

## Grissom Band Parents Meeting October 25, 2009

Chip Ledbetter called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. He reminded everyone to keep making payments to Thomas Tours for the Chicago trip.

Kathy Francica, first Vice-President, presented the “Pillows for Patriots” idea to those attending. Rich Aplin had this idea originally and it eventually got to Kathy. Basically, we want to send the brown Grissom pillows to our soldiers overseas. We need corporate sponsors to sign up to send a box of pillows to our soldiers. We need LOTS of help. We need to get names of soldiers that we can send the boxes to. We need to figure out how to pack them, what weight restrictions there are and what it costs to ship them. We want to have this done by Christmas.

Kathy Francica’s committees reported as follows:

Lisa Steves, Uniform Chairperson, reminded everyone that the last game is this week, but we have two parades after the game. She thanked everyone for helping, especially the sewing queen Patti Thomas.

Howard Wingo, Trucks Chairperson, thanked everyone for driving. Please remember to use the Budget guys when you need a rental truck.

Kathy thanked Diana Akridge for making sure that our buses arrive to take us to our away games and competitions.

Kathi Hathcock and Kandi Mair, Chaperone Chairpersons, thanked everyone for chaperoning.

Leigh Smith, Concert Chairperson, coordinates the worker for the concerts. We have two concerts in December that we will staff – our December 4<sup>th</sup> concert and the Potpourri concert. If you have not picked up your concert punch ticket, please see me after the meeting.

Roy Malone, second Vice-President, is away on business and was represented by his wife, June Malone, at the meeting.

Roy Malone’s committees reported as follows:

June reported that Cherry Hovik, Spirit Chairperson, should have the remainder of the spirit items ordered before Friday.

Kate Jobczynski, Historian, needs your pictures. Currently she has pictures from only four of the seniors. The pictures can be either hard copy or soft copy. She will scan the hard copy and return your picture to you.

Scott Sampson, Ways and Means Chairperson, reported that we need two volunteers to work the day of the Belk Charity Sale. The band will pay you \$5 per hour.

Jeff Brewer, Fruit Sales Chairperson, asked everyone to spread the word about the fruit sales. We have flyers that you can put up everywhere. We have a new location this year due to Advanced Auto relocating their store. The new location is the Kangaroo Express at Mountain Gap and the Parkway. Please keep supporting Advanced Auto. We need the wooden fruit sale signs updated. If you can help with this, please let me know. The sign-up sheets are up front. Please fill up the slots.

Monica Paceley, SCRIP Chairperson, reminded everyone that Christmas is coming. It is easy to give gift cards to someone, or to use the gift card to go out and buy their gift.

Mary Fountain, VBC Chairperson, stated that there are several events in November and the schedule has been sent out. There may still be a few events left in November that need workers.

Alice Searcy, Treasurer, reported that your student's financial statement has been e-mailed to most everyone. Those without e-mails in Charms have been sent hard copies of their financial statement.

Director Bill Connell commented on the latest Grissom student fatality which was caused by drunk driving. They are having talks with the band students about this tragic death. The last football game is this week. We will do the full competition show after the game on Friday night.

The bands have started concert music in class and will have rehearsal after school starting next week. We will have an instrument inspection trial run in about two weeks. Their instruments need to play all of the notes. They will have until January to get all of these things fixed on their instrument. The instructions will be posted on the web next week.

Veteran's Day parade is on Wednesday, November 11 at 11:00am. It will start across the street from the Post Office on Clinton Avenue. The parade will last about an hour and a half.

Director Theo Vernon informed the parents that a group picture of the band will be taken the morning of the Veteran's Day parade. We will meet probably about 9:00 am downtown somewhere for the picture. Individual pictures of the students will be done next week on Tuesday – Thursday (Nov 3 – 5) during band class. ALL students will have their picture taken. David

Phillips Photography is doing the pictures. They will be posted online for you to see and order them.

Audition music will be passed out next week. On December 7-11, they will audition for next semester's band. There will be two selections – 1 slow and 1 fast. They will have to play the 12 major scales for their instrument and then do some site reading.

Parent Question: Do we make our second payment for the Chicago trip?  
Are we going?

Response from the Directors: Yes. We will work it out and go.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Kindred