

## Band Parents Meeting April 27, 2009

Chip Ledbetter called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

### **Chip Ledbetter, President –**

Thank you for your support. The last ten days have been rough, but we are here.

We have free tickets for five CDs that we are giving away tonight. The CDs are the bands at the ABDA competition in Birmingham in March.

We want to welcome all of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents to our meeting tonight. We look forward to working with you. The Freshman Parents meeting will be on May 26 at 7 pm where we will give you more information.

The minutes for our March meeting are posted on the website. No corrections were noted by the group present. The minutes stand approve as posted.

### **Bill Connell, Director –**

Mr. Connell presented information to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents. The middle school auditions start this week and we go to the middle schools for this. We have coordinated this with the directors at the individual schools. We will post the audition results after school is out for the three (sit-down) concert bands. The students audition every semester for their position in the concert band. Rookie Camp is scheduled for May 26 – May 29 from 8 am to noon. The Freshmen Parents meeting is scheduled for May 26 at 7 pm. You are welcome to call or e-mail us with your questions and concerns. The web site has the e-mail addresses for us, the phone number for the band room, and the calendar for the year. The color guard workshop is scheduled for May 4 – 8 from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. The audition for color guard will be on May 8<sup>th</sup>. When the audition is completed, the students will know who is in the guard. If a guard person currently plays an instrument, they have to continue to play their instrument in one of the concert bands. Guidance will adjust the schedules for the band they are playing in.

We appreciate the support that everyone gave to the band family last week with the tragic deaths of Leigh Anna Jimmerson and Tad Mattle.

Graduation is on Friday, May 22 at 5:30 pm. We will have the students arrive about 4:45pm and it will last until about 7:00 pm.

### **Theo Vernon, Director –**

The Jazz and Percussion Ensemble concert will be on Friday, May 8 at 7:30 pm. We will have leadership clinics the next 3 days after school from 3:30 – 5:00 pm. May 4 – 8 will be the percussion auditions.

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

Thank you to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents for coming out tonight. The band family sent floral arrangements to the two funerals last week. We also received a floral arrangement from Austin High School Band in Decatur and another floral arrangement from Discovery Middle School Band in Madison.

There are nine committees under my position. We want to thank the following for serving this year: Chaperones – Jennifer Sherman, Uniforms – Patti Preston, Transportation – Paul Dickerhoff, Trucks – Howard Wingo, Color Guard – Kathy Smith and Zan Crawford, Stadium Set-up – Keith Thompson, Hospitality – Becky Brown and Rachel Albritton, Concerts –

Sharon Keffer, Karen Allison, and Leigh Smith and Banquet. – Rich and Karen Cole. Next Year's Committee Chairs are Chaperone- Kandi Mair and Kathy Hathcock, Uniforms – Lisa Steves, Transportation – Diana Akridge, Trucks – Howard Wingo, Hospitality – Rachel Albritton, Concerts – Leigh Smith. The Hospitality and Concert committees need a co-chair. Color Guard parents will be meeting in May after the color guard team has been selected.

Patti Preston and Lisa Steves reported that the Uniform Committee has two lists up front – one list is for those that sew and the other list is for those that do not sew. We need both kinds of folks on the Uniform Committee. PLEASE sign up to help.

Banquet Committee – Chairperson Karen Cole informed everyone that she is taking up reservation cards and that reservations are due on May 4. We have to give the VBC a head count. The decorations committee and program committee have been working hard on their parts. The senior speeches are due by Friday. Chairperson Rich Cole stated that the theme for the banquet is 'We Loved New York'. We need white lights and extension cords. We want to thank Matthew Hendrix for creating the program cover for us. Lisa Steves asked for senior before and after pictures for the senior wall.

Jennifer Sherman, Patti Preston, Becky Brown, and Sharon Keffer have graduating seniors. Thank you for all that you have done.

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

Roy was not present, but several committee chairpersons made reports.

Scrip Chairperson, Lyn Stuckey, described Scrip for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents. Monica Pacely is their replacement for next year. You can contact us thru the web site. We will update it in May so that stuff will be sent to Monica.

VBC Coordinator Mary Fountain explained the VBC worker program to everyone. The VBC pays \$6 per hour for each worker. \$5 goes into each student's account and \$1 goes to the band. You are working concessions. You can watch the show after your job is finished. Sharon Hamilton handles the money part of this process.

#### **Alice Search, Treasurer –**

Alice explained the Charms program. Everyone's financial statement is available on Charms anytime. You can contact Alice or one of the directors if you don't know your student's login. Alice then presented the profit/loss statement for April.

#### **Other –**

Chip Ledbetter requested that everyone update Charms with their e-mail addresses. Penny Irelan was thanked for her work as Treasurer. The Nominating Committee has nominated Katrena Faddis as the second Treasurer. Katrena was elected for 2009-2010. The five CDs were then given away.

Kathy Francica reminded everyone that she had socks and pillows for sale.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Kindred