

Grissom Band Parents Association Meeting
February 26, 2007, 7:07 pm called to order by Jay Simcox, President

Board Members Present:

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

Julie Ashcraft, Treasurer
Tonya Hayes, Treasurer
Mary Setzer, Secretary

Jay Simcox: Pillows are in! If you preordered you can pick up tonight

Bill Connell

- Pictures will be taken this week Mon, Tues, Wed
- Thank you for coming to listen to district assessments and for all the help
- Special Thanks to Becky Proaps for hospitality!!
- District Honor Band went well
 - We all got home before the storm
 - The director for the Senior High band was a last minute sub after the original director had a family emergency.
- Wed March 14 tentative date for State Assessment
 - Will be at Huntsville High, generally run 8:30am-6 pm
 - Will post on band room when we get the info
- Hollywood information:
 - We have received lists of different activities to select, this has been sent to middle schools too
 - Disney
 - Universal
 - Seaworld
 - Knott's farm
 - Getty museum
 - Zoo
 - Ronald Reagan museum
 - Santa Monica pier
 - Medieval times exhibition
 - If you know the area please make suggestions. We need something that will entertain and not cost TOO much
 - Trip will cost approx \$1200-1250, will depend on airfare (fuel prices are going back up ... so this may impact price)
 - Once numbers are estimated, we'll be able to get blocks of tickets, generally they can be purchased 5 months in advance to lock in prices
- Spring Concert May
 - The composer and soloist will be here all week, this is good for kids so see how it all works
 - Also a retired teacher in town found obscure Beethoven for wind band, and may do that too, neat piece!
 - So this means two world premiers at the spring concert!
- Pictures & state are the big things for now.

Jim Gatherer

- Thanks again to Becky for doing a great job taking over with hospitality!
- Lynn Dowling & Rachel Rawls have been so helpful, thanks to all the parents who helped!
- Left over utensils from potluck and hospitality room are here for pickup.
- Thanks to Sharon Keffer and concert committee,
 - Sharon comments that if you worked in lobby Tim Batt provided free CDs of their students' performance, you can pick them up if you haven't already

Debbie Krenn, Chaperones

- Expect an email coming out for medications on Senior trip
- Meeting will be next week.
- Will need bus chaperones to bus to Chattanooga

Margaret Haack, Guard

- Winter Guard going great
- GHS Vivace doing great at competitions
- Seen many groups from the whole wide area, directors and students know us and kids are representing them well
- Recent competition:
 - Independent took 2nd both days
 - B group is not scored, assigned to Scholastic B Group, over half are NEW Guard members & 8th graders

- Clarksville, WINTER guard, Groups were in the snow for pictures ☺
 - Independent first both days
 - They do get placements here, but it's educational and the goal is to improve each time
 - B Unit 2nd and 3rd
- March 10&11 at Hoover
- Championship at UTC arena March 31,
- Planning exhibition to be March 26 after next BPA meeting in full uniforms, this will be just before championship
- Info on website, will include pictures.

Jim Gatherer

- Banquet – still trying to find someone to chair
- Banquet is May 18
- Much of the work is decorating senior tables as well as other tables, working with seniors to set theme, get them going on speeches, etc
- Banquet sign ups sheets in front

Dave Montgomery

- There is a box in the band room for student photos
 - Please put them on CD and put them in the box
 - Include the name and Dave will return the CDs
 - Need pictures of individuals, sections, and general pictures of the kids having fun, all for slide show
- The baby pics of seniors will be requested later

Jim Kirsch

- Fruit sales over! Cheers all round
- All sold really well, only a few cases we had to push at the end
- Thanks to all who helped with any or all of the whole project

Karen Nelson

- You need Scrip for spring break!
- Lowes: Toolbox for Education
 - Put in grant request and we recently received a check for \$4000!
 - This will be used to get a portable acoustic orchestra shell

Cherry Hovik

- Needs workers March 1, 3, 9, 10 senior parents have worked all they could, so they're finished for the year... need replacements!
- Board approved posting credits early for seniors for trip even up to the last minute.
- You can use these credits to buy banquet tickets, CDs, etc.

Vanessa Poole, Pillows

- \$15 each
- Wash & dry easily
- Can buy them tonight, with check cash credit cards, etc.
- Lots more so see her after meeting if you want one!
- Maybe selling them outside the band, portion of proceed go to cancer foundation and to band,
- If you pre ordered she has them ready

Jeff Brewer, Expo

- We had to cancelled expo this year, not enough band students signed up
- Earlier this year to make the post performance critique more appealing earlier in the marching seasons so they can implement.
- With the earlier schedule we can't wait till school starts this time since it's in September, so we have to start planning NOW
- Probably will be scheduled September 29, (might be 22nd, this may be Columbia's date)
- Half of last year's committee leads are returning, but some are senior parents, so...
- We need folks to step up to the following:

○ Facilities	○ Hospitality
○ Sponsorship	○ Ticketing
○ Equipment – capital needs, etc.	○ Band logistics
○ Publicity	○ Awards
○ Public health & safety	