

**GRISSOM BAND PARENT'S ASSOC.  
GENERAL MEETING  
April 28, 2008**

Call to order by President Jay Simcox at 7: 07pm.

**JAY SIMCOX, President** - (Opening remarks) Thanks to all attending the meeting. There is a fundraising opportunity to work the upcoming air show. "Scoops" will have nine carts for both days. Need 18 people to work each day. Must be an adult on each shift but students can work (no age limit). Nat'l Concessions wants to talk to us about possibly working some of the other stands for them. Will get info to the middle school parents to take advantage to earn credits for their accounts. Also would like to see a mentoring program established for new parents. Working on the details. Would welcome any suggestions.

**BILL CONNELL, Director** -

- (1) Thanks for your attendance. These meetings are very important for the program and the students. Encourage your band neighbors to attend.
- (2) Rookie Camp will start Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have a meeting for Rookie parents.
- (3) This year, we sent 16 musicians to All-State.
- (4) Dixie Classics in Chattanooga is a Grand Champion Invitational only. You have to be invited to attend. We brought home the trophy again which is unheard of two years back to back. The kids were wonderful!
- (5) If you haven't already, you need to get your reservation in for the banquet May 16<sup>th</sup>. The Obermann and Watkin's Scholarships will be awarded. This is the 20 year for the Watkin's Scholarship. Deadline for students to apply is May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- (6) Auditions for next year's chair placement will be held the week of the 5<sup>th</sup>. These will take place during their class period. Middle School auditions will be held the week of the 12<sup>th</sup> at their school and during their band class.
- (7) Spring concert will be held Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm. Students will be playing all new music. Guest tuba soloist will be Derrick Fenstermacher, a former Grissom student.

**THEO VERNON, Director** - No report (Bill covered everything)

**ELECTIONS** - Jay Simcox presented the slate of nominees from the nominating committee.

They are -	Chip Ledbetter (President)	Kathy Francica (1 <sup>st</sup> VP)
	Teri Mitchell (2 <sup>nd</sup> VP)	Penny Irlen (Co-Treasurer)
	Alice Searcy (Co- Treasurer)	Jennifer Sherman (Secretary)

There were no additional nominees from the floor. Motion was made by Julie Ashcraft to accept the nominees for the offices as presented. LuAnn Holloway 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was the unanimous.

**REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE HELP** -

- (1) **WEB MASTER** - Rex Simmons needs someone to do Web Master for the band's website. Please forward to Jay Simcox or Dan Peek anyone that you know that might be a good match for this position.
- (2) **SCRIP** - The Stuckey duo will continue to handle scrip. Urged parents to buy scrip for those items you would be spending money on anyway. The band earns but so does your student's account.

- (3) FRUIT SALES - Jim & Sheila Kirsch to meet to hand over to Jeff Brewer.
- (4) Dan Peek (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) - Thanks to Jay and all who have worked this year. Sym I only got to perform 2 of their numbers in Chattanooga due to time constraints (and they still won). It is important that parents are there to support these kids. They may not say so but it really does matter to them.
- (5) UNIFORMS - Patty Preston asked for donation of unneeded band shoes and tux shirts. It is always good to have a few extra when we get to performances. Need a parent to shadow to learn the ropes and as always need volunteers to help check the uniforms.

Chip Ledbetter, President elect, reported that while Sym I was performing in Chattanooga, Sym II students were sitting close by. The support they showed for Sym I was outstanding. The directors should be commended on encouraging each band to be supportive of the other. Great program!

Jay Simcox, President, thank all of the committee leads, volunteers and the current board for all of their contributions the past year. It takes us all to make this program work.

Meeting adjourned 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Montgomery Secretary  
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