

Grissom Band Parents Meeting November 24, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Chip Ledbetter at 7:03 pm.

Chip Ledbetter, President –

Chip welcomed everyone to the meeting. We have met with Rob Terry from the Huntsville City Schools office and Dr. Jennie Robinson from the Huntsville City School Board about the stipends for the band directors. We have submitted a proposal to Mr. Terry and Dr. Robinson for paying stipends to the band directors and other Huntsville City School employees that we use as clinicians during the year. They are going to present the proposal to the HCS Finance Committee and eventually it will go to the State for review. We will let you know what we hear. This is the last meeting for the 2008 year, but there will be a newsletter in December with any information or dates that you will need before the January, 2009 meeting.

Bill Connell, Director –

Thank you for coming out on this wet dreary night. Some of the band students went to Children's Hospital in Birmingham today and played for the patients. We hope that some of the patients from Children's Hospital will be here for the concert on December 5. There will be some activities in the lobby for the children before the concert.

The bands are doing well. Hilaritas performers are A Jazz band and the concert choir. The concert is December 12 and 13. The Potpourri concert is Sunday, December 14. It includes B Jazz band, several instrument ensembles, and several choral ensembles. Auditions for second semester will be December 7-12. Please come to the concerts.

Theo Vernon, Director –

The Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 6. The students will get uniforms and their equipment from the band room on Saturday. If it is raining, we don't go. Come out and enjoy your favorite Christmas carols at Hilaritas and Potpourri. Thanks for coming out tonight.

Kathy Francica, 1st Vice-president –

Uniforms – Patti Preston asked for people to sign up to help with concert uniform fittings in early January. Patti will contact you after Christmas for a day and time.

Concert – Karen Allison reported that she has the tickets if you haven't picked yours up yet. They still need help with Saturday night's Hilaritas concert.

No meeting is complete without my plea to buy socks and pillows. We setup a display at the fall concert and sold some socks. The Fruit Sales have sold a few pillows. We will keep working at getting these items sold.

Roy Malone, 2nd Vice-President --

Newsletter – Kim Broyles had nothing to report. Roy stated that there is lots of good information in the newsletter and on the web site also.

Historian – Kate Jobczynski need pictures. Waldrup Photography has sent us senior pictures so we have those for the banquet.

Fruit Sales – Jeff Brewer reported that we sold everything but about 20 boxes of tangelos. Whatever we don't sell tonight will be donated to Manna House. There is a quick turnaround for the next sale – just 3 weeks. Sign up sheets are available tonight. Please help us get the word out about the pre-orders. Signs are also available to advertise the sales and pre-orders.

Scrip – Lynn Stuckey reported that the order will probably not be in until Monday. We will place an order after the concert on December 5 and probably one more order before Christmas. Remind family and friends to use scrip. Bonuses are available now on some items.

Viper Coordinator has requested workers for December 6 and 7.

Spirit – Ramona Braswell reported that the orders are in and will make another order if needed.

Alice Searcy and Penny Irelan, Treasurers –

Alice Searcy presented the current budget to the parents.

Other –

Chip Ledbetter wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Bill Connell stated that the Senior Trip dates have been set. Information will be sent home before Christmas.

There is no Band Parents Meeting in December.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Kindred