

**Gaither High School
Instrumental Music Booster's
Booster's Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2009**

Attendees: See sign in sheet

Meeting commenced: 19:06

President's Report:

Laura Lambert opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Reminded all to keep checking the web site for any changes, Mr. Dell's weekly message, etc.

New news: Suntrust Charity, check being mailed next week. 55 people participated some of those were chorus so it will be divided accordingly.

Lara: all accounts are done. Mr. Dell has probably already gotten with those that haven't paid their band fees. If you want to know account balance, see Lara as she has the info with her.

If you have already received confirmation from SunTrust, let Lara know how much the check is supposed to be for so she can match it up.

For trip deposits please indicate "band, student deposit or chaperone deposit" on the envelope. Make sure to indicate you child's first and last name and your first and last name and put the envelope in the black box.

Mr. Dell took a vote from the kids and they voted Atlanta over Myrtle Beach, SC or Orlando. A vote was then taken at this meeting and it was an overwhelming vote for proceeding with Atlanta. We will be getting more info out as soon as it is available.

There is a 50.00 non-refundable deposit per person that is planning on attending the trip. The deposit amounts and dates are as follows:

1/16 50.00

1/30 50.00

2/13 100.00

2/27 50.00

3/13 100.00

3/27 remainder (approximately 100.00)

Let Lara know if you want the money taken out of your child's account.

Lara has prepared a form with stickers on it with account balances will be sent out.

VP Report: Reminded anyone planning on chaperoning needs to be fingerprinted. Ginger has all the information. The cost is \$47.25 and they do not take credit cards, checks, or cash. It has to be in the form of a money order for the exact amount or they won't. They are good for 3 years. Ginger has a list of who is good at this time. This needs to be done by the end of January if you want to chaperone.

There is no way of knowing how long it will take to notify us if someone does not pass the background check.

Starette report:

First competition is this Saturday at University High School in Orlando. The girls have 2-3 comp/month and 2 dance competitions (2/21 and 2/28). There is a meeting on Thurs 7:00 PM in the band room. The girls will be leaving here at 12:30 for competition. Dress rehearsal is Friday at 5 if anyone wants to watch. Laura encouraged everyone to come out and support the girls.

The Snoop Bowl- GHS selected to host this year. Mr. Strapp wanted to meet with band, athletic, and PTSA board to assist. "Snoop Dog" has a football team on the west coast and he brings his team to the Super Bowl city to play against a local team. Mike Alstott is putting the team together. 400+ kids showed up to try out on Saturday.

Lots of famous coaches involved with the teams. It is a fund raiser for the community. We are expecting 4000-5000 people. Will be doing practices:

Alexander park Jan 13-15 practice

Then the following will be at GHS:

17th

20-23 (evenings)

24 -media day

10-12 year olds will be participating. The man putting this together (Thaddeus) is a former Gator. He also puts together concerts, etc.

We are manning parking, concession stand, selling and taking tickets. Will need about 150 volunteers on game day. Will have vendors and booths, Alex BBQ, Wing Stuff, Elements, Smoothie King, Papa Johns, Jakes, Bob Evans to name a few. The charge is 2500.00 to have a table. If we contact the business and they become a vendor, we will get a % of that. The cut off day is 15th. Desiree working on getting a car donated.

20.00 each ticket includes parking

40.00 VIP ticket (not sure what VIP includes)

They will need a lot of security. If you are interested in volunteering, please e-mail Laura. There is a possibility that volunteers will be needed for media day. There is a lot of money to be made from this (5000.00 to be split between Athletics, PTSA, and us) and no money out of our pocket.

Mr. Strapp is fixing the speaker system at the field. Various radio stations will be here too.

RJS:

Volunteers

Kids can sign up for this too. Mr. Strapp is still deciding on whether they will get community service hours or not.

Starts around 1, gates open around 11. All of this is subject to change.

Super Bowl- Deanna is going to a meeting this Thursday regarding credentials. There is a mandatory meeting this Saturday at 9:00 for one planning on working the Super Bowl. Deanna will have more information on Thursday and between Thursday and Saturday she will contact all that had passing credentials.

Bob discussed the meetings before the games and the incidents with alcohol. We've had 2 so far and there is a "zero tolerance" policy.

All college games: everyone is carded; BUCS games, it was decided that 30 and under were carded but now everyone must be carded. If you are caught selling beer to anyone without carding them, you will be asked to leave. Law enforcement is running more stings. Everything is now on the line with GHS due to these slip ups.

Mr. Dell: Trip information:

Trying to do \$450 or less but he needs an exact number before he can say or sure. Trying to do midnight bowling, Medieval Times (this is the most expensive thing so far), Coke building, possibly a ghost tour, Six Flags, CNN building, Centennial Park. Will leave school early Thursday morning. Will perform at the Fiesta Val. There is a chaperone fee to attend the competition but is less than that for the students participating. The fees include a t-shirt, meal, and Six Flags). He is still working on details. Won't be more than 450.00 though.

All events, meals, sight seeing, included. Staying at Embassy Suites near the airport. They will be performing in Clayton County Performing Arts Center. May be able to do a ghost tour in downtown Atlanta. Orchestra is piggybacking with us (about 40 students interested).

Will need at least 1 chaperone per 10 students but any parent can go.

All county parents- web site has all the particulars. Spoto HS is far away. Had 38 kids selected. All kids have been given a “school business” form that they should have taken to their teachers to be exempt from classes that day.

Joshua House- over 400 canned goods and 100 different toy items were collected. Tri M will help with getting canned good at the concert on the 26th as well. Plan to go back to JH mid March.

Will be hosting the Special Olympics here too. Will be selling t-shirts.

Jazz MPA Feb 6 at fairgrounds. Students must get their own transportation and it is an all day event, no school that day. Kids can help being runners and can get community service hours but they have to pay to enter. Performing students do not have to pay to get in.

Not doing Gasparilla or the Fair parade.

Solo and ensemble is at Alonso High School.

Mr. Dell purchased a new sound system for 235.00 that replaced the one from 1980 something. Makes it nicer for the kids as it actually works.

Reminder: Gaither talent show is on 2/5/09 in the auditorium.

Michele- needs volunteers to help with doing the scanning to put all 25yrs into books. Some years have many photos.

No feedback yet on Ms Grasso’s replacement. Nothing official yet.

This year’s Opus rehearsals will not conflict with AP tutoring as happened last year. Mr. Dell hasn’t done the schedule yet but will work with individual students to make sure they are not torn between Opus rehearsals and tutoring.

Meeting adjourned 20:13

by Janeen Valdez, Secretary