mr. Dell introduced the 2010 Show, "Ameila, Queen of Flight".

8. Historians' Report – Co-Historians Pat and Linda Brammell are senior parents, so we will need someone next year to take pictures, post pictures on walmart.com., make a scrapbook, take videos, and create the year-end video. They are willing to mentor anyone this year who would like to learn how and invite any "shutterbugs" to contact them.

9. Treasurers' Report – Marta Chastain

a. Fees – Parents can pay with check or money order or online through Paypal. (Click "Donate" on the website homepage.) Parents asked not to send cash, as these other methods enable better tracking for business purposes. There is a \$3.50 charge per Paypal transaction.

b. Parents reminded to list student name and purpose of payment in the memo line of checks and in any correspondence about money. Payment envelopes are provided on top of the black payment box outside Mr. Dell's office.

c. The Boosters have tried out a new software system with the Starettes this summer. The Charms system has proven to be very user-friendly, we will begin using it for everyone in September with the "old" Excel as a backup. With Charms, parents will be able to see their up-to-date detailed accounts online.

d. As of today, 45% of band fees and 60% of Starette fees are paid.

10. Picnic – The annual Band Picnic is Saturday, Aug. 21, from 11 :00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Northdale Park. Parents encouraged to donate bottled water for this event (and anytime), along with their assigned items for the picnic.

11. First Home Game Pre-game Meal – Sue Anne Broyles and Lori Mallardi are coordinating the pregame meals this year (applause!). The Aug. 27 meal is being catered by Pepos. Sue Ann will send out a mailing asking for salad, bread, and desserts.

12. Raymond James Stadium Fundraiser – Co-Treasurer Lindy Pence distributed a list of RJS events and invited parents to sign up to work concessions. Of our share of profits, 60% goes directly into student accounts and 40% goes to GHSIMB.

12. New Business - John Whittington presented the idea of allowing 8th grade parents to set up accounts now to begin fundraising for next year's band fees. The motion was made and seconded to allow 8th grade parents to set up band

accounts and begin raising funds through Raymond James, with the understanding that current students' families would get first priority for working and that if the student does not enroll in band for freshman year, those funds would stay with the band. The vote carried pending a check to see if this requires a change in bylaws. In that case, Board will revisit the issue.

13. **New Band Parent Mentors** were invited to stand. Parents encouraged to direct questions to any of them.

Following door prize drawings for Image Depot products, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
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