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BAND BOOSTER MEETINGS MINUTES

DATE: AUGUST 16, 2024

START TIME: 7:10pm

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTION: The meeting was called to order by Charlotte Young, Vice President.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Recommendation was made by Ja Meria Slaton-Cook, Secretary to approve board minutes from the May 16, 2024, booster meeting. A motion was moved by Scottie and second by Natalia for the adoption of the meeting minutes from May 16, 2024. The meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Treasurer's report was given by Toni Russell (Co-Treasurer)

Treasurer's report as follows: (Copy provided upon request)

- A. Beginning balance as of July 24, 2024
- B. Total deposits
- C. Total expenses
- D. Ending bank balance

PRESIDENTS/BOARD REPORT:

President: Cassandra Williams

VOLUNTEERING HIGHLIGHTS/BAND REMINDERS:

- Thanked parents for donations to the band concession stand

Discussed Volunteer Tips:

- Volunteers must sign-up through sign-up genius
- Only band messages will come through CutTime
- All volunteers and parents are encouraged to become Band Booster members the cost is \$5



- The steps to become a member are on the band website under the heading band booster
- Advantages to becoming a member includes:
 - (1) vote on important decisions, and
 - (2) helps with administrative cost such as supplies for the band students

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ADDITIONAL REMINDERS:

- Entry into the games is only free for those volunteering with band (Home and Away)
- You must have badge or lanyard to enter with band
- Non volunteers should go ahead of the band to the stands and enter through the fan entry gate
- Do not try to walk in with the band
- You will get stopped by the staff at the gate
- Buy tickets on the GoFan app
- Directors sends this information out every week regarding buying your tickets on the GoFan app
- Cobb County employees with employee badges and who are not volunteering should also enter through the Fan gate
- For safety and security purposes no one is allowed to follow the band through the gate
- The band will enter through the Visitor's fan gate
- All volunteers, Chaperones, media are required to ride the bus
- Logistics is the only group not required to ride the bus (drive truck and cars with instruments)
- No other family members are allowed to ride the bus with the chaperones
- Band students are not allowed to talk on the bus to away events
 - Time for reflection and concentration
 - Calm mind
- Band students can talk on the way back from event
 - No singing, yelling or talking loudly
- Volunteers must be 18 years or older (for any events/concession stands)
- Must get approval if under 18
- All volunteers/chaperones must be actively working, includes:
 - Restroom breaks escorts
 - Stand supervision
 - Water distribution



- Band students are not allowed to bring drinks in the stands, unless given water (only water allowed)
- Do not bring your students food (volunteers will eat the food, if caught)
- There will be other opportunities to volunteer and to help with the band, that will also come through the sign-up genius
 - Away performances (Elementary School Performance, ect.)
 - Competitions
- All volunteers must sign out and sign in all lanyards at the end of each event/football game

SPONSORSHIP PACKET:

Presentation made by Charlotte Young, Vice President

For the love of money...money money money

- We are reaching out to businesses and to You (parents) to donate funds for
 - Instruments, etc.

Sponsorship Levels:

Tiers:

- The plus sign is a starting point for each level (funds are not limited)
 - Platinum Level
 - Gold Level
 - Silver Level
- If someone would like to sponsor the band, please reach out to one of us
- The more you donate, you will be given a half-time advertising and shout-outs at the home game (This half-time show is being sponsored by.....)
- No amount is too big or too small we take all levels
- The website will be up so that donations can be made

Kirtdoll: Response on sponsorship donations

- Let's kick donations into high gear
- Donations are important to get the kids whatever they need, and we need a lot
- Largest year of the Pebblebrook band in history, at least in the last 18 -20 years
- Instrumental needs:
 - Music stands
 - Tubas
 - Percussion instruments
 - New Cymbal line immediately



- A lot of what is paid go towards instructors/Clinician
 - Fees are paid throughout
 - Professional flute and clarinet whatever instruments students play (tuba, trombone, percussion) to train kids
- Rely on money and resources for facility
 - Inventory
 - supplies
- Need a larger band truck (Truck is packed to capacity)
- Pushing your job and church can help our program and students
- Band fees do not cover all the expenses
- Fundraising helps to bridge the gap with cost
- Will help put our program on another level
- If you believe, put in effort and check with your job, church and get some platinum or director level donations, gold instructor levels
- Target stores you frequent, packet is available for email and delivery
- We are a 501 (C)(3) and donations are tax deductible and accepting
 - Silver Drum Major level
 - Maroon Section Leader level
 - Blue Band Member level
 - White Patron level
- All goes towards students and programs
 - Washington DC trip (more information to come)
- More platinum level donations will bring down the cost of the trip
 - Service areas include Mableton Parkway, Floyd Road, Thornton Road and tackle Lithia Springs
- Packet has an introduction and things we have done in the past
- Finalizing Sponsorship packet

NEW BUSINESS: Forming a new Committee: Translation Committee

Introduction done by Cassandra Williams, President

This committee will be led by Carla Arena

- Need 2 to 4 volunteers
- Rotate between committee meetings
- Translations for Band app and other communications
 - Translations for other outside events
 - Parent Conferences
 - Middle Schools



DIRECTORS ADDRESS:

Director: Mr. Kirtdoll

Band Fees:

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- Band fee payments are due
- Pay all fees through the CutTime link (All payments for band fees will be satisfied first)
- Payment for Trip to DC trip deposit will begin soon (If you have a band fee balance, your trip deposit will go toward band fees)
- Final stages and planning for cost for the Washington trip will come soon
- The Washington, DC Trip is April 9-12, 2025 (Spring break week)
- Parade is Saturday, April 12, 2025
- We will visit all monuments and museums
- System pays on whatever is due
 - Band fee is due first
 - Trip deposit will come mid-September
- Links come through the messages to make payments on student accounts
- Share cost (available on parent link) to up to 10 different people

Jogging Suit Presentation: Mr. Kirtdoll and Mr. Jenkins

- Jogging Suit will be used for
 - Travel
 - Perform at different events
 - Introduction of Tyreek
 - Kids are trying them on in class
 - Pants and jacket sizes can be mixed and matched
 - Parent jogging suits will be available for \$80
 - Jot form will be available for size and payment
 - Send messages on Band App for jogging suit or email for jogging suits

Mr. Kirtdoll:

- All State Fees and auditions
 - \$37 due late Sept. 2024
 - Student leadership, automatic trying out
 - Auditions are with concert band instruments
 - Scales are out and are starting to work on those in class
 - Solo auditions

Importance of All State:



- o All state determines:
 - Best students in the instrument in State of Georgia; and
 - Best in Cobb County School District
- Recommend getting lessons
o We have lesson teachers
o Instruction is invaluable
- Practice for Senior auditions and college auditions
 - o December (Senior Auditions)
 - o January (Band Directors start coming)
- Last year's seniors received 5.5 million dollars in scholarships
 - o Students have various majors

Fundraising: Popcorn Time!!!

- Double Good Popcorn Fundraising
 - o Starts August 26, 2024 - August 29, 2024
 - o Prizes for the kids
 - Top Sellers
 - Tiered Prizes

Mr. Jenkins: Presentation on Sponsorship Packet

- Digital copy will be on the website
- Print copy will be available
- Cover page
- Message from board
 - o Accomplishments
 - o Mission Statement
 - o Meet the Band
 - Difference ensembles
- Tiers
- Thank you message from Directors

TRANSLATION PROVIDED BY: Karla Arenas

AJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by Charlotte Young at 7:58p.m.