

**GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2007**

Wadina Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. The meeting was held in the band room.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as corrected.

Wadina read a thank you letter from the Adams thanking the band for the picture and \$50.00 gift certificate they received at the Holiday Concert.

Karen Tosten was welcomed as secretary for the remainder of the board year.

The slate of candidates for the upcoming Officers for the 2007-08 board was read.

BAND DIRECTOR: Darren Kirsch

District band auditions will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2007 at the High School. We have 70 parents and around 120 students scheduled to help with the auditions. Sign in will be held on the middle school and high school sides. The auditions will be held on the high school side only on the first and second floors. Lunch will be provided at the concession stand (Marsha Ruckle and Kathy Blackwell) for the student helpers. Polly Kostecki will arrange to feed the judges with Carrabba's catering. Thanks to Ellen Gellene for organizing this upcoming event.

The first spring trip payment (\$200.00) will be due on January 10, 2007. Payments should be placed in a marked envelope and placed in the black box in the band room. We will see how many students are planning to go and a final price for the trip will be made accordingly. You may check to see how much money your student has in their account to use towards the spring trip via the website and Erica Chicos-White.

A new calendar is now available on the band website. Note: February 1-2, District at Bruton HS and March 7-9, Festival at Lafayette HS.

1st VICE: Ellen Gellene

Ellen reported on organization of the District auditions. She then reported for Peter Gaddis that we need bingo volunteers. Bingo is now making a profit and doing well. Please support the band by volunteering your time. We really need people to learn to be bingo managers.

2nd VICE: Kathy Nerger

Second script orders will be due by January 9, 2007.

The DVD fund raiser has made over \$3,000.00 for the band. DVD's are still available from Maureen Roth via the band website.

Tri-M meeting is scheduled for next week. Kathy Nerger will coordinate with Mr. Kirsch as to a date and time. Check the board for that time.

TREASURER: Pam Guilford

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

Kathy Faron needs to order 4-5 concert dresses for girls. The cost is \$55.00 per dress.

Kathy reported that the marching uniforms are cleaned and will be returned to the school by Chris Ames cleaning service. He will have them numbered and bagged for us. Chris has done a wonderful job and we appreciate all of his service to the band this year.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS: Erica Chico-White

The fruit sales are posted on the website. A discussion was had concerning the scholarship points earned from bingo. A policy letter will be written and posted very soon. Points earned by this year's Senior's will be honored. A dollar amount to be determined.

SECRETARY: Karen Tosten

No Report- just listening.

OTHER BUSINESS:

V Tech honor band bill of \$180.00 to be paid.

Our next GHBPBPA executive board meeting will be on February 5, at 6:30 P.M. followed by a general meeting at 7:00 P.M. At the general meeting we will discuss the Spring Trip and have the election of new officers for the 2007-08 year. The second payment will be due on the 5th as well.

Spring trip packets will be passed out by Mr. Kirsch in class on February 22-23. A notary will be available in the Atrium before and after the Spring Concert on February 27, 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Karen Tosten
Recording Secretary

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FEBRUARY 5, 2007**

President Wadina Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved as written.

President Thompson took attendance and called for the Election of the 2007-2008 Executive Board members. The ballot was read and a written vote was cast by all present.

President Thompson reported on the meeting of the Executive Board.

The Executive Board voted to place an ad sponsored by the GHBPA to be placed in the 75th Anniversary booklet for Disabled Veterans.

There is \$10,000.00 in the Scholarship Program account to be used by the students for the spring trip. A point value will be determined after all points are turned into Eric Chicco-White. Final point totals will be posted on the band web page by Friday, February 10.

*The final payment for the Spring Trip is now due February 21, 2007.

Band Director: Mr. Kirsch gave a Spring Trip report. There are 162-165 students signed up to go on the trip. An updated schedule has been posted to the web. Students have signed up for rooms, buses and tour groups. There will be 16 students assigned with 2 chaperones for their tour groups. They will stay with these groups for the entire trip. Packets for the trip will be passed out in class the week of February 22. Notaries will be available at the Spring Concert on the 27th. If you need another copy of any of the forms, you can find all but the orange card on the band website. A final price for the trip will be posted on the website ASAP.

1st Vice: Ellen Gellene, No report

2nd Vice: Kathy Nerger, No report

3rd Vice: A report on Bingo was given by Peter Gaddis. He reported that Bingo is going very well, but we still need more volunteers to work. The owner of the Chestnut Hall is very supportive and clientele is great. We are selling lots of instants. We have over 600 people, students and parents, available to work bingo but only average about 30 people. Pete reported that we have the option to have another organization take half of the bingo nights each month. It is too hard on the managers and those few who always volunteer to keep up working bingo every weekend. We need HELP! A motion was made by Marsha Ruckle to turn over half of the weekends to the World Class Gymnastics Parents Association. The motion was seconded and passed.

**It is important for all parents to recognize the amount of money bingo provides to the whole band and that every student benefits from the hard work of a few. Did you know

that bingo profits go to pay for new instruments; maintenance of instruments, drill, the band trailer, transportation, the uniform replacement fund and it offsets band camp fees. That and so much more!

Kerry Taylor has volunteered to be another manager. Thanks Kerry!!!!
Chestnut hall is a smoking environment.

The Scholarship program will be explained to upcoming freshmen and parents to encourage their participation. Steve Roth will write a letter and post it to the web page explaining the program and how it benefits our students.

Treasurer: Pam Guilford

A copy of the treasurer's report attached to the minutes.

Student Accounts: Erica Chicos-White will post final point totals by February 10, 2007.

Secretary: Karen Tosten

Last months minutes posted on website.

The election of 2007-2008 Executive Board:

The ballots were counted and a motion was read by Wadina Thompson and seconded by William Tosten to elect the following people to their new offices:

President: Ellen Gellene
1st Vice: Alice Taylor
2nd Vice: David Gellene
3rd Vice: Peter Gaddis
Secretary: Pat Marcolini
Treasurer: Dot Bowling

Thank you new board!

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Karen Tosten
Recording Secretary

GHBPA March General Meeting March 5, 2007

President Wadina Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The February minutes were approved as written.

Wadina thanked everyone for helping at the Spring Concert. She announced that the nominating committee is recommending that Mike Powell be added to the slate of committees as the chairman of the Student Accounts. Also, Peter Gaddis will be added to the slate of GHBPA Officers on as 3rd Vice for the 2007-08 school year. These offices will be voted on at the spring general meeting. Next Wadina read a thank you note from Cathy Dress thanking everyone for the prayers and the meals provided to her family during her recent surgery. Glad Cathy is doing so well!

Band Director: Darren Kirsch updated us on the Spring Trip. He said that an updated itinerary will be posted on the website. Make sure all your forms for the trip are turned in including the orange card. All monies to be paid from the GHBPA for the trip are due now. Treasurer Pam Guilford will see to these payments. We will be using James River Bus Service this year. Chaperones going on the trip have been notified and Jacquie Bannat will have a meeting to cover all chaperone duties and responsibilities. **There will be band practice on March 19 to rehearse for the spring trip.**

Festival will be held on March 7-9 at Lafayette High School. The schedule is posted on the website. All parents are encouraged to attend to support the students.

Mr. Kirsch would like to go ahead and put a deposit down for the writer of our band drill for next year. A motion was made by Mr. Kirsch, seconded by Ellen and the motion passed. Bingo funds will provide the \$1500.00 deposit. Thanks again bingo!!!

1st Vice: Ellen Gellene, Uniform requirements are posted on the website.

2nd Vice: Kathy Nerger reported that Suzanne Frye of the Gardner's Workshop made a \$100.00 donation to the band. Thanks Suzanne!
Macy's coupons will be on sale again on Saturday March 10, 2007. Students and parents are encouraged to help sell these coupons. You can meet at the

Mall entrance of Macys at 10:00 am. They will be there until around 2:00 pm.

Tri M graduation tassels have been ordered. Applications for Tri M are due by April 23, 2007.

3rd Vice: Pete Gaddis, Absent but sent a report. Bingo is going well but still need more parent volunteers. His report is attached to the minutes.

Treasurer: Pam Guilford-report attached to minutes. Pam is actively looking for a new bank.

Student Accounts: Absent and no report.

Secretary: Karen Tosten minutes approved as read.

New Business: Steve Roth headed up the Constitutional Review committee. Serving along with Steve was Dot Bowling and Ellen Gellene. A thorough examination was made of the GHBPA Constitution and Bylaws. Updates, clarifications and corrections have been recommended. The changes for the Constitution will need to be voted on at the next General meeting. The Executive board will vote on the changes and corrections to the bylaws at the April meeting. Copies of these documents can be found posted on the band webpage. Thank you to Steve, Ellen and Dot for all of their hard work on reviewing our Constitution.

Karen Tosten will now serve as the PTSA Band Representative.

A letter was received and read requesting a donation for the After Prom. A motion was made by John Bernard to donate \$250.00 to the After Prom committee and seconded by Ellen Gellene. Motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32.

Karen Tosten
Recording Secretary

April/May GHBPA General Meeting

President Wadina Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

The minutes were approved as written.

A motion was made to send a contribution to the "Hokie Hope" fund in support of the recent tragedy at Virginia Tech. Mr. Kirsch asked if we would wait to send this contribution until further options were available. The motion was tabled. Further discussion will follow at the June 4th meeting.

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Pam Guilford will post the final budget proposal on the website. We will vote on this budget at the June 4th meeting. Pam announced that we will be changing banks from BB&T to Towne Bank to avoid all of the check fee problems that we have been having. The new treasurer will need to go sign the signature card at the bank.

Wadina asked that all outgoing officers get with the new officers and exchange binders and information on their jobs after the June 4th meeting.

Band Director: Mr. Kirsch thanked the Gellene's and Taylor's for all of the All State Band meals they provided. Thanks to Steve Kopczynski and Mr. Haig for all of the pit help. Mr. Kirsch announced that Bay Rivers would like for us to host a band competition to support the district. He will be meeting to discuss this with Mrs. Guy. More information about this will follow at a later date.

Senior sheets due by May 1st.

Spring concert will be May 15. The schedule will be posted on the band webpage and on the board in the band room. It is as follows:

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8:00 pm-Wind Ensemble

Mr. Kirsch would like to get with a builder to have the shelves finished in the percussion and guard room over the summer. This needs to be completed before band camp in August.

May 3 is Jazz Festival at DHS. We perform at 6:00 pm.

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August 20-24	3:00pm-9:00pm	Band Camp
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Erica Chicos-White has the accounts ready to turn over to the new student's accounts committee chair, Mike Powell. Thanks Erica for all of your hard work this year!!!

Secretary: Karen Tosten

Cathy Dress would like all senior forms turned in by May 1st. Please remind all guard members that they are invited to the Award banquet. Cathy made a motion to spend \$120.00 for Mr. Kirsch's end of the year gift and \$85.00 for Mr. Stone. The motion was seconded and the vote was favorable.

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Karen Tosten
Recording Secretary

GHBPA General Membership Meeting
June 4, 2007

The June general meeting was held on June 4, before the Spring Awards ceremony. The meeting was called to order at 7:14 by Vice-President Ellen Gellene.

The minutes of the April/May meeting were approved as written.

The next item was election of officers for the 2007-08 year. A motion was made to accept the entire ticket of Officers. The motion was seconded and the entire ballot was elected upon favorably.

Next, a motion was made, and then seconded to accept the revised constitution. Vote taken and the motion to accept the constitution passed.

Finally, a motion was made to accept the GHBPA budget for the 2007-08 school years. The motion was seconded and vote was favorable.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16.

*Please note that this was the fastest general meeting of the school year.

Karen Tosten
Recording Secretary

GHBPA General Meeting
July, 9 2007

President Ellen Gellene called the meeting to order at 7:00.

The June minutes were approved as written.

Ellen began the meeting by thanking Polly Kostecki, Julie Bradbury and Cathy Dress for all their hard work with the Spring Awards Banquet. Everything ran smoothly and everyone had a great time.

Band Camp: Parent Schedules will go out at the beginning of August. Will contact Lisa Angwin regarding pool party scheduled for August 24 from 7-10.

Executive Committee Roster was sent around for corrections/additions.

Concessions Committee Chair is still vacant.

The rehearsal scheduled for August 28 has been moved to August 27.

Band Director Darren Kirsch thanked the new members of the board for volunteering their time. He posted band camp times and schedules on the band webpage. July 31 from 6-8pm will be the first music reading session.

On August 17, there will be the freshmen shoe fittings as well as those who need to replace their old marching shoes. Gloves will be ordered as well.

VMEA Conference: Tux jackets will be needed for the performance at the estimated cost of \$60-75/jacket. Bolero jackets are preferred for the girls as standard concert attire.

Those jackets are approximately \$30/jacket. A total of \$2000 will be needed for uniform jackets. November 15 or 16 are the performance dates.

Wind Ensemble practice will be July 16 from 7-9 pm.

1st Vice Alice Taylor reported that Karen Tosten will co-chair the Hospitality Committee. Ann DeLong will co-chair the Uniforms Committee with Kathy Faron. Kathy reported that there are 35 concert uniforms still out that need to be returned. If not turned in by July 11, parents will receive bills for these uniforms. We also need to order tux and dress jackets for Wind Ensemble. Mr. Kirsch made a motion that we set aside \$2000.00 to purchase these jackets. The motion was seconded and the vote was favorable. We will also order dress bags at a total cost of approximately \$200.

2nd Vice Dave Gellene

Programs (approximately 1000) will be needed for the VMEA conference. Cost from Office Max is \$292.00/100 and Kinkos \$329.00/100.

York County print shop may be able to do the job. Contact Nancy Yarrington at the School Board Office.

Stacie Beasley reported on script sales for the previous year as around \$3,900.00. She would like to get the word out to more parents about these cards. There is a list of the stores that are participating in our script sales on the webpage. Please check them out. Stacie would like to purchase cards in advance to sell at the parent show at the end of band camp. She will check with our treasurer to see if we can purchase these cards in advance.

3rd Vice Gail Teigler reported in on bingo. The DCG audit went very well. She said that they were very impressed with our own Pete Gaddis and his very meticulous records. We didn't spend our required 10% use of proceeds and wanted us to be sure to do that this year. The DCG will have new rules beginning July 1. Gail had a report on the summer games. Numbers are down as usual in the summer, but we are still making a profit. Gail also reported that we need to change "Merit Points" in our bylaws. This will be reflected in the changes made to our bylaws that will be posted in August and voted upon in September. Ellen will get with Gail to go over bylaws and tax information. Taxes are due November 15.

Kerry Taylor is a bingo game manager. We still need another couple of people to do this job. Please consider volunteering. The band entire band benefits from bingo and we need the additional help!

Mr. Kirsch would like to know how much money is in our scholarship account. We will need to use these funds for band camp fees and tux jackets. Mike Powell will report on these funds at the August meeting. We also need to use bingo money for building the percussion and guard room shelves. He would like these projects completed before band camp begins in August. Mr. Kirsch made a motion to earmark \$15,000.00 for the following:

\$2,000.00 for the tux/dress jackets

\$5,000.00 towards the percussion/guard cabinets (Not to exceed)

\$5,000.00 towards Band Preparatory Course

In addition, a vote was taken to set aside \$7500 to cover budget deficit.

The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and motion passed.

Gail also reported that we need to reissue our Domain name by July 31. The cost is \$350.00 for 5 years. A motion was made by Mr. Kirsch to purchase this name reissue. It was seconded and motion passed. Mike will be asked to put it on his credit card and turn in the receipt.

Treasurer Dot Bowling will change over our GHBPA account to Towne Bank. President Ellen Gellene officially changed our "Band Room" account to "Scholarship Account" to comply with the DCG.

New Business:

Mr. Kirsch announced that DCI will be playing at Western Branch High School on July 11. Anyone interested should go and listen. It is a wonderful show.

Past President Wadina Thompson delivered the boxes of information from the Audit to the band room. They will be stored in the band cabinets behind the stage.

The first football game is August 31. The band will perform wearing their summer uniforms. That is the band t-shirt, blue shorts with marching shoes. Get fired up as the first game is against TABB!

The next board meeting will be held on August 6 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Karen Tosten
Recording Secretary Pro-tem

Minutes of the Monday, August 6 2007 GHBPA Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm in the atrium of the high school..
A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July meeting. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

President:

Band camp details were mailed out last week. This mailing contained schedule, fees and times for uniform fittings and pictures among other things. Meals will be provided during the second week of Band Camp. Payment for meals may be included in the Band Camp fee. Payment for camp is expected in the first week and one check can be made for all payments, please give a break down. There is \$5000.00 available for band camp scholarships. There is a further revision of the constitution/by-laws do to some wording issues, it will be voted on at the September meeting. Steve Roth will head the scholarship committee.

Mr. Kirsch.

He announced competitions and asked for the treasurer to pay the fees for:

September 29 competition at Hickory HS Chesapeake

October 6th competition Menchville Classic at Todd Stadium

Oct. 27 VBODA at Great Bridge Middle School/Patriot Invitational at Todd Stadium

Nov. 3 Warrior Classic at Todd Stadium

Requested \$50.00 for a new VBODA manual

The shelves for the guard room and percussion room will be less that the budgeted \$5000, the approximate cost is between \$3000 and \$3500.

Asked question about a check for \$599 for writing percussion part of show.

The Wind Ensemble will be the opening band for the VMEA conference, November 15th at 2:45 at the Marriott in downtown Norfolk.

President

Pool party after band camp on August 24th, Lisa Angwin has been in touch with Windy Point cost 130 students/\$200.00. The Windy Point board was concerned about discipline at the party, requested that we hire a sheriff's deputy. Alice Taylor will check with Bethel Manor, concern about getting thru the gate. Paulette Goity will check with Coventry.

1st VP

No report

Uniforms: sox and gloves have been ordered for the band. Shoe fitting, Friday August 17 at band camp, uniform fitting before camp the second week. Good response to call for volunteers. Question why the guard had to pay for their gloves in addition to fees. Mr. Kirsch decided that the cost of Guard gloves will come out of Band Camp fees, not be an extra charge for Guard. Robin Taylor will get with Dot about fees.

2nd VP

Program for the VMEA conference, school board print shop can do it on regular paper for cost or free if approved by school board. Kinkos and Office Max estimated cost of 1000 copies to be around \$3400. John Henry Printing \$800.00 for 1000 copies. Asking for donation from Music

and Arts to help defray cost with a \$500 grant. Motion was made and seconded to contract with John Henry Printing for a cost of between \$300 and \$800 (from Bingo Use of Proceeds) for 1000 programs. The motion was voted on and passed.

Has had response from two people to chair concessions. Waiting to confirm.

Spirit Sales Barb Devaney will have them at the parent meeting on August 24th.

Script sales- Stacey stated that Great Lakes got the change of bank paperwork. Orders will begin next week, hopes to have some on hand for August 24th. Orders will be collected every Monday. Spoke with athletic booster club and will be able to sell scrips at all home football games. Will be looking for volunteers to disburse cards once received.

Fruit sales-order forms out in late September returned in late October, fruit delivered in November. Julie asked for any suggestions to streamline delivery process. Handcarts may be rented from USAF MWR.

3rd VP

Attached bingo financial statement

For the many new parents spoke of the history with Chestnut Hall. Correction: The minimum age to work bingo is 14 not 11 as stated at the meeting. Some changes have been made due to state gaming laws. Sign up on website. Still looking for bingo managers. 1 laptop dead, will offer to Paul Haigh for use in school class. Need to renew bingo license.

Secretary

No report

Email communications new address

Remembrance: Pictures August 30, during band camp by Ken, question about complimentary package. Will need volunteers to help that day.

Treasurer

Dot announced that the band now banks with Towne Bank, all documents have been signed and checks are in place. There was a preliminary Treasurers report given.

Student Accounts

Mike took a moment to tell the new parents about the website and the information that can be found there. Maureen Roth will be in charge of the photo gallery, will be asking for volunteers to help taking pictures.

There is \$5000.00 available for scholarships to band camp. A point list will be coming out soon. Cut off is August 3 for band camp. Scholarships can also be used towards spring trip. The scholarship points calendar runs from February 1 to January 31.

The next meeting will be a General Membership meeting, September 10 at 7:00 pm in the Band Room.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Pat Marcolini, Secretary

GHBPA

Minutes of the 10 September 2007 Board meeting of GHBPA

The Meeting in the band room was called to order at 7:00pm by Ellen Gellene. A motion was to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The end of band camp pool party went well, the pool was very affordable. Changes to constitution and by laws were presented, motions were made and the members present passed these changes. Proposed the addition of a historian to the board for the purpose of documentation of the bands activities. Motion was made and passed. Maureen Roth was asked to fill this job, there is a line item in the budget for this department. Maureen proposed the purchase of an external hard drive to store the pictures and video. Steve Roth reported he has volunteers for the scholarship committee including guard and freshman class.

Darren

The male members of Wind Ensemble were measured for tux jackets. Priced charter buses for concert in November, price \$1326.00, school buses would cost apx. \$600.00, 2 buses needed, there will be extra seats sold for \$10 on first come with money first serve basis. The program for the performance Dave Gellene will handle the logistics and Beth Stone will handle the layout. Need for shed, purchase or Eagle Scout project. Private lesson scholarships were not issued in May 2007, Peter Gaddis asked if the money had been redirected. \$720.00 was allocated from bingo.

Alice Taylor no report

Ann DeLong new concert dresses and jackets were ordered \$2600.00 Needed to order new fabric dress bags. Has appointed closet managers who will earn volunteer hours. There will be a uniform fanny pack for each bus.

Jacque Bannat needs volunteer hours, Karen Tosten will report hours to PTA, Kathy Faron will record bingo hours. Committee chairs are to report hours to their executive board member.

Dave Bannat Band trailer in need of some normal maintenance/repair work. A motion was made if the work is over the \$500.00 budget that the band will pay for it.

Leeann Puffenbarger Senior night November 2, senior dinner from Carrabas, need to rent tables and chairs.

Dave Gellene the band will apply for donation and grants that Walmart awards quarterly. Ann Griogorian will head a wreath fund raiser, this year we will have apx. 100 wreaths available to be sold for \$20.00, proceeds from this fundraiser will go into the general fund this year. Stacie Beasley reported that scrip was going slow but may questions have been asked. Julie Smith fruit sales will run from September 19-October 19. Barb Devaney spirit wear are slow.

Peter-slow summer, last game was best ever. Need to spend apx. \$16,000.00 dollars, suggested restarting the uniform account and putting \$5000.00 to \$7000.00 annually. At this time a motion was made to put \$3000.00 in a scholarship account and \$3000.00 in the uniform account. Need to replace laptop.

Pat Marcolini no report

Dot Bowling balance in bank account at the end of August is \$16,681.64.

Mike Powell 54 students still have part or all of band fees due

New Business

Motion was made to buy 2 safety harnesses.

Next meeting is October 1, 2007 at 7:00pm in the band room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm

Respectfully submitted

Pat Marcolini

Minutes of the October 1, 2007 GHBPA board meeting

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Gellene at 7:00pm in the band room. A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the September minutes. The motion was voted on and passed.

President

John Riter is taking over emblem painting. The cost is \$10.00 for the first year and \$5.00 for each year after that.

The members of the bingo oversight committee are Karen Sexton, Rick Devaney and Sabrina Powell.

Votes for trailer repairs over budgeted amount and a security system for the band room were taken on line and both items passed. The funds for both of these projects will come from bingo.

The nominating committee for the 2008 board is Jacquie Bannat, Karen Tosten and Alice Taylor.

Mr. Kirsch

There will be a pre concert concert at the school on October 23rd. A second pre concert performance will be held in conjunction with the Tabb HS choir on November 8th at Grafton.

Needs to have the program rough draft by October 15th.

2 charter buses for the concert in Norfolk: there are 94 seats and there should be about 20 seats extra to sell on a first come first served basis.

October 12 is homecoming, rising Clipper night and Friday night flights

October 19 is Yorktown Day parade

October 27th is state competition at Great Bridge Middle school and the Patriot Invitational.

Mr. Kirsch feels very strongly about the need for a security system. He feels it will curtail certain activities in the band room one of which has been a rash of money being stolen.

3rd Vice President

Gail Tiegeler went over the receipts and disbursements for the year July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 . Bingo netted \$17,601 despite the losses incurred at the Hellenic Center.

The need to have a full contingent of volunteers was stressed. Volunteers must call Marsha Ruckle if they have signed up and are unable to work the game. Should be able to sell more instants with full compliment of workers.

Need to spend 10% of the monies made by bingo by December 31.

A request was submitted to the state for renewal of bingo permit.

Peter's employer donated 2 safety harnesses for use in setting up the band camp scaffold.

1st Vice President

Kathy Faron concert uniforms ready to go home

Call about the zippers in some of the red bags.

Need for 14 inch plum carriers to replace the old ones, cost should be approximately \$259.00 plus shipping. Motion made and seconded for money from bingo to cover this expense. This motion was voted on and passed. A motion was made to purchase 75 new hat boxes at apx. \$7.00 each. It was seconded and the money will come from bingo. This motion was voted on and passed.

Mr. Kirsch motioned that the band buy a replacement battery for the electric base. The motion was seconded. Money from bingo. The motion was voted on and passed.

Cost of renting tables and chairs for senior night is \$115.00.

2nd Vice President

An application was made for a Walmart grant. They are made quarterly.

Music and Art awarded the band a grant to help with the cost of the programs for the VMEA conference in November to help with the cost of programs.

Julie Smith fruit sale order forms have gone home and are due back October 18th. Fruit is expected to be delivered the week before Thanksgiving.

Stacie Beasley scrip orders are still active.

Secretary

The weekly email will go out Sunday night so please email anything for the email by 6:00pm on Sunday to Mike Marcolini.

Lisa Angwin pictures; have just gotten the individual pictures the group picture will be retaken on November 2. The student will have to sign to get pictures. Group pictures are in the gallery on the web. Senior night; a meeting with the students will be held at the beginning of band on Oct. 2. Forms for Senior night need to be returned to the box by October 8th.

Treasurer

The balance on 30 September is \$16,523.26

\$3000 was deposited into both the Scholarship Account and Uniform Account.

Need for a new accounting program

Checks from bingo for the scholarship account and uniform account.

Students Accounts

Outstanding band camp fees from 43 students. Are bingo credits 30 per student a night. This is the current value of student volunteer at bingo for the period ending 31 January 2008. The Scholarship Committee will discuss point value but no changes (if any) will be made until February 1, 2008.

New business

Wind Ensemble will perform with the CNU band at the Ferguson Center March 31.

Next meeting November 5th at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted

Pat Marcolini, secretary

Minutes of the November 5, 2007 GHBPA meeting

President Ellen Gellene called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm in the band room. These items were voted on and passed by internet vote by members of the **Executive Committee** since the last meeting.

Raffle of goods donated by Walmart at the Nov 2 football game

Additional funds for the program for the VMEA conference

Double points for bingo on November 2, 2007 (**Voted on and passed by members of the Executive Board.**)

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the October minutes. Ellen again thanked all the people who volunteered to help out Nov. 2 and 3.

Steve Roth chair of the Scholarship committee presented an updated scholarship document. Highlights of this document are:

Change wording from scholarship points to scholarship credits.

Bingo will be worth 30 points

Distribution of credits amount of monies allotted by the board divide by number of credits members want to use.

Funding allocation meetings will be February and August .

Scholarship application deadlines will be February 15 for spring disbursement .and the 1st Friday of band camp.

The Student Accounts Treasurer will become Student Accounts Manager.

Scholarships will also be granted based on financial need.

Motion was made and seconded for this to go into effect on Feb. 1, 2008. **The motion passed.**

Feeding the band \$2600.00 taken in and \$2500.00 spent

Mr. Kirsch also thanked the parents for their support

Pre VMEA concert at Tabb on Thursday

Reimbursement for hotel and meal for college professor who will be at Tuesday's rehearsal. A motion was made and seconded that the band pay for this. **The motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded to pay guest soloist Anna Meyer \$599.00, money will come from bingo. **The motion passed.**

Alice no report

Ann Delong reported the need to remove personal items from marching uniform garment bags. Uniforms will be cleaned over Christmas break. Mildew problem with uniforms. Get damprid for each closet. Looking into new plume boxes. Tonia Graves will assist Ann next year.

Karen Tosten Thanks from hospitality

Dave Bannet some of the sousa cases are in need of repair. The cases for base drums are in need of replacement. These things could come out of an equipment account. A

motion was made and seconded start an equipment account. **The motion passed.** Store scaffolding in trailer until shed is built.

Dave G. The raffles made \$297.00 from the goods donated by Walmart. If we get more items from Walmart could they be used at bingo. Wreath project profit of \$490.

Grant from Music and Arts \$500 toward cost of VMEA programs.

Julie fruit sales delivery date Nov 20 from 2-3 and 6-7pm, fruit needs to be checked. We sold 944 cases for a student profit of \$10,117

Barb - do we want to do imprinted spiritwear as well as embroidered

Maureen band poster and dvd. To cost \$15.00 and \$20.00 respectively.

Peter Bingo funds need to be spent by end of year. Motion was made and seconded to put \$1000. into uniform account, \$1000 into equipment account and \$8000 into the scholarship account. **The motion passed.** 3rd quarter reports for bingo turned over to the Bingo Oversight Committee. Will need to find a person to replace Gail act as a secretary for bingo.

Pat no report

Lisa reported that group marching band pictures should be ready Friday or Tuesday.

Dot

\$26686.06 in bank account

Mike P.

Can students be put on the student obligation list for band camp fees?

Money to be transferred from Student Account to general fund in order to cover unpaid band camp fees if students sold fruit.

No spring trip for those who have not paid for band camp.

Security system: motion was made and seconded to increase the amount of funds that can be spent on a security system to \$2000. **The motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:11pm

Respectfully submitted

Pat Marcolini

Minutes of the December 3rd 2007 GHBP Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Ellen Gellene. A motion was made and seconded to forgo the reading of the November minutes, the motion was seconded, voted on and passed. The email vote to cover the cost of dinner for the directors after the VMEA concert passed. District band auditions are January 5th; there will be a sign up list at the winter concert. The nominating committee is still looking for a 1st vice president and 3rd vice president.

Mr. Kirsch: The VMEA concert was an expensive venture, the band received many job well dones from all over the state. Holiday concert is on December 18th, only concert band will have after school rehearsal. The bill for tuxes was \$1750.00. Most of the district auditions on Jan. 5 will be on the high school side. A lot of parent volunteers are needed. Grafton will be hosting a festival on May 9th, the start time will be 1:00pm. Seven students were selected for the VA Tech Honor band. Registration fees are \$30.00 a student, \$400.00 was budgeted for this. A security system was found on ebay for \$1800.00 money to come from bingo, would like to install over spring break. May need to rent a high reach. The band can't put students on the obligation list.

3rd VP Peter Gaddis Bring bingo's operating funds down to \$5000.00. We are up to date with the state gaming commission, will file 4th quarter later. Need help in the form of new Game Managers starting in January, Peter's term is over in June. Gave World Class Gymnastic the December 28 game. May need to offer double points for the January 4th game. The new game setup makes for a shorter night.

1st VP Alice Taylor no report

Kathy Faron, uniform mom need extra buttons for tux jackets. Need to have another invoice for the dresses faxed to the school. Had to buy 1 dress and jacket. Marching uniforms will go to the cleaners on December 20, all personal belongings need to be out of the garment bags.

2nd VP David Gellene as reported by Ellen.

Concessions chair Yvonne Beyer reported that concessions made \$2946.24 at the two football games. We had help from the athletic boosters. For district band need to be prepared to feed about 100 student workers in addition to concessions. Need more volunteers. Concessions would like to purchase cash boxes, aprons, crock pots, a large cooler for hot drinks, 2 folding tables. A motion was made and seconded, the motion passed, money to come from bingo. There is storage behind the stage. The band will donate any leftovers to the athletic boosters after the District auditions.

Ann Grigorian the students sold 57 wreaths for a profit of \$550.00 Do we want to do this next year with the citrus sales?

Stacy Beasley we have made approximately \$1200.00 on scrip orders. Pat Marcolini is helping get the orders to the neighborhood volunteers.

Secretary no report

Lisa Angwin do we do boutonniere for the band directors at the winter concert? Pictures were over budget.

Treasurer: There is \$15,312. in the general account, \$8035.50 in student accounts, \$1000 in equipment account and \$5106 in the uniform account.

Student accounts there are only 5 left who have not paid fees, \$431.00 left to collect, Mike Powell recommended transferring \$637.45 to the general account. A motion was made and seconded to keep this money in student accounts for hardship. The motion passed. For the band board members please let Mike know which child is to be credited for board points.

Bingo a motion was made and seconded to put \$8000.00 in the scholarship account. The motion passed.

Historian does anyone have pictures from the VMEA concert?

Next meeting January 7 2008. Christmas party at the Gellene's Dec. 21
Meeting adjourned at 8:09

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Marcolini