

## **GHSIMB Minutes - Tuesday September 11, 2007**

The meeting was called to order in the GHS chorus room by Troy Osborne at 7:04 P.M.

**Item 1 - Troy thanked all of the parents who chaperoned the band trip to FSU Band Day, helped out at the Band Camp Picnic, or assisted with Jumbo Haulers. The help of all of our great parents is always so appreciated. He also announced that the band had received a \$1,000 grant from The Unsinkable Krewe of Molly Brown which will help us to purchase needed instrumentation for Jazz Band and other groups.**

**Item 2 - Linda Richards discussed the Produce Sale. She explained the cost and mentioned that the produce baskets are easy to sell. She demonstrated the huge difference between the amount of produce that can be bought at the grocery store and the amount provided by the sale. Checks for produce should be made out to GHSIMB by 9/27. Pick-up will occur on Saturday 9/29 from 8-11 A.M. Box set-up is on 9/29 at 7:00 A.M. Students who come to help can earn extra credit. Linda also discussed measurements for Wind Ensemble concert attire. Guys need to get measured for their tuxes ASAP; girls who have not ordered concert dresses need to do so ASAP.**

**Item 3 - Troy asked about interest in a parent car wash in the coming weeks. The consensus was that parents would rather raise funds in other ways.**

**Item 4 - This Friday 9/14, band pictures will be taken. Individual pictures in class; whole band pictures at 6:45 prior to marching in for the game.**

**Item 5 - Troy reminded the parents that the Dry Cleaning Fee of \$100.00 is due by Friday the 14th. The original deadline for this fee had been extended to give parents time to handle the numerous beginning of school expenses. The first dry cleaning will occur this week.**

**Item 6 - Water is due for the Baritones/French Horns on 9/12 and squeeze bottles from the Trumpets/Tubas for 9/19.**

**Item 7 - Troy asked about any parents who might be Verizon employees since they and other companies have matching programs for employees who perform community service. We are also interested in finding out about other companies who have such programs.**

**Item 8 - Our treasurer Mike Crawford gave an informative and detailed presentation on the budget. He compliments all parents on their involvement in their children's lives. After examining our fundraising data, Mike feels that we must maximize our fundraising output by making more money through fewer fundraisers so that we do not overtax our students or our parents. In Mike's view, Raymond James is our best bet. There was also discussion about the fact that we are not offering the "opt-out" possibility this year on fundraising. However, we are also not**

**making participation in fundraising mandatory this year as we have in years past. Mr. Dell's goal is to make booster membership affordable to all families. No student will ever be turned away for inability to afford band membership. Fundraising continues to be a difficult balancing act due to busy schedules. Those families who do not wish to participate in fundraisers have the choice not to do so. Several parents expressed a desire to see a return to the "opt-out" fee. The issue is that we cannot seem to be in a position in which we are "forcing" people to fundraise. This has never been the board's intention. Mike has invited any parent who wishes to view the budget line by line to see him. As was the case last year, Mike will continue to provide updates to parents regarding their students' accounts.**

**Item 9 - The Jr. Starette Camp will take place on Saturday, Sept. 15. 70+ girls have signed up to attend. help is needed on Saturday from 2-6 P.M. Forms and money for the camp will be accepted through Saturday.**

Meeting adjourned by Troy Osborne at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meg Bell

GHSIMB Secretary