

Grissom Band Parents Meeting April 26, 2010

President Chip Ledbetter called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Chip welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed the 8th grade parents that there is a freshman parent meeting on June 1 at 7:00 pm. Rookie camp begins on June 1.

The band banquet is free to every student who has paid their band fees in full. The cost of each additional meal is \$22. Please remember that our organization is a non-profit organization, not a charity.

First Vice-President Kathy Francica presented a list of her committees and their chairpersons for 2009-2010. We want to express our gratitude to everyone who has served this year. Kathy also presented the new chairpersons for 2010-2011 year.

Kathi Hatchcock, Chaperone Chairperson, thanked everyone who has chaperoned in the past and for everyone going on the Chicago trip on Wednesday. If you have medication forms for the trip, please turn them in tonight.

Lisa Steves, Uniform Chairperson, reminded everyone that they will need to take their uniform on the trip. You got a packing list from the directors so you don't forget anything. I am not taking anything extra on this trip.

Mary Fountain, Banquet Co-Chairperson, reported that we can provide gluten-free meals if one is needed. The reservations are due on May 5. Lisa Steves reminded all of the senior parents about the pictures of the seniors for the memory wall at the banquet.

Kathy Francica reported that Jean Sabourin will assume the role of Transportation Chairperson for next year.

Roy Malone, 2nd Vice-President, was not at the meeting.

Monica Pacey, SCRIP Coordinator, informed everyone that the VISA gift cards will no longer be available. If you want to purchase your summer reading books at Barnes and Noble, she has gift cards available.

Kate Jobczynski, Historian, asked for pictures of the Chicago trip to be sent to her by May 7.

Alice Searcy, Treasurer, presented the current budget report and reminded everyone that their fees should be completely paid by now.

Director Bill Connell informed the 8th grade parents that their student would audition at their middle school during their band periods. The Grissom band website and the middle school band directors have the audition music and information. Rookie Camp will be

June 1-4 from 8am – noon. This is for all first year band students. We will teach them how to march. They will meet the student leadership and students from other students. On Tuesday, June 1 at 7:00 pm there is a meeting for 8th grade parents. We will talk about the band fees, instrument rentals, etc. Our website is grissomband.org. You can find the link to Charms which includes our calendar for the next year. There will be a Color Guard meeting on June 1 at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Connell reminded everyone that the same rules and regulations at any Huntsville school will apply on the spring trip. The students should have an itinerary and packing list by now for the trip. The spring concert is on May 7 at 7:30 pm in the auditorium. Auditions for current band members will be May 10-14. The dates for the leadership workshops are on the Charms calendar. The summer calendar is also on Charms.

Charles Page won the super solo contest at All-State. Christian Clark and Eric Clark also competed.

Director Theo Vernon reminded everyone that there is a public calendar on Charms for Grissom and you have access to it without having to log in. The Solo and Ensemble event has been rescheduled for May 15. The Jazz Band concert is on May 14 at 7:30 pm. The concert will include both A and B jazz bands, percussion ensembles and other ensembles. Olivia Funkhouser has been selected as 2nd chair of the National Honor Band in Washington, DC. Our student intern, Ty Parker, has also been selected after completing an interview with Mr. Vernon and being selected. Ty will be joining Olivia this summer in Washington, D.C.

President Chip Ledbetter presented the slate of officers for 2010-2011:
President – June Malone
First Vice-President – Christy Kindred
Second Vice-President – Tammy Lynn
Secretary – Sharon Hamilton
Treasurer – Craig Akridge and Katrena Faddis (returning for a second year)
This slate of officers was approved.

President Ledbetter thanked everyone for being here. He also thanked the board for supporting him for the past two years. After 12 years of being a band parent, this is my last meeting. Thank you.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Kindred