

**Gaither High School
Instrumental Music Booster's
Booster's Meeting
Tuesday, May 6, 2008**

Attendees:

Bob Zastudil

Pat Bourdeau

Lara McCay

Trisha High

Gabe High

Jay Varone

Mike Stuart

Bob Barker

Eric Hausmann

Randy Hausmann

Steve Sichel

Robin Pritchard

Debbie Wedding

Beth Paulk

Russell Paulk

Janeen Valdez

Ginger Simoens

Brian Lambert

Troy Osborne

Jean Wilkerson

Jose Reyno

Michele Reyno

Amy Cosgrove

John Myers

Kathy Myers

Cathie Prentiss

Karl Prentiss

Kim Coreau

Mike Crawford

Lee Ann West

Leanne Duncan

Desiree Feliu

Cindy Swan

Debbie Osborne

Brian Dell

Steve Simoens

Laura Lambert

Meeting commenced: 19:04

Troy Osborne opened the meeting by thanking everyone for a year of full support.

- **Reported that the band made over \$500.00 at the rummage sale and it was felt that less money was made this time, possibly due to having a bad location.**
- **Reported that on 4/19/08, the band participated in the Northdale Fun Fest and he saw Desiree networking (way to go Desiree!).**
- **5/15/08- Opus will be held at 7:00 in the auditorium. Tickets are free. Mr. Dell reported that there will be 82 minutes of non-stop music!**
- **Troy- Splash Bash meeting- senior parents, Troy requests that each parent send in two 1- liter bottles of soda for Splash Bash, which is on May 30, 2008. He also mentioned Reggie White's family fundraiser. Informed everyone it went well. Reggie's 13 year old little brother Brandon (who would be coming to GHS band playing the sax next year) is suffering from a glioblastoma (very aggressive brain cancer). Brandon is currently undergoing chemo and radiation. Troy encouraged everyone to visit the family's web site: www.brandonwilsonfoundation.com to make donations, etc.**

Treasure's Report: Mike Crawford thanked everyone for their patience and indicated that there is still money in the account and almost all the bills have been paid and there should be money left for instruments for next year.

Starette Report: Kathy Myers reported that there will be 33 Starettes and 4 alternates. There will be 9 returning Starettes.

- Ben Hill did not get info until day before try-outs so another audition will be held May 31.
- There will be a Starette meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 from 6:00-7:00 and all Starettes need to be there.
- Jr. Starette camp will be on 9/6/08 with the performance on 9/12/08. Kathy will try to get all the information together to hand out to the schools on first day of school next year.

Cathy Prentiss- reported that Stephen left for the Air Force and she wants to give out his address so many people as possible can write to him. Stephen was a big part of the Jumbo Haulers last year.

After this announcement, Troy proceeded to introduce and formally induct the members of the new Board:

Brian and Laura Lambert- Co- Presidents

Steve and Ginger Simoens- Co-Vice Presidents

Janeen Valdez- Secretary

Lara McCay- Treasurer

Karl Prentiss- Historian

Laura opened with the acknowledgement that the new Board has “huge shoes” to fill.

Brian Lambert- also thanked everyone.

- Mentioned 25th anniversary
- Informed the Boosters that we have been gathering information over the past few weeks from every available source and that we are trying to get an idea of how to operate.
- Mentioned the constitution/bylaws must be followed in accordance with the way the school operates.
- The Board has been trying to look at the charter and change it where it is obsolete, for example, the orchestra is still part of the band. We are looking to change it going forward and abide by it.

Laura:

- In moving forward, it was noticed that there really isn't a mission statement, which is very important to our corporate sponsorship program. It will be posted on the web site and will be on our stationery. The proposed mission statement reads as follows:

“To enhance the efforts of the *Gaither High School Instrumental Music Program* through fundraising and support to enable the students and faculty to "*Strive for Excellence*" in their musical and educational pursuits”

Brian moved to adopt this mission statement. The motion passed with unanimous approval

Janeen:

- **Will take minutes at every meeting and will post those minutes on the web site within 5 working days of the meeting.**

Lara:

- **There will be a budget meeting at the end of May. She reported that she is still working with Mike Crawford and they still have a LOT to do.**

Ginger:

- **Reiterated that the new Board has been meeting over the past few weeks to review the bylaws.**
- **The Board wants to check on new or updated Hillsborough County regulations as well as any new or updated state laws or state tax laws.**
- **Bylaws on are now on the web site. When the new ones are approved, they will replace the old ones. We have a goal this year to really cut down on paper use, therefore, all forms are on the web (except booster membership information, but this too will be added to the web as soon as it has been revised and includes next years fees).**

Karl: Gave update on DVD progress

- **Reported that it is almost ready for mass production stage. It will cost \$10.00 again this year and the proceeds will be donated to the Booster's. It runs about 36 minutes.**
- **Karl will be working on a video tool to help sell the band's image when being presented to would-be sponsors. Karl got a \$1000.00 scholarship check and has already given it to Mike.**

Janeen:

- **Focus on “Band with Class” and “Watch us set the example”.**

Steve:

- **Proposed a new name for the “Jumbo Haulers”; presented “Cowboy Crew” to the Boosters. Steve moved that the “Jumbo Haulers” name to officially be changed to “Cowboy Crew”. The motion passed with one “nay” and the rest “yeas”.**

Laura- volunteering/committees- we will need a LOT of help next year.

- Laura requests that anyone interested in being a part of these committees, to please send her an e-mail @ laurabell_l@yahoo.com. The committees are as follows:
- Chaperones
- Cowboy crew
- Corporate sponsors (Desiree Feliu)
- Uniforms
- Cowboy Store- anything past first purchase will be sold here
- Senior Night
- Pointsietta Sales
- Printing/Programs
- Banquet
- Middle school night
- Hospitality- will be responsible for water for the kids, etc.
- Booster Liaison- meeting with other Band Booster organizations
- Welcoming committee- for home football games
- Chic-Fil-A night
- Rummage sale
- Produce sale
- Band Trip

New business:

Brian L- Citigroup fundraising event

- On June 20th, they will need about 12 volunteers, at least 3 adults from 1:00 to 5:00. On Saturday, June 21, they need 50 people, with at least 15 of them adults, from 7:00am to 10:00pm to help with inflatables, snacks, food, and beverages. GHSIMB will be paid \$2,800.00 for both days (actually works out to be about \$5.00 to \$6.00/hr/person. They will need an answer within a week. GHS ROTC will also be participating but the band will be handling the bulk of it. Send Mr. Dell an e-mail Mr. Dell ASAP if you or your child is interested. Mr. Dell believes the minimum age is 13.

Mr. Dell- introduced Steve Mallardi from Image depot.

- Has used other companies but he has shopped around for best price and this company by far won the bid. He has twin girls that will be here 2009. He knows Cindy Swan too. Erin is his sales manager and Maggie is his assistant. He has been in business for 13yrs. He will gladly be a corporate sponsor of the band as he has a vested interest in GHS. He will give us preferred pricing with no set up charges.
- He has offered to do the “Cowboy Crew” hats at no cost with “Cowboy Crew” written on the back. He will do moisture manage shirt for kids. Although his company is in Pinellas County, everything will be delivered to school.
- Had several samples of shirts, duffel bags, jackets, long sleeve denim, sweats, etc. Will also do socks and specialty shirts too, i.e., “section” shirts.

- Specifics were as follows:
 - The student's uniform shirts are like under armor and are much cooler, lighter and better quality than the current shirts. They will not lose their shape or fade in color. They are \$9.00 each.
 - The student's uniform shorts- same brand as the shirts and also very light (they weigh only 5 ounces as opposed to the current 10 ounce shorts). They have pockets and a drawstring waste. They are \$12.00 each.
 - Baseball hats- Mr. Dell wants navy blue hats with a white "G" on the front and possibly "Gaither Marching Cowboys" on the back. Mr. Dell would like for this to be a part of their uniforms (in the stands when not wearing their shakos) and for band practice (to help with the sunshine and heat). They are \$6.00 for the hats with just the "G" and between \$7.00 and \$8.00 if "Gaither Marching Cowboys" is added to the back.
 - Adults shirts will be dry fit polo's (ladies will now have a female cut T). They will be either navy blue with white writing (Mr. Dell is working on a better font) that says "Gaither Cowboys" or white with navy blue writing. Our cost is \$20.25 but we will sell them for \$25.00 each.
 - Other items include: duffel bag with Gaither logo and student's name embroidered on top for \$18.95 each (currently paying \$32.00 for the same thing), hoodies for \$12.95 each (Starettes using these), ultra-thick hoodies for \$18.95 each, denim shirts (price to be determined), cut sleeved shirts for females (price TBD), and water-repellent jackets (price TBD). The adult shirts *may* have the 25th anniversary logo on the sleeve.

Amy Cosgrove- Gave band banquet update.

- Banquet is next Saturday and all forms must be in by this Friday (5/9/08). Amy will make sure tickets will be given to Mr. Dell and he will give to child to bring home by this Thursday or Friday at the latest.
- Amy reminded everyone that there is the possibility of a random car search once on the base. You will need your driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance with you.
- Feel free to e-mail Amy's at cozzmania@aol.com

Desiree- Corporate sponsorship update

- Everything has been finalized and we can now proceed. We will need 100 color copies in clear binders. Desiree needs about 10 (or more) volunteers on May 10 to meet at the Brunchery in Northdale at 10:30. She would like all 100 copies distributed.
- E-mail Laura to let her know if you are interested in volunteering for this. Desiree will also need help with the follow up on these packets.
- We will need help with securing restaurants as sponsors as we will feed the kids before all away games. Mr. Dell is very frustrated with away game concessions as the kids are not able to make it back to the stands by the beginning of the fourth quarter. In order to change this, we need to take care of our own kids since other schools haven't helped. We will be working on a procedure for every

away game to feed them before we go. This will also help those that don't have or bring money to eat.

Mr. Dell

- Trying to secure "Dip-n-Dots" at either 25% or 50% profit (depending on how we do it). He encouraged everyone to carry a promotional packet wherever they go.
- Next years band trip- Inaugural Parade is the plan but right now, there is nothing posted anywhere for Mr. Dell to fill out. He will keep checking the web site for any updates. The plan is to pre book as much as possible. If we do not get selected for the parade, there is a music festival in DC at the same time. Last time GHS was chosen it was because of knowing the right people. Mr. Dell will push to get it. Michele Reyno will get a copy of letter we sent last time and use it as a reference for this time. He wants to do as much as possible as early as possible.
- End of the year camp- doing something different... a mini camp (June 5-7 for music only). There are three home games in a row at the beginning of the year so the basics will be taught at this mini camp. This is a mandatory camp unless there is a prior conflict. If there is a conflict Mr. Dell must be informed ASAP. If your child is not at this camp and Mr. Dell has not been made aware of a conflict then your child will be an alternate in the show and will not have a regular place. There will be a Freshman welcome meeting at 3:00 then the kids will perform what they have learned at 4 on the last day of this mini camp.
- This year's show is all about the school and will be exciting and fun for the kids.
- Mr. Dell can't officially release the August camp dates because the school will be under major construction (roof, gym floor, for example) and the school calendar can't be finalized until they know what's what. They will not allow any students to be anywhere near the construction areas.
- Regular camp is two weeks long but most are half days.
- Mr. Dell wants less stress this year and to really focus on the school.
- Mr. Dell is trying to get permission to build a permanent tower on the field (can be used to store things and for practices). He wants Lara and Brain to talk to a representative from the Athletic Boosters Organization to get permission to use the football field because the driver's education range is too hot and unsafe.
- For the band's contribution to "fixing up" the school for the 25th anniversary, the band will re-paint the blue hoof prints on the sidewalks. Each student that helps will receive community service hours.
- Mr. Dell, on behalf of many of the kids is going to try to get "Tri M" society up and running at GHS. This is a music honor society, just like NHS and Beta but for music. Mr. Dell feels many students will qualify.

Laura- closed the meeting with letting everyone know she is the point person for all questions and concerns. Meeting was declared adjourned.

Meeting concluded: 20:24

NEXT MEETING: TBA

Minutes recorded by Janeen Valdez, Secretary