

## Band Parents Meeting March 29, 2010

President Chip Ledbetter called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminder us that the final payment to Thomas Tours for the Chicago trip should have been made by now. If a chaperone has overpaid for their trip, they will receive a refund.

First Vice-President Kathy Francica reported that there is an opening for a volunteer as the Transportation coordinator. This person will make the phone calls to reserve the buses for our competitions and football games. The other committees have chairpersons returning to that committee. Banquet is the exception, but we will wait till after the banquet to ask them about continuing.

Kathi Hathcock, Chaperone Chairperson, thanked everyone who chaperoned to ABDA in Tuscaloosa before spring break. For students going to Chicago, the medication forms need to be filled out, signed by a doctor and turned in April 19. There is also another medical form for Thomas Tours that needs to be filled out and notarized.

Lisa Steves, Uniform Chairperson, asked that anyone that knows their abc's be there on Wednesday morning about 9:00 am to help alphabetize the uniforms. No uniforms should be at home. Please return it to school if you find one in their room, their car, etc.

Hospitality Chairperson, Rachel Albritton, thanked everyone who helped with the symphonic camp this year.

Christy Kindred reported for the Banquet Committee that plans are underway, but we can always use help if you want to join us. Lisa Steve, Memory Wall Chairperson, reminded the senior parents to start finding the senior portrait and the baby picture for the memory wall at the banquet. The pictures should be no larger than an 8x10.

Second Vice-President Roy Malone reported that the Ways and Means Committee needs a new chairperson as their student will graduate this year. This committee takes on small fundraisers such as the Belk's sale and car washes.

Teri Mitchell, Publicity Chairperson, asked the band directors for a list of things that the kids have accomplished since January so that she can put them in the newspaper.

Newsletter Chairperson, Kim Broyles, is returning but needs a shadow.

Kate Jobczynski, Historian, reminded anyone going to Chicago that she needs some pictures of the trip for the slide show at the banquet.

Jeff Brewer, Fruit Sales Chairperson, thanked everyone for helping with the fruit sales. This fundraiser depends upon parent participation to succeed and we are thankful for that support. He thanked Kate Jobczynski for designing the new banners that we have for the

fruit sale and Rich Aplin for creating a structure to hang the banners on the trailer at Kangaroo. We have about 1 ½ boxes of tangerines and about 2 dozen boxes of grapefruit left from this weekend's sale. We will donate the leftovers to Manna House in a few days so if you want some, let me know soon. Chip thanked Jeff for continuing as the Fruit Sales chairperson next year even though he will not have a child in band then.

Monica Paceley, SCRIP coordinator, explained how the VISA gift card works. With the VISA gift card, you need to know what the balance is on the card to use it. But there is a way to set it up so that the balance will be sent as a text message to your cell phone. This would be a good way to send your student to Chicago and not have to worry about losing money. You just need to Xerox the gift card so that you have all of the numbers on the front and back if it gets lost or stolen. Then report the lost card to the phone numbers on the card to stop its use.

Mary Fountain, VBC coordinator, reported that they are getting ready for the Vipers season to start in April so there will be opportunities to work. Let her know if you want to work.

Roy Malone thanked everyone for all of their hard work with their committees.

Treasurer Alice Searcy presented the current budget statement. Statements were sent out at the beginning of spring break to everyone who still owes money to the band.

Director Bill Connell thanked everyone for coming tonight. I also want to thank everyone who went to Tuscaloosa. We are grateful for the support we get when we are at competitions. Solo and Ensemble fees are due Wednesday. The cost is \$5 per event. More information is available on the form. The event is at Hartselle High School on April 24. For kids that made the All-State Band, this activity is April 15-17 with \$165 due on April 5.

This will be the last year to award the Watkins Scholarship to a senior. This scholarship is a paid year of tuition. Applications will be out in the next week or so. The Eric Obermann Foundation also awards a \$1000 scholarship to a senior. A committee member will be at school this week to talk to the seniors. Look for that application this week. Encourage your son or daughter to apply for these scholarships.

When we travel to Chicago all of the same rules apply on the trip that apply at school. If you break the rules, you will lose all of your free time. If it is a major offense, you will be sent home.

Director Theo Vernon reported that Olivia Funkhouser has been selected for the National Honor Band. She will go to D.C. this summer for a big conference. We have a new student teacher, Ty Parker, with us now. Ty is also a drum major at Alabama. Both of our student teachers are going with us to Chicago.

On Monday, April 19, at 7:00 pm, a representative from Thomas Tours will be here to meet with the trip participants. You can turn in the medical forms then. The students signed up for rooms today. There is also a meal choice form for the dinner at Hard Rock which needs to be filled out. All 3 bands and both jazz bands will perform in Chicago. They need to be sure and bring all of their uniform parts.

Chip Ledbetter asked the Nominating Committee to present the slate of officers for next year. Teri Mitchell presented the following slate:

President – June Malone with assistance from Roy Malone  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President – Christy Kindred  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President – Tammy Lynn  
Secretary – Sharon Hamilton  
Treasurer – Craig Akridge with assistance from Diana Akridge  
Treasurer Katrena Faddis has agreed to continue in her current position for another year.

Chip asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Officers will be elected at the next Band Parents meeting on April 26.

Roy Malone thanked Kathy Francica for her effort with the Pillows for Patriots program. Kathy will continue to work this program after leaving office. As long as we have soldiers deploying, we will send pillow whenever we get the donations.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Kindred