

Godwin Band Boosters Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2015

Meeting called to order at

Attendance: Mimi Rawson, Anne Urenda, Mr. Auman, Mary Susan John, Yvonne Peery, Sara Hart, Teresa Lee, Vickie Weatherholtz, Yumiko Kano, Sharon Smith, Valerie Powers, Will Kugel, Ben Keebler, Meredith Keebler, Stuart William, Michele Matthews, Melissa Glasser, Tim Urenda, Cindy Fournier

1. Approval of Minutes (Mimi Rawson) - voted on and approved
2. Financial Report (Stuart Williams) - September budget handed out and reflects finances to date (includes car washes): A couple of checks have bounced. Stuart will talk to Mr. Auman about handling this. Car washes make a total of \$1862 this summer. Spirit wear sales are not fully accounted for in the September budget.
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership (Amy Terhune) - No Report
 - b. Equipment/Trucks (Tim Urenda) - Return request for inspection. \$230 worth of repairs needed. Need to buy extra tie downs to keep inside of truck to better secure stuff in truck. Should be about a \$50 purchase. Might want to remove the rack in the truck as it isn't being utilized this year with fewer tubas. Gas cans in the shed are for band use. Tim will fill them up. Yamaha generator has not been located. Mr. Auman wonders if someone has it to work on as it has had some issues. Pit crew has 6 or 7 people and **could use more help**.
 - c. Ways and Means (Vacant)
 - Spirit Nights (tomorrow night at Applebees/ September 30 at Glory Days) -
 - Cookie Dough Fundraiser (September 17 – October 8. Need minimum of 120 orders) - box full of brochures has arrived. Mr. Auman will hand out brochures in class. Sale runs for 3 weeks. Minimum of 120 orders needed. Order sheets due October 8th. Money goes to STUDENT ACCOUNTS.

- Fall Show October 31 – will start planning soon. 3 bands have signed up.

- d. Hospitality (Val Powers) - Picnic before the first game went very well. Several parents appreciated being able to meet people. Having it inside in the commons seems to be much more cohesive and a better set up. Senior night is next event. Hospitality will provide sit down dinner for Seniors and their families. Senior night date is October 16th which overlaps with 8th grade night. Fall show is also on the horizon.
- e. Chaperones (Michelle Matthews) - Sign up genius for the games are already out and are filling out. The arrival times depend on home (6:00) or away games (5:00). If there is extra dinner the chaperones are welcome to it, but that cannot be counted on as sometimes the students eat all the food. Need 6-8 chaperones and 4+ equipment people at each competition. Will need chaperones for Henrico County Showcase.
- f. Newcomer's Liaison (Mary Susan John) - Mary Susan has only had a few questions. It was suggested that Mary Susan send out an email to 8th graders. Need to put pouch cards on the newsletter so everyone knows about them. Please contact Mary Susan or Amy if you know of new band students or 8th graders that want information about band and band boosters. It was suggested that parents of middle schoolers help spread the word about band at the middle school concerts.
- g. Website/Newsletter (Cindy Fournier) - There is link on the Godwin Band website that says "join the mailing list". We don't know where that goes, so we might need to just remove it. Cindy will remove it if she can't figure out where it goes. Website is as up to date as it can be. How long of a running archive should be kept online with minutes? It was decided that 4 years is adequate. Should we keep the newsletter? Several parents agreed that they do read the newsletter. It is necessary to submit full article content if we are going to keep a newsletter. Sandy Spiknell takes photos and they can be found by friending her on facebook. Newsletter will be issued weekly during marching band season, then to monthly after that. Mr. Auman will send itinerary to Cindy for each competition. Friends of the Band link was intended for sponsors. There are 2 sponsors

there, but nobody knows if they are paying. If they are not we will ask if they want to sponsor again or they will be removed (not sure who will do this). Stuart will check and see if they are paying.

4. Old/New Business

1. Comments/suggestions regarding Fee Day, Band Camp, Band Picnic, Game Day meals - Picnic being on the first game night was a little bit of an issue because some parents did not attend the picnic and those students did not have a meal. Some people did not get the email and that is why there was a problem. Anne just got emails that were submitted on fee night. It would be good to have computer station where people type in their own emails on the contact list for band boosters. This could be done in the library with the school's computers. It was discussed that we would like to try and have forms filled out online with some google documents. People agreed that doing the fee night in the library was good and we should do it there again. Band camp meals went well. They don't eat apples. Grapes, banana and strawberries were eaten. There was a large rolling cooler missing and it has shown back up. It was suggested to have multiple band parent volunteers on the first day as that is when the most heat exhaustion problems happen.
2. 2014/2015 Audit status - Stuart reported that there were no issues with the Audit. Keith Coates has the forms.
3. Paypal account - Deleted from webpage. We might want to consider a Go Fund Me link if we need another specific cash fundraiser.
4. Band website - booster leadership page will be updated.
5. Band Booster football game concessions - in the past we have been allowed to sell concessions at the games. New athletic director may be more receptive to allowing us to do some concessions at the away side. Val expressed how Mrs. Armbruster was not open to allowing the band to sell concessions in years past. Anne would like us to come up with a proposal to take to the the new Athletic Director and to

Mrs. Armbruster. Michelle will be taking photos of other band concessions in Henrico County. Val volunteers to help with the first concession sales.

6. Mr. Aumen update: Oct 3rd Charlottesville competition. Henrico County Showcase is on Monday October 19th after school at Varina. Students take money and buy concessions there. Fruit sale: We are going to get a better deal on citrus this year with new vendor. Prices are significantly lower and we can make a lot of money by selling the fruit at the same prices as last year. Money from fruit sales has historically gone to the student accounts. It was discussed that we might have do a Student/Band program split for the profit this year. Some input from booster members was that fruit sales should be for student accounts only. Update: kids are working hard. Going to Patrick Henry this week. Pregame starts about 6:40pm for away games. \$2670 in new megaphone and baritone. There are 2 tuba players without instruments. They are \$2100 each. It was moved and seconded that we buy the 2 tubas. The vote was unanimous and Mr. Auman will order the horns ASAP. Band Booster T-shirts? Val will look into going online to design and order some.
7. Other - People who take pictures, please send them to godwin band google drive account that Anne will have someone set up (Maybe Meredith Keebler). Might want to have a Godwin Band Facebook page as well. Anne will touch base with Meredith.

5. Meeting Adjourned at 8:38pm. Next meeting scheduled for October 5 at 7:00 p.m. in band room.