

## 4/24/23 Band Booster Meeting

Present- Jody Lukac, Mike & Ashley Pyle, Betsy Arndt, Kristy Dale, Mike & Jen Weeks, Amy Hartig, Carolyn Witham, Skip Watwood, Amanda Helms, Sam Oakley, Melanie Griffin, Carrie Hollaway, Christine Peake, Lisa May

1. Review of March Meeting Minutes- gave a quick recap of what was discussed at the March 20, 2023 meeting. See previous month's notes.
2. Unfinished Business- Mr. Lukac reviewed the proposed 2023-24 Budget and we unanimously approved it. Key point is that the band budget total expected income must match the total expected expenses.

Purchased 2 vibes, a marimba, and the tenor drums with the BBQ money. The vibes have already been delivered, we are waiting on a part for the marimba, and the tenors will likely not be delivered until after the Fall 2023 marching season. Multiple vendors were contacted and all said the same about delivery dates. Amount spent was \$14,663.45 but that may increase due to shipping costs.

Two band dads have begun welding the bases for the props. Lukac and a student are finalizing the mountain landscape design that will be painted on to foam board.

### 3. Committee Reports

Pit Crew Communication- Amanda Helms- no new information

Pit Crew Drivers & Trailers- Skip Watwood – Trailer Security concerns. Priced tongue locks for trailers (\$194 plus tax/shipping) for 6. This is a one size fits all system to decrease risk of trailer thefts. Approved spending the money on this system.

Hospitality- Carrie Hollaway- May 6<sup>th</sup> training we will serve a hot dog lunch. If your child does not eat hot dogs they should pack a lunch.

Preparing for banquet- see notes under new business.

Uniforms- Christine Peake- no new information

Chaperones/Travel- Kristen Shaver- Jen Weeks will send Kristen an email with the contact information for the bus drivers. We will still need 3 buses for the upcoming season.

Webstore- Carolyn Witham, Mike Pyle- Mike will coordinate with Carolyn to discuss how the webstore works. Mr. Lukac handles the show shirts but we typically open the store during band camp for the fall order, before winter break, and then in the spring before Disney trips (this is a lighter order, usually comprised of summer gear).

Fundraising- Ashley Pyle- Ashley is serving as the interim chair until the position is permanently filled. Anyone interested in this position can contact Mike & Ashley Pyle or any current board member.

Urban Air- mailed a check directly to Mr. Lukac at school. We raised approximately \$100.

Kate's Skate- reissued their check.

Upcoming Spirit Night- Showmars Monroe on 4/27 from 5-9 PM.

\*You must tell them you are with the Piedmont band BEFORE you order.\*

#### 4. New Business

End of Year Banquet- 5/4 at Fairview Park. Rain date 5/11.

Prepping senior gift bags on Sunday, 4/30, at 4pm at Fairview Park. Sign up Genius was emailed out and includes day of prep, serving, & cleanup.

Serving chicken sandwiches, salad, fruits & veggies (prepped day of- please bring knives & cutting boards) and cake. Food will be in the pavilion and we will picnic in the grass behind the bathrooms. If possible, set up Lukac speaking with the lake as the backdrop. Will need extension cords to power microphone/speakers. Lukac will bring backup battery.

Theme- May the 4<sup>th</sup> Be with You- Students are encouraged to bring light sabers to make a tunnel for the seniors to walk under. Star Wars themed backdrop for photos and decorations have been purchased.

Still need pictures from senior parents for their photo books.

Band Photographer- We need a band photographer to take pictures of the band students during band events like band camp, practices, our preview night, competitions, and football games. A mix of candid and posed are appreciated. Helps families who can't be present see behind the scenes of band and preserves awesome memories for students. Photos could be shared with families through a photo sharing site or even on an unofficial band social media page. Would need to make sure students have photo release forms before posting.

Middle School Liaison/Representative- Discussed having a parent to serve as a liaison for Ms. Helms. Responsibilities would include helping Ms. Helms reach out to MS admin when coordinating band related events. Kristy Dale & Sam Oakley both volunteered and can contact Amanda Helms if they need assistance.

Disney Hotel Change- We have changed our hotel to the Drury Plaza Hotel near Disney Springs. This will give us some perks only available to guests staying on property. Increases total price by \$35/person.

May Schedule- Please check the band website for upcoming events including \*new\* Spring Training rehearsals for Brass/Woodwinds, training on May 5 & 6 with the Blue Devils, the concert on 5/23, and band fee payment due dates. Spring Training sessions are optional for current seniors but your help would be greatly appreciated- this is your legacy!

BBQ Raffle Prizes- Have 5 gift cards for various places in varying amounts. Will need to purchase or have 5 more donated before banquet.

## 5. Action Items-

Harmony Director system tabled for now. (See March notes)

Skip will get up with Mike & Kristy to order the lock system for the trailers.

Skip will contact Laura Rogers to get trailer keys.

Mike will send out a request for a band photographer & fundraising chair.

Lukac will bring backup battery to banquet. Remind him! ☺