

## Grissom Band Parents Meeting February 22, 2010

President Chip Ledbetter called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The minutes from the January Band Parents Meeting are posted on the web site. No one had any corrections to the posted minutes so they are approved as posted. Remember to keep your payments up to Thomas Tours for the Chicago trip in April.

Kathy Francica, Vice-President, reported that she is mailing the sixth box of pillows to the soldiers with the Pillows for Patriots program. The goal is 25 boxes. We haven't had the corporate sponsors that we had hoped for, but we will keep sending the boxes as we receive money for them. A request was made for Kathy to send all of the band parents a copy of the letter asking for donations for the Pillows for Patriots program. Kathy reported that we are going to make a major effort to retain institutional data for each committee from year to year. There is a binder for every chairperson to pick up and begin to fill with information. Kathy asked that the binder be divided into months or some logical sequence for that committee. She recommended that you place an emphasis on what you need to know, problems that you have encountered, solutions to the problems, best practices for your job, etc. This is particularly important if you are not returning to the position next year.

Kandi Mair, Chaperone Chairperson, reported that there are enough chaperones for the February 26<sup>th</sup> trip to Huntsville High School. We can still use 2 or 3 more chaperones for the March 10 ABDA Festival in Tuscaloosa if you can help out. If you want to chaperone the Chicago trip, please let Kathi Hathcock know.

Lisa Steves, Uniform Chairperson, stated that there are a few uniforms that are missing and we need them for Friday. Also, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone that has helped with the sewing and getting the uniforms ready for concert season.

Kathy reported that Diana Akridge will be moving on so the Transportation chair position will be open for next year.

Christy Kindred, Banquet co-chairperson, reported that the planning is moving forward for the banquet, but we can still use your help. Lisa Steves reminded everyone that a baby picture and a senior portrait in non-breakable frames or matted will be needed for the memory wall at the banquet.

Ways and Means chairpersons will not be returning next year as their student is graduating.

Monica Paceley, SCRIP Coordinator, reported that she has made some changes to the in-stock list. Dick's, Pet Smart, Visa, and Walgreens have been added to the in-stock supply. Domino's has changed their \$5 gift certificate into a \$10 gift card.

Mary Fountain, VBC coordinator, reported that there are many opportunities to work at the VBC if you want to put some money into your student's account.

Historian, Kate Jobczynski, requested that we get her any pictures we have as soon as possible. She is starting to work on the slide show for the banquet already.

Chip Ledbetter reported for Jeff Brewer, Fruit Sales Chairperson, that there are 64 boxes of temple oranges, grapefruit and tangerines left. If you need fruit, let Jeff know. There will also be a sale on Saturday at Grissom to try and get rid of the extra fruit. If you can work on Saturday, please let Jeff know.

Treasurer, Alice Searcy, reported that we are closing the Morgan Stanley checking account. The account is costing us more money than we can make in interest there, so we will just use the Regions account for checking. The auditor recommended that we adjust the budget when a budget item has a large excess or shortage during the year. Therefore, the board recommends that we reduce the Marching Competition line item by \$10,000 to \$40,000 and increase the Instrument and Equipment line item by \$10,000 to \$15,600, which will cover the expenses for much-needed repair of some of the instruments. This motion was approved.

Director Bill Connell reminded everyone that the MPA assessment is this Friday, February 26 at Huntsville High School. Concert will perform at 3:30 pm, Sym II at 4:30 pm and Sym I at 5:30 pm. We will provide transportation to Huntsville High School for Concert and Sym II bands. They will need to be picked up at Huntsville after their performance. Sym I will have to find their own transportation to Huntsville after school is out. Thank you to everyone for your support and attendance during the Symphonic Camp. We need a few more chaperones for Tuscaloosa competition on March 10. For the students who are going to All-State, we should have those costs available next week.

Director Theo Vernon informed everyone that all the guys in Sym I and Sym II need white tuxedo shirts for their uniforms. The guys also need black socks that cover the calf and black shoes. The girls in Sym I and Sym II need closed toe, closed heel, black shoes with heels and black hose for their dresses.

Chip Ledbetter reminded the parents that all of the existing board members, except one, have terms expiring this year. The Nominating Committee consists of Diana Akridge, Teri Mitchell, Kim Smith and our band directors, Bill Connell and Theo Vernon. The committee will present the slate of officers at the March band parents meeting. We will vote on the nominations at the April meeting.

Kathy Francica told the attendees that Mr. Connell and Mr. Vernon sent flowers to the band at Discovery Middle School after the shooting there.

Chip Ledbetter thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Kindred