

Grafton High Band Parents Association
PO Box 1095 Grafton, VA 23692
Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2006

A meeting of the GHBPA was held at the home of Wadina Thompson, President on this date and commenced at 2020hrs. This was an informal meeting for all Executive Board and Committee Chairs to get together and start the year out on a positive note.

An introduction by the respective Executive Board officers and Committee Chairs was conducted.

A reminder was made that all future meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 1900 in the band room. This is due to Bingo taking place on each Monday evening of the month.

- 1.1 Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting, approved.
 - 1.2 Bingo is up and running and additional support is needed to keep the program profitable.
 - 1.3 The President has asked the Executive Board to meet with Committee Chairs to discuss procedures, responsibilities and challenges. The idea is to help build on Team-Work.
 - 1.4 The President noted the need to have more parental involvement with band programs.
 - 1.5 The end of Band Camp pool party will take place between the hours of 1800-2100. A check will be made at the following facilities for the party: Bethel Manor/ Kiln Creek/ Windy Point. Efforts are being made to have everything take place on Friday Aug. 25 regarding the end of band camp show, pool party, etc. This will help alleviate the necessity for parents/students to return to school on the following Saturday. Polly Kostecki to check on arrangements.
- 2.0 Darren, Band Director
- Guard uniforms are in. A total of 40 were ordered.
 - Marching Band uniforms are scheduled for possible delivery between July 15 and August 15. Uniforms “may” be in on August 01. Scheduling for uniform fitting will be scheduled based on delivery date.
 - Pictures will take place on August 31.
 - Lockers for the Guard project will be headed up by Peter Gaddis.
 - Volunteers needed to help sew capes for Guard costume.
 - Looking for person(s) to help serve as Percussion Mom(s). Volunteers will be responsible for collecting fees, etc and other necessary items for students.
 - “Darren” will send out the July newsletter.
 - *Marching Season Fee’s will be \$125.00 per student. Also, a \$25.00 fee will be charged per year for concert uniforms to help offset the purchase

of uniform items and upkeep. Total cost: \$150.00 per student per year due at time of Band Camp.

- The band will be going back to the original style of marching shoe. Cost will be approx \$30.00 per pair.
- Concert Uniform fittings will take place the second week of Band Camp.
- Schedule will go out for fall marching season (included in student handbook). Competition dates will be more defined. Schedule will also go out with newsletter in about a week.
- Future needs for the band room are as follows: 1. Mounts for speakers and wiring 2. Room wired for a CD recorder with Microphones 3. Security Camera System 4. Guard Cabinets.
- Darren looking to have a least a Part-Time Assistant. May become full time for approx 230 students.

3.0 Ellen, 1st Vice-President

- Still working on completing the audit.
- No return information for the bonding of the GHBPA. Note: If we do not audit the books, it will be difficult at best to get a company to ensure by bond.
- A motion was made and passed to allow for billing of uniforms not returned by established deadline (\$50.00 for Boys, \$55.00 for Girls).
- Date of awards Banquet will be on Monday June 4th 2007.
- Senior Recognition night will be on October 13, 2006.

4.0 Kathy, 2nd Vice-President

- Waiting on turnover of information from Duchess Sicay.
- Looking into Scrip Sales as a fundraiser (information filed with minutes). This is a fundraiser that does not require any money from the organization to be involved in.

5.0 Peter, 3rd Vice-President

- New game started this past Monday, a total of 63 players were on hand. Due to lack of players, the organization lost around \$6,000. The jackpot was not reduced in order to help bring in more players in the coming weeks. We will have additional games where the organization may lose money before we start making a profit however, we will not drain the coffers. There is the possibility that we may shorten our program by a few games in order to end on time. We are looking into renting a mobile sign to display an advertisement of our game(s) on Monday nights to help increase business.

6.0 Pam, Treasurer

- The GHBPA has approx. \$2,600 in the checking account. Awards Banquet fundraiser netted approx \$1,200.

7.0 New Business

- Cookouts for Band Camp will be for the second week of band camp. Mark and Kathy Faron will work on arrangements.
- A motion was made and passed for the GHBPA to obtain a Post Office Box for the purpose of having mail delivered to a central location. This will help ensure that time sensitive mail is handled appropriately. The Secretary will make arrangements for box and getting mail.
- Possible fundraiser for “Boys-to-Men” band at Fort Eustis.
- Established rules for purchasing items for the band to be developed.
- The Scholarship Committee will meet again to revise the newly approved program based on our current Bingo income, etc.
- Bylaws committee to be established to revise and bring up to date current set of bylaws. Committee will meet following the revision of the Scholarship Program. The Secretary will set up the committee.

8.0 Meeting Adjourned at 2147 hrs.

Minutes prepared by: Mark L. Faron, Secretary

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Meeting Minutes for 01 August 2006

1.0 A meeting of the GHBPA was called to order at 1900 hrs in the Grafton High School Room 101 by the Wadina Thompson, President. There were 30 officers and members present.

1.1 A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting without objection.

1.2 Efforts to arrange an end of band camp pool party at Bethel Manor have fallen through do to a lack of Life Guards. Mrs. Karen Kennedy will check with the Coast Guard Station, Yorktown to see if they could accommodate the band. Mr. Rick Devaney will be checking with the York County YMCA to see if they could accommodate the band.

1.3 The president announced that she would be sending out the GHBPA meeting agenda one week prior to the meeting to all board members. All GHBPA members are asked to please forward any request to be put on the agenda at least one week prior to a scheduled meeting.

1.4 A motion was made and approved to allow for the purchase of much needed software for website maintenance once funds have been secured. The software will cost approximately \$200.00. It was recommended by Mr. Steve Roth that licensing be registered to the GHBPA to facilitate future cost effective upgrades to the software.

1.5 The GHBPA will have concessions on the following dates for football games: September 22 and 30th. It is anticipated that the Sept. 22 game should be profitable for the GHBPA as Grafton vs. Lafayette.

2.0 The Band Director

- The student band handbook is now being printed and will be ready for band camp.
- Parents should encourage students to bring Gatorade to band camp to help cope with the heat. The GHBPA will purchase and provide ice water to the students at no charge.
- New band uniforms are expected in the next one to two weeks. The uniforms mom, Kathy Faron will need help in fitting and assigning uniforms to marching band students.
- The old band uniforms are to be donated a needy school in LA.
- The York County School Board has agreed to fund an assistant band director for three day's a week. Assistant Director will be Mr. Gabe Stone. Also, the county will be funding 5 college students to help with the marching band during band camp.

- There is a current bill in the amount of \$3,400 for new drum heads. It is suggested that the percussionist do some type of fundraiser to help pay for the cost associated to the percussionist.
- Mr. Kirsch has a new home email: dkirsch2@cox.net. Mr. Kirsch would *prefer* that those needing to contact him use his school email address.

3.0 1st Vice-President

- Request made for a roster of all visual ensemble students.
- We have a large amount of cups being donated for band camp by various local fast food restaurants. There should be enough to cover all of band camp.
- Dinner will be provided by the GHBPA to all marching band students placing an order (nominal fee applies). Pizza will be available on one of the days starting the second week of camp. On Tuesday of the second week Hamburgers will be served. Thursday of the same week, hotdogs will be served. Students will be required to sign up to purchase food in order that the correct amount of food can be purchased.
- Sno-Zone will be on hand during band camp to sell refreshments. The band will get a cut of the profits from sales (25 cents for small cones & 50 cents for each large cone sold). Sno-Zone will also be available during football games.

3.1.1 Committee Reports

3.1.2 Uniforms Committee Chair

- Uniform collections are now down to 5 concert uniforms not being turned in by students. If uniforms are not turned in by 3 Aug. 2006 a bill will be sent to parents to cover replacement cost.
- At some point, additional 50 uniforms hangers will need to be ordered for the new uniforms.
- The Athletic Boosters will loan the key to the concessions fridge for our use during band camp.

4.0 2nd Vice President

4.1.1 Ellen Gellene reporting for Kathy Nerger

- Various fundraising suggestions were offered for consideration that the GHBPA could be involved in (see attached printed copy of notes with approved minutes).
- Agreement to order 100 additional band shirts to sell for profit approved by members present.
- Spirit Sales chaired by Barbara Devaney will include additional items this year as they become available. Items sold will be to provide additional income to the organization. In the past, the GHBPA made “no profit” on items sold.

4.1.2 No comments

5.0 3rd Vice-President

Peter Gaddis reports that player attendance at bingo has picked up since we started bingo at our new location.

- Payouts continue to be as advertised. As of this date, losses due to bingo amount to roughly \$11,000. We are cautiously optimistic that revenue losses will cease in the near future, this will depend on an increase in players at each event.
- Flyers will be handed out at other bingo facilities that are conducting games. Help will be asked of the membership to assist with this endeavor.
- As bingo will be taking place during the weeks of band camp, only adults will be needed to assist in helping run the events. This is being done in order to not over-tax the students after the long hours at band camp.

6.0 Secretary

- Cathy Dress spoke about band picture dates.
- Students not marching may have a picture taken in a marching uniform.

7.0 Treasurer

- The Treasurer reports that there is approximately \$2,900 in the operating account.

8.0 Student Accounts Treasurer

- Erica is out of town and no report is available.
- Note: All volunteer hours are to be forwarded to the respective executive chair and forwarded by them to the head chaperone; Jacquie Bannat

9.0 New Business

- The GHBPA is in receipt of a letter from Ms. Erin Bowling, thanking the organization for sponsoring her in the Miss Teen of Virginia Scholarship and Recognition Program. Erin won the "Fifteen-year-old Outstanding Achievement Award.

10.0 No other business being offered for consideration, this meeting adjourned at 2001 hrs.

Submitted by,

Mark L. Faron, Secretary
GHBPA 2006-2007

05 September 2006

A membership meeting of the GHBPA was held this date in the GHS Band Room. Wadina Thompson, president presided.

- 1.0 Call to Order: 1903
 - 1.1 Dispense with the reading of the minutes from the August General Meeting. Motion made and approved.
 - 1.2 General Membership Letter. A letter from the President was to the members presented to raise the awareness of our BINGO fundraiser and the fact that BINGO will not be able to fund the upcoming spring trip. A new letter will be drafted to expand upon this one and sent via email to the general membership.
 - 1.3 BINGO
Peter Gaddis, 3rd Vice-President in charge of BINGO gave a briefing on the current situation with BINGO. Due to an overall lack of players in sufficient numbers, BINGO has lost approximately \$20K since starting at our new location in July of this year. It has been estimated that we need 192+ players to break even on a game and 234+ players/game to be able to contribute the minimum amount to the band as prescribed by DCG rules. Several options were outlined in regard to trying to keep BINGO going. Due to the circumstances, a motion was made to *“Allow BINGO to continue based on the discretion of the BINGO Managers for Monday 11 September, 2006.”* The motion was approved by a vote of the members present.
- 2.0 Mr. Kirsch
Call time for band students for this Friday’s game is 1530. Students should be at the school no later than said time. Students will be able to purchase 2 hotdogs, chips and a soda for \$2.00. The uniform for students for this event will be blue jeans and the band T-shirt.
The pool party for the band has not been rescheduled at this time.
- 3.0 1st Vice-President
 - 1.1 Committee Reports
Hospitality to provide cookies for the band for this Friday’s football game. Volunteers should have students bring them to the school with them at call time.
 - 1.2 Uniforms
Kathy Faron reports that the new uniform jackets should be in this week as they were shipped this past Friday.
- 4.0 2nd Vice-President
 - 1.1 Fund Raiser
Kathy Nerger reports that \$170.00 was earned through the sales of Macy’s discount cards. Macy’s will allow us to sell at store this weekend (9th Sept.) but we will need volunteers to do so. Anyone interested should contact Kathy Nerger.
The SCRIP Sales program is currently available for setup with Farm Fresh and Food Lion stores. This is a program that does not require up-front cash to start and has the potential of making thousands of dollars for the band. Persons interested in helping with this program should contact Kathy Nerger or Stacy Beasley.
A local air conditioning business has offered to make a \$500.00 donation to the band for placing an add in the Senior Night program (13 Oct. 2006). The board agreed to seek additional donations from businesses who wish to place an add.
 - 1.2 Fruit Sales
Julie Smith asked for help in running labels for envelopes for fruit sales. Wadina Indicated she would get with Susan Hamilton for assistance.
- 5.0 3rd Vice-President (See item 1.1.3 above)
- 6.0 Executive Secretary

Cathy Dress reports needing help for group pictures on 22nd of Sept. Pictures will be taken at Bailey Field on the bleachers. Individual pictures will take place on Monday the 11th at the school starting at 1400 and lasting until approx. 1630 in band room.

Jacquie Bannat reports that a newsletter will be published (via email) in the next couple of weeks. Anyone wishing to submit an article or information should contact her.

- 7.0 Treasurer
The Treasurer submitted her monthly report (in print) that will be included with the minutes. It will be available for review at the next regularly scheduled board meeting upon request.
- 8.0 Student Accounts Treasurer (Not present)
- 9.0 No new business
- 10.0 Meeting adjourned at 2050hrs. The next meeting will be on 3 October 2006 at 1900 in the band room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark L. Faron, Secretary
GHBPA

A meeting of the GHBPA was held in the band room on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 and commenced at 1900 hrs.

A motion was made and seconded for the reading of the meeting minutes from the previous board meeting to be dispensed.

Wadina Thompson thanked Concessions, Pit Crew, Chaperones, Hospitality, and Guard Crew for a job well done on Saturday, September 30, 2006. She stated that the BINGO licence was being held in suspension until a decision could be made regarding continuing BINGO at a new location, if one could be found. She also asked Mr. Kirsch to clarify band student policies at football games (i.e. staying in their sections, concession visits during 1st quarter, cell phones, dress code, etc. Mr. Kirsch said that the students need to stay in their instrument sections during the 1st, 2nd, and 4th quarters. No concession visits should be made until the 3rd quarter during their break. The cell phone policy was to be the same as it is while students are in school. As far as dress, they are to be in their uniform bibbers and white shirt unless the band directors state that they are to be in their jackets and bibbers. He also stated that he will take care of discipline if students are troublesome.

Mr. Kirsch spoke next. He stated that he really appreciated the parent involvement and gave his thanks. Updates given:

- October 7 – 8 bands to perform at Kempsville Competition (5:30 – 8:30)
- October 24 – Competition at Hanover High School in Henrico County (12:30 – 5:00). We will perform at 4:15
- October 19 – Yorktown Day (parade on hold because of bus runs with school letting out early on that day.
- October 21 – we will take school busses to Charlottesville and to Todd Stadium because the cost of charter busses was prohibitive. It will cost around \$1000 for the school busses to be used instead of close to \$5,000 for the charter busses to be used.

He stated that uniform jackets are to be kept on during competitions. If they spill anything on the uniform, they are to have the uniform cleaned or pay to have it cleaned. The School Board gave \$8500 for instrument/music purchases. The All State Band will be held in this area in April. It has been asked if the trailer can be used for towing the percussion instruments to go to Woodside High School for the practices and the CNU Ferguson Center for the performance. The Spring Trip dates are on hold pending the SOL dates for testing to be announced. We are planning on going to Cedar Point in Ohio. It was asked if the trailer insurance covers the people driving or just the trailer. Erica Chigos White stated that typically the insurance covers only the trailer. The driver is covered by their own insurance and the contents are school property and typically covered by the school's insurance policy. He said that a directive was given by Stephanie

Guy that stated that he students must be where they are supposed to be no later than 2PM when staying after school. They will be written up if they are in the halls.

Ellen Gellene, the 1st Vice President, stated that the volunteer hours of parents need to be submitted by the committee chairs to their prospective executive board member for tracking. They will in turn be given to the Chaperone Chair, Jacquie Bannatt, for recording purposes.

Kathy Faron, Uniform mom, stated that the uniforms had been sent to the cleaners and she would like to have help on Thursday afternoon to put the jackets in numerical order and the collars snapped on the jackets so the students could put the jackets with their uniform pants and bags.

Kathy Nerger, 2nd Vice President, spoke about the Scrip Sales. A motion to vote on three options of how the profits would be divided up amongst the band was made and seconded. The three options were whether as follows:

- Option 1 – 1% of profits would go to the individual student accounts based on what the individual students sold.
- Option 2 – 25% of the profit would be evenly distributed for the Spring Trip with the remainder going to the general band account to be used where needed
- Option 3 – All profits would go to the general band account and the funds would be used where and how they were needed.

A vote was taken on these options and the majority voted for Option 3.

Julie Smith, Fruit Sales Chairperson, stated that the order forms for the fruit sales had been handed out to the students. They were to be turned in no later than October 17, 2006.

Marsha Ruckle, Concessions Chair, stated that the concession sales at the last 2 football games were a huge success. She wanted to say thanks for all who helped with this.

Kathy Faron spoke for the Executive Secretary because Mark Faron was absent.

Pat Marcolini, data entry person, stated that the file sizes being sent for emailing purposes need to be watched. Their email server could not handle large files. She asked if they could be made into PDF files so they were not so large. It was also suggested that the mass emailing would only take place on Tuesdays. Everyone agreed with this thought.

Mike Powell, Web Master, asked if the executive Board members and committee chairs would mind if their phone numbers were put on the web site. He said that he would email everyone on the board to see if they agreed or not.

Cathy Dress, Remembrance Chair, spoke about senior recognition night on October 13. She stated that she was in the process of having everything lined up for this. Also, make-

up pictures would be taken on October 9 in the band room. The students needed to sign up on the board if they wanted to have their pictures taken or retaken.

Pam Guilford, Treasurer, stated that the bill for our portion of the uniform costs had been submitted by the School Board (around \$50,000) and it needed to be paid. A copy of the monthly financial report will be available for review at the next monthly board meeting.

It was asked if the board meetings could be held on the first Monday each month now that BINGO was not being held at the Hellenic Center on Monday evenings anymore. It was agreed that this would be fine.

Wadina Thompson thanked Mr. and Mrs. Adams (Kathy Faron's parents) for cooking dinner for the band at the football games.

Ellen Gellene stated the "After Marching Season" Pool Party would be tentatively held at the YMCA on Friday, November 3, 2006.

Peter Gaddis, 3rd Vice President, spoke about BINGO. He stated that he had approached BINGO City about a possible opening at the hall. He was told that we would be first on the waiting list. The owner of the Chestnut BINGO Hall had continued to approach Peter about working a game on Friday Midnights. He invited us to visit the hall. Ellen Gellene, Gail Teigler, and Peter Gaddis went on Sunday, October 1 to watch the Sunday 6PM game. The location of the hall is in an industrial area of Newport News. The hall is clean. The smoke ventilation system is good, but the hall is not smoke free. Another organization has also been approached about taking the Friday Midnight Game (midnight – 3AM). They play mainly Electronic BINGO. The owner stated that that no rent will be asked for until a profit is made by the band. The electronic bingo devices are rented at the hall at a cost of \$20 to the player with \$5 going to the computer company providing the devices and the rest to the organization for profit. This would be a brand new game which would not start until the first part of November or December. We would be committed on every Friday unless a group was found to share the Fridays. We would need approximately 12 workers but the exact amount would not be known until we see what will be needed. Right now in the BINGO account is \$28,693. We made a profit of \$629.22 profit at the last Hellenic Center game (only half payouts were given to the players) \$20,875 was lost while playing BINGO at the Hellenic Center. If you deduct the progressive amounts the account would be at approximately \$14,600. Concerns were brought up about location by Kathy Faron. A motion was made by Peter to return to Chestnut Bingo Hall with the board and general members to the Saturday Midnight game, with an emergency meeting to follow on Monday, October 9 at 7PM. The motion was seconded. It was asked if votes could be taken by proxy by noon on Monday, October 9. The votes would be sent to Ellen Gellene via email. The motion was voted upon and approved by majority verbal vote. It was suggested that everyone meet at Grafton High parking lot by 11PM on Saturday to carpool. Darren said he would inform the students of this visitation. The board was reminded that President Bush will be in Newport News on Saturday. Ellen Gellene informed the board that the hall owner predicted that the band would make \$40-\$45 per person playing. They would probably break even in the

first few weeks of working the game but then they would make \$2000 per game profit. Darren reported that Poquoson band was interested in starting BINGO, but they don't have the financial resources. Peter Gaddis was interested in working with them as Grafton established the clientele. Pam Pugh reminded the board that it is illegal to have outside groups come in – be careful with DCG rules. Poquoson would have to come into the Grafton Organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Submitted by Kathy Faron for Mark L. Faron, Secretary GHBPA

Emergency General Membership Meeting
09 October, 2006

An emergency General Membership meeting was held in the GHS band room regarding the continuance of BINGO and starting the fundraiser at Chestnut Hall Bingo facility located in Newport News, VA.

There were 24 members present including the Band Director.

The meeting began at 1900 with Wadina Thompson, president presiding. Wadina appointed Cathy Dress as the time keeper for speakers and for Roberts Rules of Order adherence. Each speaker had 4-6 minutes to speak for or against continuing BINGO.

The following persons spoke: Kathy Faron, Ellen Gellene, Mark L. Faron, Peter Gaddis, Wadina Thompson, and Darren Kirsch. Comments for and against BINGO were given.

Following the presentations, a 20 minute question/answer period began and included discussion on the 53 persons who voted via email. The email vote(s) were as follows:

Yes: 43	No: 5	Neutral: 1	(To have BINGO at Chestnut Hall)
34 Persons agreed to work Bingo	10 Would not work BINGO	5 Might Work BINGO	

Mr. Kirsch was asked to give his opinion by Mark L. Faron. Mr. Kirsch stated he would not intervene in sending kids and or parents to work BINGO. Also, the number of persons who voted to work the games may not be enough to keep BINGO going. Further, BINGO caused a division in a previous board with disagreements and nearly caused the board to be dissolved. He would not like that to happen again. We also must be sure we are complying with all DCG rules, etc. to avoid an audit.

A financial report was submitted by the 3rd Vice-President.

Several in attendance contributed their thoughts (pro and con) and questions in regards to working at this particular BINGO Hall on Chestnut Avenue and the financial status of BINGO at this time.

The vote then ensued among the members present, yes or no to proceed with BINGO (59 yes 11 no 1 neutral) these votes included the email vote. The second question was about supporting BINGO by working with a yes or no (45 said they would support BINGO, 16 would not support BINGO by working and 5 stated that they might be able to support working BINGO) these votes included the email votes.

A motion was made to table a vote until further information could be reviewed. This motion was made by Mark L. Faron, and seconded by Lori Gaddis. However, an additional motion was made to remove the motion to table. It was seconded and passed.

A vote then ensued among the members present, YES or NO to proceed with BINGO. The vote tallied to: 11 NO, 1 Neutral, 59 YES. 45 supported the decision and 16 did not support the decision.

After much discussion and debate, it was clear by the email vote taken that if another vote was taken by the members present, those votes by email would still be enough to approve continuing BINGO. The meeting ended at 2130. The next Executive Board meeting will be on November 6, 2006 at 1900 in the band room.

Submitted by:

Mark L. Faron, Secretary
GHBPA

A meeting of the GHBPA Executive Board was held in the GHS band room on 06 November, 2006.

- 1.0 Call to Order: Wadina Thompson, president at 1858hr.
- 1.1 Dispense with the reading of the minutes and the amended minutes from October, approved.
- 1.2 The president thanked all those persons who helped the band throughout the marching season.
- 1.3 The president congratulated Mr. Kirsch and the staff on ending the marching season on such a high note.
- 1.4 The GHBPA has received its new license from the DCG to conduct BINGO games at its new location commencing December 01, 2006.
- 1.5 Due to a change in the employment status of the president, she has asked that email contact be made through the following address: Wadinagirl@aol.com or by phone 833-7283.
- 1.6 The annual Holiday board gathering will be held on December 16, 2006 at 1800. The president has graciously opened her home up for the event. Those attending are asked to please provide a beverage(s).
- 1.7 Gifts of appreciation to Mr. Kirsch and other staff members will be given at the Winter Concert to be held on December 12, 2006 at 1900hr. The Exec. Board voted and approved to spend the following amounts: Mr. Kirsch **\$125**, Mr. Stone **\$75**, Brandon Thornell, Bridget Ewell and Steve Ruckle **\$50** each, All other assistants including the CNU Students (total of five individuals) will each receive **\$25** each. Total overall expenditures should not exceed **\$475.00**.
- 1.8 The president is seeking a volunteer to head up the nominating committee.

- 2.0 Band Director
 - Mr. Kirsch thanked everyone who helped with this years marching season. This was one of the most successful seasons ever for the marching band.
 - 1.1 Rehearsal dates and information regarding the winter concert is available online.
 - All District auditions will be held on January 06, 2007. Help will be needed from several parents to make sure it goes smoothly.
 - 1.2 Spring Trip. Mr. Kirsch is currently awaiting word from the state on when testing will be taking place. At this time, Mrs. Guy will allow the spring trip to take place on the following date(s): 4/12, 4/13, 4/14 and returning on 4/15. Students will need to return to school on 4/16. Possibly looking at going to New York City for the upcoming spring trip. In order to help keep cost low, lodging may have to be in New Jersey and daily bussing to N.Y. More information will be available at the December board meeting. There are no cost estimates at this time.
 - 1.3 Regarding DVD's of this year's competition...Mr. Kirsch has not released rights to market video of competitions, as we do not have permission to do so as the material is copyrighted. Rick DeVaney, will have a DVD to sell at some point when available.

- 3.0 1st. Vice-President
 - 1.1 - \$200 is the cost for the YMCA pool party. Also, \$320 will be budgeted toward purchasing pizza from PAPA Johns.
 - The pool party will be on November 19th between the hours of 1730 and 2000. Karen Tosten will be getting together volunteers to chaperone the pool party.
 - Polly Kostecki proposed that Carrabbas be used to feed the judges for District. Mr. Kirsch stated that the food provided for the judges must be taken to them and asked that Polly check in to the viability of doing that.
 - Signups will be available for anyone interested in helping with Districts.
 - Paul Haigh has bill's he has incurred during marching season and needs to be reimbursed.
 - 1.2 All uniforms will be cleaned for the spring trip.
 - Concert uniforms had to be ordered. Bill's were submitted to the treasurer for payment.
 - Socks and gloves will be going home for cleaning.

- 4.0 2nd Vice-President
- 1.1 Nearly \$500 has been raised through scrip sales. Information has been put out on the middle school side regarding the fundraising program.
- Suzanne Frye will donate a portion of her profits from an upcoming Gardeners Club event to the band.
 - A marching season poster is available for purchase at a cost of \$15. Production of the poster is \$12. Ordering information is available on the website. Orders will be taken until November 15th. Purchases may be made via check and should accompany the order form.
 - Kathy Nerger is looking for help with the fundraising program; additional 2 or 3 persons are needed.
- 1.2 Fruit Sales: Delivery of fruit is expected on the morning of November 15th. 4-6 parents are needed. Fruit will be available for pickup between the hours of 1800 and 2000 on the 15th. \$23,502.00 worth of fruit was sold this year with a profit of \$11,692.00. The band made a profit of \$118.00.
- 8.0 BINGO/3rd Vice-President**
- Reports submitted by the 3rd Vice-President will be attached to the printed copy of the minutes and available for review at the next regularly scheduled board meeting in December.
- The first BINGO game at the new location will be on December 01, 2006.
 - Reports have been submitted to the Bingo Oversight Committee and the 3rd VP is waiting to hear if they need any explanation or additional material.
 - All BINGO materials have been vacated from the Hellenic Center.
 - BINGO will once again be using the services of LBC.
 - Cabinets are being purchased by Chestnut Hall for the storage of supplies.
 - Bank deposits will be made at the SunTrust bank on Mercury Blvd.
 - Joe Estrada is revising the BINGO game menu.
 - An add for the BINGO Bugle will go out 3rd week of November. The owner of Chestnut Hall is advertising at all BINGO games at the hall
 - Volunteers are still needed for the 1st game in December. The Dec. 8th game is full.
 - 6 people are needed as callers
 - Game managers are needed
 - Pam Pugh has stepped down as a BINGO manager.
- 5.0 Secretary
- 1.1 N/A
- 1.2 Information/articles for the newsletter should be submitted to Jacquie Bannat.
- 1.3 A written report by the Remembrance Chair will be attached to the written copy of these minutes and available for review at the next regularly scheduled board meeting in December.
- 6.0 Treasurer
- 1.1 The Treasurer reports that there is \$16,000 in the checking account. A printed copy of her report will be attached to these minutes and available for review at the next regularly scheduled board meeting in December.
- 7.0 Student Accounts Treasurer
- No report available
- 9.0
- The Scholarship Committee will meet once BINGO has started to make a profit.
 - Reminder, parents should start saving money now to pay for the spring trip as no funds will be available from BINGO this year.
 - Funds from the student account may not be withdrawn as "cash" for any student. Funds may only be used to pay for the spring trip.
 - One tire on the band trailer had to be replaced due to vandalism. This has happened on one other occasion.
- 10.0 The meeting was adjourned at 2037 hrs. The GHBPAA will meet again on Monday December 04, at 1900hr in the band room.

Note: Every effort has been made to include accurate and relevant information regarding meetings of the GHBPA. Any omission(s) and or error(s) are purely accidental.

Submitted by:
Mark L. Faron, Secretary
Grafton High Band Parents Association

GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2006

Wadina Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. The meeting was held in the band room.

The reading of the previous meets was dispensed with.

Wadina announced the resignation of the Exec Secretary, Mark Faron. Wadina thanked Mark for all he has done for the Band. Karen Tosten has agreed to accept the position for the Exec Secretary for the remaining of the year.

Steve Roth has agreed to Chair the reviewing of the constitution for the organization.

Exec Board holiday gathering will be on the December 16, 2006 at Wadina's home.

BAND DIRECTOR: Darren Kirsch

The holiday concert will be December 12, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the auditorium. It was approved to sale Band DVDs (produced by Rick Devaney and Maureen Roth) and offers a Garden Shop fund raiser at the concert as well as a sign up volunteers for District Band support.

The District Band is scheduled for January 6, 2006. Concession will set up and hospitality will provide meals for the judges. Ellen Gellene is the lead on parent volunteers and Mr. Kirch will assign the students.

The spring trip is scheduled for the same time frame as the chorus trip due to testing and other school conflicts, March 21 through March 25. The estimated cost is approximately \$600.00 per student. There will be 3 scheduled payments. The chaperones will be responsible for approximately 9-10 assigned students. Mr. Kirsch is considering the Staten Island College competition. Mr. Kirsch will be checking on the school boards view on several Broadway plays. There will be more information to follow.

1st VP: Ellen Gellene

Kathy Faron reported that we still need to order 4 Boys and 2 Girls concert uniforms. Mrs. DeLong spent \$55.00 to \$60.00 on dresses for the "smaller girls". Jackie Bannat request newspaper articles ASAP.

2nd VP: Kathy Nerger

Kathy Nerger reported over \$800.00 in script sales. Kathy announced script sales would be every other week or twice a month. Kathy explored the Verizon fund raiser opportunity and a decision was made to revisit the opportunity next year.

3rd VP: Peter Gaddis

Peter thanked all his volunteers and announced that approximately 132 people came out and 184 computers sold. Exploring ways to get more people into the hall to play as well need more volunteers. The volunteer requirement is 18. Peter is also exploring door prizes.

Treasurer: Pam Guilford

A copy of the treasure report will be attached to the minutes.

New Business:

Combining Treasure Position with Student Accts/FIP/Scholarship Points

January 2, 2007 – Virginia Tech Honor Band (6 students) approved \$180.00

The meeting adjourned 8:10 P.M.

Wadina Thompson
Acting Secretary