

Grissom Band Parents Meeting January 25, 2010

President Chip Ledbetter called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. He reminded everyone to keep their Thomas Tours payments current. The Pillows for Patriots program is continuing. You can see pictures in the newsletter of one of the boxes sent to the soldiers. There are a lot of things happening between now and the end of the school year. We have only 3 more band parent meetings this year.

Kathy Francica was out of town for this meeting and Chip asked for reports from her committees.

Leigh Smith reported that the sorority Phi Alpha Zeta, which includes several color guard girls, is part of the Walk like MADD event on March 27 at Bridge Street. Please consider participating in the event or donating to the cause.

Uniform Chairperson, Lisa Steves, asked for help with getting the concert uniforms fitted. The fittings for Sym II are Thursday at 6:30pm. Concert fitting is Thursday during class at 1:20pm and Sym I is on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 5:30pm. The girls need black shoes with heels and closed toes.

Hospitality Chairperson, Rachel Albritton, reminded everyone that the band's concert camp begins Thursday, Feb 4 and runs until Saturday, Feb 6. We need to feed the kids and the clinicians during the camp. We need a coffee pot for the clinicians. The dinner on Thursday night is being catered by Olive Garden. The pot-luck dinner is on Friday and we need everyone to bring extra dishes so that we have plenty of food for everyone. There are sign-up sheets up for you to help in different ways and at different times.

Kandi Mair, Chaperone Chairperson, informed everyone that 20 chaperones are need on Wednesday, March 10 to go to Tuscaloosa for the ABDA festival. We will depart around 9:00 am and return about 11:00 pm on March 10. Also, if you are one of the tagalongs on the Chicago trip, please let us know if you are willing to chaperone.

Christy Kindred, one of the Banquet Co-Chairs, reported that the seniors have chosen 'Sweet Rave Party' as the theme for the banquet. From what we can find out and after asking some of the kids what the decorations would look like for this theme, we found that the kids are looking for black lights and loud or neon colors. Now, we need your help with creating decorations, setup, cleanup, program booklet, and pictures. We are going to meet for a few minutes after this meeting to try and get organized. If you can't stay, please let us know if you can help us and which area you want to work in.

Second-Vice President Roy Malone asked for reports from his committees.

Teri Mitchell, Publicity, reported that she will keep putting the ads in the paper for the fruit sales.

Kim Broyles, Newsletter Chairperson, was thanked for putting out another great newsletter.

Historian Kate Jobczynski reported that she has pictures from 13 seniors for the slide show at the banquet. There are extra snapshots at the end of the marching DVD thanks to Tim Allen and Chuck Clark.

Fruit Sales Chairperson, Jeff Brewer, reported that after a soggy holiday weekend and a second Saturday sale the following week only 1 box of honeybells was left. He thanked the workers for their willingness to brave the elements and do whatever was necessary to have a successful sale. The pre-order site is up for the February sale. We will have Temple oranges, grapefruit, and tangerines.

Monica Pacey, SCRIP coordinator, reported that she is going to revamp the items that she keeps in stock. Some of the items in stock are just not moving and don't need to remain in stock any longer.

VBC Chairperson Mary Fountain stated that there were lots of things going on at the Civic Center. If you want to work, just let her know and she will add you to the list and send you the opportunities when she receives them.

Alice Searcy, Treasurer, reported that we will be making adjustments to the budget due to marching competition money that was unused. The last band fee payment is due March 1. Also, do not send us the trip payments; send those payments directly to Thomas Tours.

Director Bill Connell thanked everyone for coming tonight. Leigh Thomas is our student teacher from Alabama. She is drum major at Alabama currently. We will have another student teacher come in later. All-State Band Auditions are on Friday, January 28 right after school at Brewer High School. We will send out a schedule by Wednesday. Sym Camp begins next week with a final concert on Saturday at 1:00 pm, a pot-luck dinner on Friday at 5:30 pm with a faculty/student recital at 6:30 pm after the dinner. Saturday morning there will be a special session at 9:00 am for the parents with the guest conductors. Our MPA Music Assessment will be on Friday, February 26 sometime in the afternoon or early evening. At the ABDA Festival on March 10, we have 25 bands participating this year. There will be a clinic after the performance with one of the adjudicators so the kids have instant feedback on their performance. Please help Lisa with the uniforms this week and next.

Director Theo Vernon reported that the All-State Jazz Festival was this past weekend and we had two students, Christian Clark and Sam Altonji participate in it.

Chip Ledbetter asked everyone to pass the word that there are lots of opportunities to help our kids. This includes the Band Board. We will assemble a Nominating Committee for election of the officers next month. Katrena Faddis holds the only office not up for election this year. All of the other offices are up for election.

Chip adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Kindred