

Minutes

Gaither High School Instrumental Music Boosters (GHSIMB) Meeting
Tuesday, December 7, 2010
Gaither High School

1. **Call to Order** at 7:00 by Co-President John Whittington.
2. **Minutes** of previous meeting approved.
3. **VP Report** –

A. Co-Vice-President John Middleton reported on the successful **Poinsettia Sale**. A total of \$2300 went into student accounts, and \$1538 went into the GHSIMB account. The Boosters thanked event chair Annie Middleton and all her helpers for their hard work and excellent organization. Boosters noted the high quality of the plants and suggested adding advertising fliers and providing early morning coffee on delivery day next year.

B. John Middleton announced an upcoming **workday** to clean out and organize the trailer, the Booster room, and the Uniform Room after the new floor is put down. Date TBA.

C. There is a new opportunity to work as ushers/hosts at **Raymond James**. Ushers help patrons find seats, etc and can watch the game. They “earn” \$7/hour which could be split between Boosters and student accounts. Referred to Board.

5. **Treasurer’s Report** –

A. Co-Treasurer Marta Chastain reported that student accounts are 70% paid up with \$7,800 still out in band fees; this amount is half of what it was last year. Starettes are working on Winterguard costs and payments and will have 2 upcoming payments. Their first competition is Jan. 29.

B. **FBA** Final Numbers – GHSIMB raised \$13,007 by hosting **FBA**. This is \$1000 more than last year.

6. **Upcoming Events** –

A. **Winter Concert** is Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m. Board members will decorate a tree and auction it off that night. There will be a table to sell leftover FBA items and other band items from Image Depot. Tri-M will be collecting non-perishable food items as “admission tickets” and volunteers will hold band hats for donations.

B. **Band Trip** – Mr. Dell and the board proposed a trip to Orlando during the county’s 4-day break in March. Participants would leave from school Thursday, March 17, enjoy Universal (including the new Harry Potter World) all day Friday, and participate in the Dynamic Music Festival on Saturday before returning home late Saturday night. Cost presented as \$300, all-inclusive.

Motion made, seconded, and voted “yes” for this trip. There will be 4 payments broken down as \$50, \$50, \$100, and \$100.

7. Fundraising

A. **Raymond James Stadium Concessions** – Upcoming events include: Bucs game Dec. 10, Bucs game Dec. 26, Outback Bowl Jan. 1, Monster Jam, and Kenney Chesney concert Mar. 19. Volunteers needed for each event. Lindy Pense is coordinator.

B. **Golf Tournament**- The board presented the idea of a late spring golf tournament at Northdale Golf Club. A full field would be 144 golfers, each paying an entry fee, plus extra expenses customary to most golf tournaments, possibly raising as much as \$10,000. John Middleton to chair the event. Boosters would need to collect auction items, such as sports memorabilia, and recruiting around 12 volunteers for the day of the event.

C. The board presented the idea of charging for the annual **Opus** concert and asked for Booster feedback. Feedback was positive; suggestions included charging \$5 per person, allowing cost to come out of student accounts, requiring students to sell at least 5 tickets, and providing premium tickets that include premium seating and an opportunity to be in a drawing for a large-screen tv. In January, Boosters will vote: “Charge \$5 per Opus ticket, which come through student accounts, and offer premium tickets with extra benefits.”

D. **Avon Bears** – Fundraising idea presented by a band student, who would like to donate her profits to the band. Idea is to sell Avon bears during January for \$20 each; band keeps \$10.

E. **Car Wash** idea is still an option with a band parent offering to host at her 5/3 bank. Idea tabled until warmer weather.

F. **Goodsearch.com** - Co-Treasurer Lindy Pense reported that people who use Goodsearch.com as a search engine can raise money for the band. Go to www.goodsearch.com and choose GHSIMB as your charity to support. Each search earns 1 cent and each purchase originating through Goodsearch.com gives a small percentage. Year-to-date earnings: \$54.

8. New Business

A. **Booster Meeting** times were discussed. Now that FBA is over, Booster meetings will return to a 7:00 regular start time.

B. **Band Booster Summit** – Idea presented of meeting with other band booster organizations to share ideas for fundraising, etc. Board to pursue this in January.

C. **Mulch Madness** idea presented as a possible spring fundraiser similar to the poinsettia sale. Boosters discussed pros (another option for student accounts, charge more for delivery, option to charge extra for spreading) and cons (heavy lifting, labor intensive). Board to investigate details.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Band Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Garnett, Secretary