

**Grissom Band Parents Association Meeting**  
**November 27, 2006, 7:05 pm called to order by Jay Simcox, President**

Board Members Present:

Bill Connell, Director  
Theo Vernon, Director  
Jay Simcox, President  
Jim Gatherer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Becky Lash, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Julie Ashcraft, Treasurer  
Tonya Hayes, Treasurer  
Mary Setzer, Secretary

Motion to accept October GBPA meeting minutes made, second received: minutes accepted

**Jay Simcox:**

- First fruit sale was a big success, sold all fruit on truck
- Open times for workers this weekend Friday (12/1) and Saturday (12/2), Sunday contingency workers for GHS sale if we don't empty the truck again

**Jim Gatherer**

- Thanks for football season help
- Moving into new time of year – concert season
- Introduction of committee chairs:

**Sharon Keffer**

- Potpourri Monday
- Hilaritas help next Thursday & Friday
- Help will be needed with these special concerts
- Concert tickets are now available at meetings only

**Alice Searcy/Margaret Haack**

- Winter guard good luck last year
- Auditions ongoing
- Plan to start 2 units
- Auditions for middle school students too
- This Saturday contact Margaret if this is a problem
- 32 students have shown interest -10 are 8<sup>th</sup> graders!

**Jim Krenn**

- Indoor drum line... anyone in band can participate
- 'need marimba, vibe keyboard, perc aux. cymbal, string bass 4 brass
- Go to same events as winter guard, 1X week rehearsal, Sunday audition, notify if you can't make that time

## Becky Lash

- Big news is fruit sale
  - Kirsch – Jay Simcox & the Parkers sold everything that was left over on Sunday at GHS location
  - Prelim estimate is \$7k this weekend, still need help, can sign up for either December or for January sales
  - Preorder process went OK, we're still learning
  - Questions have been asked about pre-order pickups at GHS... for pickup at GHS Saturdays 8-12 request must be made via email to let them know, otherwise will be at Advance Auto
  - For those customers who don't want to order on the Internet (but want preorder prices), come in person to a prior sale, pay by check at preorder price ... i.e. preorder & pay this weekend, and pickup next sale
  - We've had good worker turn out. Attention: we must have at least 2 adults, if a parent signs up & sends their spouse it's OK, but don't send student instead because we have to have enough adults present
  - If you don't sign up ahead of time you can't just show up & work
  
- Q Is it possible to preorder and designate a student for "credit" on the order instead of the entire organization?
  
- A Students get \$1 credit for preorders, but you'll need to know the students code, (the coordinates from pregame show). You can also e-mail Jim Krenn to get credit assigned to students' account.

## Avi Swain

- Christmas concert will be expanded to craft vendors & Santa, hoping to get more involvement giving a Christmas bazaar feel... 3 vendors so far brass ornaments, bead jewelry, etc
- Need to get word to middle schools so students are here & involved
- Money raised is to bring a children's' cancer program to Huntsville
- Concert will be kick off for MAJOR dollhouse raffle
- Greg Screws will be master of ceremonies
- Students to play at mural dedication Wednesday

## Cherry Hovik

- Sign up sheet for Havoc games, and one extreme fighting date... this is a good opportunity to earn money for trips!
- You can get e-mails with dates to work so you can plan ahead
- The band is making \$300-400 month above what's being credited to band dues, this is good for the families and for the band!
- Cherry is working hard to organize this activity, but the Civic Center staff have been poorly organized. They will stop asking us if we don't provide sufficient support.

**Pancake breakfast** is coming up; it's a good social interaction event beyond being a fund raiser. February 10 and another one in April. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$3 children, and will be on sale at the upcoming concert for a reduced price.

**Pillow fundraiser** – great travel pillows, download order form on band website, cost is \$15 per pillow, part of the money goes to a cancer fundraiser and the rest to the band

## **Dave Montgomery**

- Take your digital cameras to all events, take pictures & send them in ☺!

## **Karen Parker, Scrip**

- Taking orders now! You can also place orders at concert, December 11 will be the cutoff before Christmas
- Don't forget to pick up orders
- Still have ~24 ornaments
- Need someone to write grants next year... money goes directly to instrument fund, not much work, but a big return, Karen will train!

## **Directors:**

### **Mr. Connell:**

- Wednesday leadership & seniors, as well as percussion & trumpets from sym I to Children's Hospital in Birmingham, good experience for all
- Concert Friday night, some variation in program, Santa will be here...
- No parade Saturday!
- Potpourri Monday 7 pm B Jazz trombone ensemble
- Thursday & Friday Hilaritas with A Jazz and Concert Choir
- Deadline for Honor Band audition form and payment Tues December 5
  - students need to be aware of conflicts, e.g. All-State is the same Saturday as Prom, and District honor band is same time as the GHS production of Oklahoma
  - April 19-21 All-State
  - This is an important opportunity to work with other kids & clinicians, if students are interested in playing in college, All-State band lists are where schools look to give scholarships!
  - Auditions January 26 (Friday) for senior high January 27 (Saturday) for junior high, will be at Sparkman again
  - Fee \$5 either, \$10 for both
- Senior trip most likely to Chicago (same company as the one to Hawaii)
- Next year Hollywood Thanksgiving parade, the weekend following Thanksgiving, will probably leave the Wednesday before and return Monday estimated cost will be ~\$1200 including air, most meals, amusements, gratuities, etc. Expect to begin payments around January.
  - Will include this years 8th graders so contact to be made with them. The band hasn't been officially accepted yet, but don't expect problem with that
  - Bands get lots of coverage.
- Winter guard & indoor drum – MUST be up to date on fees! Great experience for these students
- Weekly clinicians for trombones, flutes, clarinets, percussion (concert), want to hire some more in upcoming weeks so there is someone for all sections. Has been very helpful, GBPA have been helpful with funding - thanks.

### **Mr. Vernon**

- Calls & emails about problems with DVD from Vanderbilt, need to contact that company... it was not produced by "us"
- Pictures group/section taken at Milton Frank are in, hopefully you're pleased
- Chattanooga festival all concert bands going April 28 (sat) Dixie Classic Festival, will include performance, adjudication, and clinic, ~\$50 for transportation & festival entry
- Don't miss Potpourri, mixtures of styles & ensembles
- Hilaritas, decorating contest (cash prizes) between students... lots of fun! Don't miss this one either!
- Tuesday stage set up for Hilaritas & Wednesday is dress rehearsal. Performances Thursday and Friday, then stage cleared Friday night

- GHS marching DVD order deadline is Friday, Christmas concert & Hilaritas DVDs available too all to arrive before Christmas
- Trip – one bus, parents need to deposit too... cost based on how many n each room, need 5 parents

Becky Lash reminder to send in old cartridges & cell phones

**Julie Ashcraft**

- Credits for first fruit sale are in
- VBC payments take longer because we are not in control of money coming in, we can't post credits until they pay us.

Meeting Adjourned 7:49 p.m.