

GHBPA Executive Committee Meeting
April 12, 2021

I. President – Melissa Madrical

Melissa opened the meeting and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion was made, and Jenny McCarthy seconded.

Band Director – Darren Kirsch

- Thank you to everyone who helped make the abbreviated season happen given the all the covid protocols that had to be in place. Mr. Kirsch has received a lot of positive feedback.
- We were the only band in Southeast VA to have a Marching Band season.
- Kids were amazing given the short practice schedule.
- Senior night was very nice. Will consider doing a similar event in future years.
- Many thanks to parents for supporting the Marching Band season.
- Kids were very appreciative of the opportunity.
- Came in under budget.
- Governor has updated EO72 effective 4/1 and further limits the band. It considers the marching bands under gatherings and has reduced this to 100 people outdoors and 50 indoors. For sports, EO72 increased numbers from 250 to 500. There is a movement by VMEA and VBODA to ask for equal treatment for the marching bands with sports. A petition has also been started across the State and will be sent to the Governor. Please review and consider the petition.
- Will have a calendar coming out within the week for the Spring concert.
 - Tentative concert date: 5/23/21
 - 2p – 3p Concert Band
 - 330p – 430p Symphonic Band
 - 5p – 6p Jazz
 - 630p-730p Wind Ensemble
 - Parents only come to the concert in which their student is performing.
 - Refreshments? Not sure how unless grab and go.
 - Will have practice in May. 245p – 415p
 - Monday – Wind
 - Tuesday – Concert band
 - Wednesday – Jazz
 - Thursday – Symphonic

Need to get auditorium reserved and obtain approval for the concert.

- Will be sending out Marching Band commitment forms for the Fall soon to obtain commitment numbers. At this point we are a go for the Fall season.
- Kids who have Spring sports will split their practice 50/50 unless there is a game or meet. There are only a few kids that this would impact, and the coaches work with us.
- Had 10 kids audition for All State Jazz

- II. Presidents Committee
 - a. Guard – Patti Cubstead. No Report
 - b. Historian – Larry Madrigal
Pictures are on the website. Everything is up to date.
 - c. Tri-M – Shannon Stark
Discussion by Mr. Kirsch to order senior cords and be lenient on volunteer hours because covid did not allow much opportunity to volunteer. All seniors should receive a cord.
- III. 1st Vice President – Tina Cuthrell
We had 148 volunteer hours for March. Noted some folks had not turned in hours and this will increase.
 - a. Pit – Nathen Hedden
Noticed insurance on trailer expires in April. Following discussion, Sue confirmed that the insurance has been paid and should receive the cards soon.
 - b. Hospitality – Vacant
 - c. Uniforms – Shirley Emerson No Report
Mr. Kirsch mentioned that we will need to come up with a plan to collect the uniforms.
 - d. Chaperones – Rob Cuthrell No Report
 - e. Band Camp – Art Guarino No Report
Mr. Kirsch mentioned that Band Camp will be 8/9 – 8/13; 8/16 – 8/20; week of 8/23 will be evening schedule. Guard and Percussion will begin 8/3 to 8/6.
 - f. Feed the Band – Russell Kassell
We have a credit at Chick Fil A as they missed some of the sandwiches we ordered for the band. Mr. Kirsch commented how nice the Senior dinner was at the County Grill. One band student parent picked up the tab for the dinner as well as provided desert. Wonderful experience for the kids.
 - g. Decorations – LaDonna Armstrong No Report
 - h. Student Volunteer hours – Valerie Leppa No Report
Mr. Kirsch advised to make it easy. If in marching band, receive credit.
- IV. 2nd Vice President – Stephanie Schmuck
We should receive a check from Bubba’s for the fundraiser. We raised just shy of \$600.
 - a. Concessions – Teresa Haas
Getting books together for transition
 - b. Spirit Wear – Vacant
 - c. TAG Day – Jenn Mendoza
This went very well. Currently received approx. \$17,800 +. Mr. Kirsch will put out one more remind to folks to turn in their checks from the pledges.
- V. Secretary – Shirley Coleman No Report
 - a. Webmaster – Benjamin Scott
TAG event pictures are posted and will leave them until the All-State pictures are ready to be posted.
 - b. Data Entry – Benjamin Scott

All minutes have been updated except for December 2020. Missing them.

c. Remembrance – Jenny McCarty

Should have the band pictures by this Wednesday. There is no Jazz assessment. Mr. Kirsch had the following recommendations:

- ❖ Do what we can to make it special
- ❖ Do not short awards because of pandemic
- ❖ Supports certificates
- ❖ Supportive of doing bio booklets

Jenny gave a big thank you to those who helped her pull everything together. Noted that Patti Cubstead will begin shadowing her and transition to the role of Remembrance for next season.

d. Publicity – Dawn Bailey

Have posted the link for the petition on Facebook and Twitter.

VI. Treasurer – Sue Fredenberg

- Confirmed that there is \$4,000 in the budget to be utilized for scholarship and private lessons. Mr. Kirsch mentioned we will need non-senior parents to read applications to rate essay for scholarships. If interested let Melissa know.
- Still have 12 students have not paid their band fees. Mr. Kirsch will address them individually.
- Mr. Kirsch requested to understand where we are at with budget year-to-date.

VII. Old Business – Already discussed TAG day

VIII. New Business – We need 2 parents to find and nominate a person for the role of Secretary. Will need to determine if we can vote on this position while at the Spring Concert. If interested in being part of the nominating committee, let Melissa know.

IX. Next Meeting – May 3rd – In person. Location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted by Rob Cuthrell and Melissa Madrigal