

Grissom Band Parents Association Meeting
October 23, 2006, 7:06 pm called to order by Jay Simcox, President

Board Members Present:

Bill Connell, Director
Jay Simcox, President
Jim Gatherer, 1st Vice President

Becky Lash, 2nd Vice President
Julie Ashcraft, Treasurer
Mary Setzer, Secretary

Jim Krenn motion to accept September GBPA meeting minutes, Kristi Fugit 2nd: minutes accepted

Jay Simcox:

- VBC shifts available for work, (schedule in email) definitely need to keep this going, people need to help! Not only is it a good way to help the band and earn band fees, it's great experience (and motivation) for students to work
- Concert helpers sign ups at front
- Fruit sale flyer to post at business (made by Kristi Fugit) is available at front; ads will also go in newspaper. Flyer will also be available via email.

Bill Connell:

- Thanks as always for being here at the meeting, and at the games, and at the competitions... kids *really* do appreciate it!!!
- Only 2 football games left, Hazel Green (there) and Lee (Homecoming)
- Homecoming – senior presentations will be done pre-game instead of the show (some sections have been taking up senior gift money)
- November 9 fall concert Thursday, 7:30 (since there is no school Friday). Will be ~1 ½ hours all 3 concert groups performing, it will be good, bands putting together a good concert, lots of work in short time
- Sat 11th Veterans' Parade (calendar has Friday 10th)... parade starts at 11 (channel 48) no lineup yet, will give details later... the lineup/schedule is not generally available until Thursday or so.
- Senior trip, students will vote, choices narrowed to NYC, Orlando, Chicago. Trip will be the week before spring break (Thursday or Friday to Monday or Tuesday) trying to limit cost to ~\$600, NYC or Orlando will have to include airfare, quotes have been requested
- During the meeting we'll hear more about Scrip, concessions, fruit sales... please support these fundraisers, the more we do like this the less likely we have resort to projects like selling door-to-door
- Please encourage students (age 16 or over) to work at VBC, this helps the band too!!!
- Bid requests in for equipment for city's \$20K, it is now a more streamlined process, the city is aware that bids need to go out before January 1 because prices go up ~15%, since vendors want to get rid of inventory early prices are better
- It may be time for students who are playing same instrument they started using in middle school to upgrade. This is an investment in both the child and the band. More information will be in next newsletter. The directors are not telling kids their instrument is "lousy" they have to buy new, but that they should be talking it over with parents etc.

- Theo is out, had surgery today 1:00, on shoulder arthritis, bone chips, anticipate lots of pain due to shaving bone, etc...

Q What type of equipment will be purchased with the city money?

A Bells, bass clarinets, maybe alto flute for flute choir, maybe sousaphones depends on market

Q Will there be a GHS produced DVD of marching season?

A Yes, \$20, order forms will be out by November meeting and delivered by December before Christmas

Q Will the band perform the whole show after homecoming game?

A Possibly, if we can get out there quickly yes. Looks like mathematically out of the playoffs... ☺

Jim Gatherer: introduced various committee chairs

Debbie Krenn

- Thanks for chaperone help, may need more some later day trips

Jim Krenn

- Plenty of water, any money will go to water for camps this winter
- Thanks for help with stadium seating

Alice Searcy/Margaret Haack

- Money owed back for Vanderbilt trip will be deposited to student accounts

Sharon Keffer

- Concert tickets available for those with dues current
- Concert will be in a couple of weeks
- Worked VBC enjoyed it – try it!

Tiffeny Hubard

- Need to send big thanks to Patty Preston, she has done the majority of work and has done great!

Sheila Kirsch (for Jim)

- Looking for one driver for Thursday game

Jim Gatherer

- Currently open positions include hospitality and banquet chair to put banquet team together
- Banquet date is May 18
- Repeat of Mr. Connell's instrument comments, also if you shop carefully for a good deal it can be sold later for more than was paid, directors can help select appropriate instruments

Becky Lash

- Planning a silent auction in May, associated with spring concert, looking for help – don't have to sell anything, just "beg" for donations
- Don't forget to buy Scrip! Christmas is great time!
- Pillow fundraiser will be ongoing, tiger paw pillows for \$15. A portion of each sale goes to a cancer foundation in honor of Vanessa Poole's sister-in-law who died of breast cancer last year, presales will be available at Christmas concert
- Send in old cell phones & printer cartridges

Sheila Kirsch

- Fruit sale less than a month away sign up sheets available on stage, times are Thursday and Friday to 6 pm, Saturday to 5 pm. Must have at least 2 adults working
- It's easy and fun, great way to get to know people,
- Sales at Advance Auto *and* GHS on Saturday
- Preorder at website site, link available on band web site
- Prices \$23 box (same as last year) if pre-ordered from web, on site orders will be \$25
- Order deadline before each sale, Oct 31 (next Tuesday) for Nov 17, 18 sale
- Credit to students' accounts \$1 box for preorder, the website allows selection of student for account credit. The students' name won't be on the site, but kids know the numbers
- Pick up all preorders at Advance Auto
- Email address on the web to request special sizes, etc
- Any age student can work at fruit sale!

Cherry Hovik

- Need VBC workers, 16 years +, can make \$40-50 on student account when parent & student work

Karen & Nelson Parker

- Scrip can be used to buy plane tickets, etc... directly from certain vendors (we can't use Scrip for senior trip because we must go through a tour company)
- Handouts with deadlines, vendors, etc. available tonight
- Kroger card use ideas buy stamps, other gift cards that band doesn't sell – list is posted on web
- Don't forget it's money you'd be spending anyway
- Idea sheets:
 - 12-ways of Christmas
 - Gift ideas for moms, dads, teachers, tough-to-buy, etc...
- Vendors often add bonuses at this time of year giving higher % back
- New vendor: Papa Johns
- Rave has changed rates, tickets for \$7 (\$8.50 at theater)
- Regal changing to \$25 card
- Don't forget you can place orders for work, etc... offer to get door prizes etc.
- Big orders are hand delivered!
- Almost sold all ornaments, about 30 GHS left, \$25 each

- Goal to order \$30K before end of year...

Dave Montgomery

- We need your pictures! Has started a collection of photos, but need help – email them or put on CD for use at Banquet
- GHS football website has band pictures

Julie Ashcraft

- Next fee payment due in November
- Summer rentals are way past due
- Fall rentals due, they will become past due at the end of semester
- Charms is up to date, Mr. Vernon or Mr. Connell can reset password if needed
- Please be sure to write child's full name (first & last) on the check

Jay Simcox

- Directions to area stadiums will be on web
- Don't forget to sign up to help work the various projects!!

Meeting Adjourned 8:04 p.m.