

# Minutes

Gaither High School Instrumental Music Boosters (GHSIMB) Meeting  
Tuesday, February 9, 2010  
Gaither High School

1. **Call to Order** at 7:00 p.m. by Ginger Simoens. Members reminded to sign in.
2. **Minutes** – Molly Garnett to take minutes for Secretary Kathy Myers.

## 3. Officers' Reports

### a. Presidents' Report – Stephen and Ginger Simoens

1. **Band Trip** is April 28-May 1 to Orlando. Cost is \$275, based on 125 going; this could fluctuate some depending on participation. Mandatory trip meeting April 27 to review rules, check luggage. Activities include Universal Studios, Blue Man Group, meals. Group will walk to all activities to save on bus cost. Help needed for meal/activities ideas for Friday night. Deadline to sign up is Feb. 12.
2. **Booster Summit** – Idea presented of gathering area booster groups to discuss, share ideas for fundraisers, etc. More info to follow.

### b. Vice Presidents' Report – Lara McCay and Desiree Feliu

1. **Band Trip chaperones** must have fingerprinting and Serve Forms on file. Information distributed about how to do this.
2. **Volunteer Hours** – GHS and GHSIMB can be recognized and rewarded for volunteer hours. Members asked to record hours in logbook for this year's work. Verizon recently gave GHSIMB \$750 for volunteer hours.
3. **The Auction** scheduled for March 13 has been canceled and revised. See committee reports.
4. **Will the Barber** has donated part of the cost of each of 40 haircuts to the band, in addition to an extra donation check.
5. **Dinner for a Week** fundraiser idea presented: Ask for donations for new instruments. Each donor is entered into a drawing to win gift certificates for 7 dinners out at area restaurants. The only out-of-pocket cost is printing tickets, which Steve will do. **Motion made and passed** to try this. We will do two rounds of Dinner for a Week, one now and one later. Donation tickets will be \$20 each. Desiree and others to solicit gift certificates.

- C. **Starette Liaison Report – Desiree Young** – The Starettes place 9<sup>th</sup> of 23 in their first competition of the season in Orlando! The next event is Feb. 13 out of town. Boosters encouraged to attend and support

upcoming local events: Feb. 20 at Alonso (Solo and Ensemble) and March 13 at Jefferson (competition).

- d. **Historians' Report - Pat and Linda Brammell** - Senior parents are asked to send in 3 pictures of their seniors: a baby picture, a "mid-life" picture, and a senior picture. Disc or e-mail submissions preferred. Deadline is spring break. They will create a flier to send out. Someone has been deleting pictures from the Wal-Mart account. No information available about who or why.

e **Treasurers' Report - Marta Chastain and John Whittington**

1. **Individual account statements** were distributed. Parents can request statements or ask questions by e-mailing Marta at [marta.chastain@yahoo.com](mailto:marta.chastain@yahoo.com).
2. **Trip Information and Payment schedule** were distributed. Forms need to be returned even if student is not going. Non-refundable payments due are: 1) \$75 on Feb. 12, 2) \$100 on March 19, and 3) \$100 on April 19.
3. Many band and starette **accounts** are still not paid up. Significant progress has been made in the last 6 weeks as people become more aware of their balances.
4. Parents reminded to pay with checks or by **Paypal** rather than cash to create a "paper trail" for record-keeping. Remember to add in the \$3.50 charge per transaction on Paypal and to explain in the memo section exactly what the payment is for.
5. Money from the **Monster Jam** event at Raymond James Feb. 6 should be posted in accounts in 2 weeks.

4. **Committee Reports –**

- a. **Auction** – There will be a Silent Auction during Opus on May 25. Boosters discussed ideas for this event, including setting up items for display in the gym, designing entrance so that concert attendees have to walk through display, having longer before Opus starts to shop, and having items available for bid online. **Mr. Dell** will explore ways to manage bids online. No vote needed for this event, as Boosters previously approved an auction of some kind.
- b. **Pizza Fundraiser** - Alternative to cookie dough sale presented: sell Pizza Hut cards at \$10. Cards allow buyer to get one free medium pizza with purchase of large pizza, can be used up to 12 times. Cost of cards up front is \$4. Motion made and passed to do this as a student account replacement fundraiser.
- c. **Concessions fundraiser** – Lindsey presented information about working at Tropicana Field vs. Raymond James. Possibility of more commissions, 16-year-old students can work. Boosters discussed. Motion made and passed to gather more information and pursue possibilities and vote on this in March. The board will explore contract.

- d. **Calendar fundraiser** – Desiree presented an option for families still looking for ways to pay their band fees: selling 2010 calendars at \$10 each that include 500 coupons. Motion made and passed to make this available.

**5. No new or unfinished business**

**6. Announcements**

- a. **Solo & Ensemble** will be Feb. 19-20 at Alonso. Schedule will be posted soon. Ensembles will be Friday night; to hear the Gaither ensembles, parents encouraged to be there at 5:20. Solos will be Saturday.
- b. **Booster Board nominations** are due by the next meeting, March 9. Members strongly encouraged to consider serving.
- c. **Concert/ Symphonic MPA** will be March 12 at Wharton. There will be a bus.
- d. **Wind Ensemble MPA** will be March 19 at Wharton. Students will arrange their own rides.
- e. Dates on the **website calendar** will need to be adjusted due to building renovations, which will include the auditorium.

**7. Director's Report – Mr. Dell** encouraged parents to pay close attention and to be proactive as their students register for next year's classes to be sure they get the electives they want. If parents have concerns, they can send e-mails to guidance and cc Mrs. Whalen. Classes through Florida Virtual School are still available despite a reduction in the number of courses. Summer is a good time to take online classes to free up space for arts electives.

**8. Meeting adjourned** at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Molly Garnett,  
substituting for Secretary Kathy Myers