

## Grissom Band Parents Meeting August 25, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Chip Ledbetter at 7:05 pm.

### **Chip Ledbetter, President –**

Welcomed everyone to the meeting and made the following announcements.

The Football Booster representative is here with season tickets for sale. All of the money received from the season ticket sales stays at Grissom.

There is Script available tonight from the Stuckey's.

There are all kinds of goodies up front for sale – socks, cookbooks, pillows, etc.

There are also ten copies of the latest newsletter available up front.

All of the board members were introduced to the parents. First Vice-President is Kathy Francica, Second Vice-President is Teri Mitchell, and Treasurers are Penny Irelan and Alice Searcy. Jennifer Sherman was elected secretary in April and asked to be replaced over the summer. Jennifer will continue as the Chaperone Committee Chairperson. The Board nominated Christy Kindred as the new secretary. This nomination was approved.

Melanie Baeske is the new web master.

Thanks for everyone who worked the Air Show. All the volunteers made it a success for the band as well as their student accounts.

### **Bill Connell, Director –**

Many thanks to the Band Parents for the flowers sent to my mother's funeral and for all the cards that we have received.

Mr. Vernon handled the pre-camp week since I was out of town. It was a really good camp. The kids worked hard and it is showing.

There is another game this week. We are the visitor, but we will be sitting on the home side again.

All events and schedules are on Charms. Please use it.

The Max Hammond Concert is on September 13 at 7:30 pm. It will include all three bands, the concert choir and also an Images Dance Ensemble. There will be a rehearsal after school until 4pm on Thursday, September 11. We will still have marching band practice after that, but it will probably be a little later about 6:30pm.

The first marching competition will be September 20 in Heflin, Alabama. This competition is five or six years old. Heflin is in Jacksonville/Gadsden area, so only an hour and half away.

The second marching competition will be September 27 in Columbia, Tennessee. We have been to this competition in the past. It has been around for 20 to 25 years.

The football band will go to both competitions and observe. They will see bands from other states. We will let you know as soon as possible the schedule. Generally, our performance is between 7 and 9 pm and we return to school between 1 and 2 am.

There are lots of sign ups, and activities available. I encourage you to be involved with you kids.

**Chip Ledbetter, Budget –**

The budget was presented to the band parents. Discussion followed. Jay Simcox made the motion that the budget be accepted as presented. Jennifer Sherman seconded. The motion was approved.

**Kathy Francica, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president –**

Thanked everyone for coming out. Kathy explained that each committee chair has a shadow that will learn the ropes so they can take over the chair position in the future. Each of the committee chairs were introduced to the band parents.

Chaperone Chair is Jennifer Sherman with Kandi Dodson as her shadow. There are sign up forms up front for the football games and marching competitions. There is a travel fee for the away football games which we will talk about in a few minutes. The chaperones will have the option to purchase meals for the away games also. We need a nurse or doctor to manage and dispense medications when we travel. The medical release forms MUST be filled out before your child can travel with us.

Uniform Chair is Patti Preston with Diana Akridge as her shadow. We have to train the freshmen how to hang up the uniforms. Helpers are needed for plumes and to check uniforms the day after they are worn for dry cleaning. Marching shoes are here and need to be picked up. Before each game, we will be selling black socks and gloves. Uniforms are stored on carts here and do not go home. Uniforms will be worn the first time on September 12 which is an away game. They need to wear shorts and t-shirts under the uniforms. We need help with hats and also a shadow for hat specifically.

Transportation Chair is Paula Dickerhoff. All of the buses have been ordered.

Truck Chair is Howard Wingo. There will be 3 trucks from September 12 onward. There are sign up sheets for truck drivers for the football games and marching competition. We pick up the trucks at the place on Leeman Ferry, next to Southern Adventures. There are two Thursday games and we need drivers.

Color Guard Chairs are Kathy Smith and Zan Crawford. Uniforms have been ordered and everything is going fine.

Stadium Setup Chair is Keith Thompson. This committee rolls cushions out at the stadium for the students to sit on and to help protect the uniforms. We also make sure the students get water. Please sign up and help us roll the cushions out and roll the cushions back up after the ballgame.

Hospitality Chair is Becky Brown. There is a sign up sheet and we will let you know when we need food.

Concert Chair is Sharon Keffer with Lee Smith as her shadow. Karen Allison also helps out. We need volunteers to work in the lobby during concerts. We make sure that you get to see your child perform. The first concert is the Max Hammond concert. We help by keeping the doors shut when the bands are performing and only letting people in at the appropriate times. We are using the punch ticket again this year. You get one ticket with 10 punches for use during the 2008-2009 year. We also sell media of the concert. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students for the concerts.

Banquet Chairs are Karen and Rich Cole. You will hear from them in the future. They will need help with theme, decorations, etc.

Other – Lots of stuff is on sale up front. White Socks with paws are \$4. Pillows are \$10. Cook books are \$5. Bumper stickers are \$3.

**Teri Mitchell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President –**

Historian is Kate Jobczynski. We need to collect pictures starting now for the banquet.

Newsletter Chair has no news.

Publicity Chairs are June and Roy Malone. Information will be sent to Huntsville Times and other places as needed.

Fruit Sales Chairs are Jeff and Jan Brewer. Everything was going good with the growers. It looks like a good crop this year. There will be 4 or 5 sales this year. The first sale will be the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Script Chairs are the Stuckey's. We have about 40 merchants in stock. There are 500 vendors available online. You can call, e-mail or come by our home to place or pick up your order.

Spirit Chair is Ramona Braswell. The green t-shirts are \$12. I have samples of other wear. Please buy stuff.

Viper Chairs are Mary Fountain and Sharon Hamilton. We can supply workers for any VBC event in the arena. This is concession work. It is an average of 4 hours. There are 8 games in November. Students aged 16 and over can work. E-mail Mary and she will let you know when workers are needed.

Ways and Means Chairs are the Sampsons. Our purpose is to earn funds for the band. If you have an idea on how to help fund the band, please contact us.

Other – A travel package has been created for a fee of \$25. For the 3 away games (Austin, Hazel Green, and Decatur) instead of going to the mall to eat, meals will be catered at the school before we board the buses. We were waiting on the buses to get here and then stopping on the way to eat so we were late getting to the games. If we eat here while we wait on the buses to get here, then hopefully we will get to the games before they start. We are looking at Guthrie's, Subway, Jason's Deli, and maybe pizza for meals. The \$25 is due by September 5. If you pay \$30 tonight, we will add a pillow to your package for \$5. Anyone who wants to sell socks and pillows at the games, please talk to me.

**Alice Searcy and Penny Ireland – Treasurers**

Alice keeps track of all of the student accounts and Penny pays the bills. Alice showed the band parents the current status of the accounts. She then explained the Finance button in Charms and how to interpret your account.

**Chip Ledbetter Closing Comments**

We are looking at having a tailgate event for the Huntsville game on September 5. Thank you to Patti Preston and her church group for organizing the stuff in the band's attic over the summer. Thanks again to everyone for coming out on this rainy night.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Christy Kindred