

## Grissom Band Parents Meeting September 22, 2008

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

### **Chip Ledbetter, President –**

Welcomed every one to the meeting.

We received information from Mr. Drake, Grissom Principal, and Bonnie Venezia, Grissom bookkeeper, concerning the State Board of Education's implementation of new requirements concerning booster clubs and school employees. One of these requirements is that a school employee may not serve as an officer or lead fundraising activities in the organization. Teri Mitchell, our second vice-president, is a Huntsville City School employee and has submitted her resignation to the Board. The Executive Board has chosen Roy Malone as Teri's replacement. No other nominations were made from the floor. Roy Malone was elected by acclamation. Teri Mitchell will take over the role of Publicity Chairperson from Roy.

Some of the requirements from the State Board of Education include our own tax identification number, a 501(c)3 exemption letter from the IRS, a separate mailing address, a fidelity bond for the treasurer, and others. Huntsville City Schools has interpreted some of these differently and we are working to understand their requirements.

### **Bill Connell, Director –**

Thanks to everyone who has supported the football program, the Max Hammond Concert and the first marching competition in Heflin this past Saturday. We are going to Columbia, Tennessee for marching competition on Saturday, September 27. We will perform at 9:03pm. There are 8 bands in our division and 3 bands in our class. There will be no rehearsals after school next week except for Friday before the football game. Feeding the kids at the school before the away game worked out well and we'll do that again on October 3. We will be back October 3 between 10:45 –11:00pm. For the football game during Fall Break (October 10), we will take a pep band of mostly leadership and upper classman. There will be no Wednesday practice this week.

We received a letter today from Walk to Defeat ALS which some of our kids supported. They also performed an impromptu concert for Eric Oberman who was present at the event. Eric Oberman is a former Grissom band student who has ALS. Also, the dad of one of our students died about a year ago from ALS. There is a \$1000 scholarship given in honor of Eric Oberman to a senior each spring.

### **Theo Vernon, Director –**

Thanks to the chaperones, truck drivers, and everybody else for their help at Heflin. Band pictures will be taken after fall break for the yearbook. The pictures will be section groups and full band. We will look at individual pictures of the band members in the spring. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be invited to join the band on Friday, October 17.

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

Thank you Brewers for the impromptu pep rally on Friday night before the competition. The kids were both shocked and embarrassed, but really seemed to enjoy it. We somehow did manage to keep it a secret from the kids.

Chaperone Chairperson, Jennifer Sherman, is not with us tonight, but called to thank every one who chaperoned. There are some pictures here of the competition Friday night if you want to see them and order some. There are also more pictures on the procatv.com web site for the Ranburne Competition.

Uniform Chairperson, Patti Preston, records that anyone that can help dust off the uniforms before the competition be at Grissom at 10:00 am on Saturday. We will also be doing this on Monday mornings at 9:00 am so that we can get the uniforms that need dry cleaned to the cleaners on Monday.

Transportation Chairperson, Paula Dickerhoff, is in charge of reserving the buses and is in need of a shadow.

Truck Chairperson, Howard Wingo, thanked all of the guys who has been driving for us. October is wide open and we need drivers.

Color Guard Chairpersons thanked all of their moms who volunteered.

Status Setup Chairperson, Keith Thompson, thanked everyone for helping with the setup on Thursday when he wasn't there.

Hospitality Chairperson, Becky Brown, said that there will be sign up sheets next time as we get ready for the camps in January/February.

Concert Chairperson thanked all of the parents who worked at the Max Hammond Concert. If you still need to pick up your concert tickets, they are here tonight. The Christmas Concerts on December 12, 13, and 14, need volunteers.

Banquet Chairperson, Rich Cole, informed everyone that there will always be a sign up sheet available. It takes 5-6 months of planning to pull the banquet together. What we need right now are people with really artistic visions.

Sell Pillow and Socks. We still have many pillows and socks to sell. Please help us think of creative ways to sell them and where to sell them. Suggestions were made to sell them at 8<sup>th</sup> grade football night, fruit sales, and plays and other fine art events at Grissom.

**Roy Malone, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President --**

Teri Mitchell and I have swapped places, so she is now doing Publicity. June and I has placed data into the PTSA newsletter. There has been information about the Max Hammond Concert in the Huntsville Times. Teri Mitchell reported that there are still some students that need to pay for their Travel Package. She stated that she is going to put information into the PTSA newsletter about the pillow sale, the fruit sales, and brag on the kids at competition.

Newsletter Chairperson, Kim Broyles, had no report.

Historian, Kate Jobczynski, requested pictures, pictures and more pictures be given to her. Please go ahead and send the pictures now. She will send an e-mail with instructions on how to put pictures on her share. Face book can be looked at as a possibility for storing pictures.

Ways and Means, the Sampsons, had no report.

Fruit Sales, reported by Chip Ledbetter for the Brewers, said that the fruit is OK. There will be sign sheets at the next meeting. The presales web site is already up. We will print out some posters for you to put up at work.

Scrip Chairperson, the Stuckeys, explained the scrip process to everyone. Buy scrip. The Kroger cards are \$5 and can be reloaded at any Kroger customer service desk.

VBCC Coordinators, Sharon Hamilton, reminded everyone to send Mary Fountain an e-mail if you want to work any of the events in the arena. There is nothing in September, but there is stuff coming.

Spirit Chairperson, Ramona Braswell, reported that she has all of the sweatshirts and t-shirts with her tonight. All of the embroidered items are also in, but have not been separated yet. She will have it ready at the game on Friday night.

**Alice Searcy and Penny Irelan, Treasurers –**

Alice presented the monthly report to everyone. The fall rental fees are now past due. The next \$100 payment is due the first of November.

Chip Ledbetter adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christy Kindred