

April 2021 GHS Band Boosters Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Richard Turner at 6:30pm. It was approved by Regina Turner and seconded by Melissa Phillips

Treasurer Report:

It was presented by Brandi Gray. Richard Turner made a motion to accept the treasurer report. The motion was approved by Regina Turner and seconded by Melissa Phillips

Minutes:

Melissa Phillips made a motion to have last month's minutes read on the Gibbs High School Band Boosters website. A motion was made by Regina Turner to always have the previous month's minutes read on the GHS Boosters website. This motion was accepted by Ericka Thompson and seconded by Richard Turner. A requested was made by the Vice President, Rick Van Rijn, to have last month's minutes resent to him because of a computer issue. I told him that I would resend it along with the new minutes.

Band Banquet:

Mr. Bates spoke with the administration and Coach Turner (the football coach) about what they did for their banquet. They had an awards ceremony. The players sat at the gym floor and parents in the risers. They had no food. When speaking with the administration, they were not comfortable about having food and would not approve any "pot luck" style. We can consider lite refreshments and sealed pre-packaged food that we purchase in bulk. Regina Turner suggested that we do not have any food at the banquet. Mr. Bates will discuss with Coach Turner about the stage and will take care of the rest of the banquet, along with the slide show. Mr. Bates will let us know how many people per student can attend.

Dennis Chambers made a motion to have the banquet without food. Ericka Thompson Russell seconded the motion and Regina Turner approves. The vote was made and all 16 people voted yes. The date will be May 3rd at 7pm in the Gibbs High School big gym.

The Band concert will be on May 13th.

Elections:

Tonight we will be forming the nominating committee. This committee has to be made up of 2 booster members and one of the band directors. The committee will make contact to see if anyone is wanting to run for the 4 positions on the board (President, Vice President, Treasurer and/or Secretary). All current members of the board are willing to run for their current positions. Sandra Young and Ericka Thompson Russell will be on the nominating committee. The committee will be responsible for getting the names to Mr. Bates. The only requirement is that they must a child in band (either marching or concert).

Coke Fund Raiser:

The Coke Fund raiser ended last Friday. The top sellers are Eva Branson at 58 Cases, Jessica Birchfeild at 40 cases and Deanna Chambers at 23 cases. These students will receive a gift card. A form was given to Mr. Bates for the kids to complete on where they would like their gift cards from.

The profit for the coke sale will be \$1882. The coke delivery will be on April 15th starting at 5:30pm.

4 kids will be receiving the breakfast from ChickFla.

3 refunds back to the students – 2 people overcharged for the water and 1 was an addition error. Mr. Bates is contact the students/parents.

Director: Thomas Bates

Mr. Bates only wants to do 3 to 4 fund raisers a year. We have decided to skip a year on the fruit sale. We will keep the Ham and Goody's Cookie sale at least 2 times a year. The next fund raiser for the cookies will be around Thanksgiving and again around Easter. The Coke fund raiser needs to be moved back to the beginning of the school year. Suggestions were made to sell the cases of Cokes at the football games.

Other suggestions that were made for fund raising ideas were deep fried turkeys and steaks at Thanksgiving and Christmas, Nothing but Bunt Cakes (Richard is to reach out and find out more information), and candy bars. Victoria on the Zoom meeting wants to know if we can set up something on the website for direct donations via Pay Pal. Rick is to research about setting up the donation the Gibbs High School Band Booster Website. Any additional ideas for fund raisers, please email Mr. Bates directly.

Mr. Bates sent out a request via google about getting more parents & boosters involved. 38% of the people want to have the meetings on Monday. The choices for times were 6 or 6:30 and the votes were even. A suggestion was made to move the meeting to Mondays at 6:30pm on a trial basis. It will start with the new school year, August 2021. A motion was made by Regina Turner to move the meetings to the 2nd Monday of each month, starting in August, at 6:30pm. The motion was seconded by Dennis Chambers and seconded by Ericka Thompson Russell. The vote was 16 to approve.

Volunteer Coordinator:

At this time, there is no need for volunteers until band camp.

New Business:

The trailer is still leaking. Rick is to get a price to fix the trailer and will review in the next meeting.

Zoom Meetings:

This is an opportunity for people to listen in and share opinions if they are unable to make it to the meetings. Do we want to look into having a virtual voting via Zoom. This will need to be researched

with Knox County Schools guidelines. At this time, we will have the Zoom meetings as informational and will table the voting for a later date after the research is complete. We are unable to vote on this issue this evening due to time deadlines with KCS. We are required to submit any changes in the by-laws 30 days prior to the vote.

The next Boosters meeting will be held on May 11th at 6:30 in the band room

A motion was made by Richard Turner to call the meeting to an end. Regina Turner accepted the motion and seconded by Melissa Phillips