

Grissom Band Parents Association Meeting
March 26, 2007, 7:02 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

Becky Lash, 2nd Vice President
Tonya Hayes, Treasurer
Mary Setzer, Secretary

- Winter Guard performing meeting tonight
- Need nominations for secretary, treasurer, 1st vice president, possibly 2nd VP (Becky Lash will do ways & means if someone else will take 2nd VP position)

Mr. Connell

- Thanks for those who came to listen to State Assessment
 - Bands did very well
- The next thing for all groups is Chattanooga, April 28
 - This is a national competition and will be tough, so we'll be working hard to prepare
- Regular afternoon/evening rehearsals will continue
- Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, Cancelled Hollywood parade –
 - Apparently it was just not making money
 - The call came in Thursday from Jim Schuler, with possibilities for substitute trip
- Philadelphia Christmas parade (on Thanksgiving)
 - Tentative plans include 1 day in Philadelphia, then to NYC for 3-4 days
 - Florida Festival Tours will send list of shows, etc. We may have different groups going to different shows (too hard to get such a large block of tickets to anything people want to see!)... some of the better known/popular shows, of course, sold out months ago
 - Visit to Ground Zero
 - Will cost \$300-400 per person less than the Hollywood trip... more info to come tour company is working on accommodations, etc.
 - Application was sent overnight and they took Jim Schuller's word on our quality, so we're in, formal application will arrive tomorrow, but we won't have to send in any audition tapes, etc.
 - Parade on Thanksgiving Day nationally televised, oldest Christmas parade in the country
- Can apply for Macy's every 5 years, so we're eligible to apply
- Please stay after and watch color guard do their shows in new gym
- Please help fill slate for board

Mr. Vernon

- Saturday is jazz festival
 - 3 bands coming
 - Some bands have applied since 2004, so we'll really obligated to go ahead with it this year
 - We'll give trophies and awards for outstanding soloists, no cash
 - All bands are from Birmingham Spain Park, Huffman & Hueytown HS's
 - They'll play 10:45-1:00, A jazz 1:15 plays, then awards, should all be done by 2:00
 - Need help, like district but much smaller
 - On stage clinic w/adjudicators right after performance
 - Gary Wheat (UAB)
 - Everet Lawlor (Super Jazz)
 - Christopher Kozac (jazz at UA Tuscaloosa)
- April 14, A&B Jazz to MTSU festival, will leave after ACT
 - Snookie Jones guest artist, 112-year-old player
 - This is a GOOD Festival, will provide good feedback
 - Taking bus \$15 per student, they've earned \$6 per student from playing gigs
 - Money can be sent in any time now
 - About 11 pm return expected

Becky Lash

- Looking for replacements for publicity, spirit, mail newsletter, Scrip, VBC
 - These positions can be what you want to make of them, so don't be intimidated
 - Kristi Fugit: publicity, advertise with TV, paper, radio, etc.
 - Avi Swain: Spirit whatever you want it to be
 - Karen Parker: Scrip can be whatever you want to put into it, the main tasks are recording the Kroger cards, maintaining in-stock and ordering

Jim Gatherer

- Banquet is May 18
- Will be meeting w/VBC for prices to get cards ready to send out (last year they let us know that prices this year would be higher – but gave us a deal last year)
- Lots of volunteers have spoken up, some have been assigned, some not, general volunteers will be meeting later this week
 - If you volunteered expect a call by the end of the week

Dave Montgomery:

- Box need pictures of everything... fun! Photos into collection box or it's OK to email to : jdmont@hiwaay.net
- If you send a CD with student for collection box (with your name it), it will come back to you
- Seniors need baby pictures
 - Be sure the name is on the back, put them into an envelope, and put them into collection box

Kathy Francica, nominating committee

- Bring ballots to Avi
- Need nominations for both VP positions and one treasurer

Adjourned 7:38 pm