

Minutes of the January 7th, 2008 GHBPA board meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Ellen Gellene. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the December minutes; the motion was seconded and passed. There was an online vote of the Executive board to offer double points for bingo on January 4th, 2008. The measure passed with a unanimous for double points. The nominating committee of Jacquie Bannat, Karen Tosten and Kathy Faron presented the slate for the 2008-2009 GHBPA executive board as follows:

President Ellen Gellene

1st vice president Rick Devaney

2nd vice president David Gellene

3rd vice president Mark Frye

Secretary Pat Marcolini

Treasurer Dot Bowling

Student accounts manager Mike Powell

There will a general membership meeting on February 11, 2008 to vote on the slate of officers and at that time the details of the spring educational seminar will be discussed.

Robin Taylor- Color guard would like to acquire rifles to use in routines, new flag bags are needed. Would like to purchase material for practice flags that is the same as the material in the performance flags. Mr. Kirsch recommended that unless we have a larger guard component, rifles would not work on the field.

Diane Deutsch - brought up the South Carolina Honor band. Gabe Stone has submitted 8 names. The entrance fee is \$100.00 per student, there is a line item for this event in the budget which is not sufficient to cover both a portion of the student fee as well as pay for gas and room for chaperones. Diane will provide the Executive Committee with figures for room and gas and an email vote will be conducted.

Mr. Kirsch -Thanks for all the help with district band. There was about a 30% no show at registration. Grafton has 58 students representing us on the band, the estimated fees for those students is \$1740.00. A motion was made to increase the budgeted expense for district band by \$600.00, it was seconded and passed. Twenty students are eligible to audition for all state band at JMU. There are 196 students who have put deposits down for the spring educational seminar. Need to look at the situation of buses, more information to follow. Mike Powell indicated that the security system was partially installed over the weekend. The cables still need to be run, a time will be arranged with the school was a genie lift operator is available.

Peter Gaddis - there are \$6627.65 in proceeds from bingo that need to be spent. A motion was made to place a deposit with Super Holiday Tours for the spring educational seminar, it was seconded. The motion passed. Peter asked that the meetings be moved to the middle of the month to have more time to prepare financial statements. There is still a need for more game managers and help for things jobs not done at the bingo hall.

Alice Taylor - no report

Jacque Bannat- the Executive Board needs to let her know if they want to chaperone the trip by January 31. Paper work will go home Feb. 7 and 8. There will be notaries at the meeting on Feb. 11 and at the pre-festival concert on March 4. March 4 is the deadline to submit forms. Jacque also presented Chaperone Selection Guidelines. (see attached)

Kathy Faron - marching uniforms have been cleaned and will be returned tomorrow.

Additional hat boxes have been ordered and 54 inches breathable garment bags have also been ordered.

David Gellene - A motion was made to retroactively award 25 leadership points to the scrip chairperson, historian and instant leads from bingo, for this year. The motion was seconded and it passed.

Barb Devaney- wants to have on hand some stock of premade spiritwear for the band in the fall.

Julie Smith - some people thought that the fruit sale profits were 50%.

Yvonne Beyer - for the student volunteers set a dollar or food amount for their tickets.

A motion was made to purchase a Sam's Club business membership (\$35.00 annually) for the band. The motion was seconded and passed.

Pat Marcolini- no report

Dot Bowling - As of 31 December 2007 there was \$38,386.86 in the band account.

That is divided into

\$1000.50	equipment account
\$19263.11	scholarship account
\$13593.90	student accounts
\$5170.34	uniform account

So far this year the scrip program has made \$2300.00

Mike Powell - the head count for spring seminar is 196, 101 females and 95 males.

Students need to get their volunteer hours turned in through whichever adult they volunteered. A motion was made to allot \$19,000.00 from the scholarship fund for this trip. It was seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted

Pat Marcolini

Minutes of the February 11th GHBPA Executive Board

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Ellen Gellene. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the January 7, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

There was one online vote. Funding not to exceed \$500 for gas, room and board for adult chaperones for the trip to the University of South Carolina Honor Band competition was passed.

All Virginia audition fees are \$1100. We have 20 students auditioning.

March 31 7:00-8:30 the WE will be playing at the Ferguson center. Be there at 3:30 pm; dinner provided. Take concert uniforms home from Spring Trip.

Jacquie Bannat announced that all trip health forms/releases are to be no later than February 29 and are to be put in the black box in the band room.

March 13 WE festival in the evening.

May 9 Grafton Band will host a festival. 1-9:00 pm (May 9 is a ½ day). We will need 3-4 adults to help.

May 15 (Thursday) is the Spring Concert.

Peter Gaddis announced that we will be switching some dates for Bingo with World Gymnastics. Check Bingo tab on web site for details.

Mike Powell announced that we have collected all 1st deposits for Spring trip. 196 students going, approximately 100 girls and 96 boys.

Dot Bowling announced that we have approximately \$57,000.00

The Executive Board meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Minutes of the February 11th General Membership meeting of GHBPA

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm in the band room by Ellen Gellene. Karen Tosten of the nominating committee presented the slate of officers for the 2008-09 year. The nominations are as follows: Ellen Gellene president, Rick Devany 1st vice president, Dave Gellene 2nd vice president, Mark Frye 3rd vice president, Pat Marcolini secretary, Dot Bowling treasurer and Mike Powell student accounts manager. Ellen asked for nominations from the floor, there were none. A motion

was made from the floor to accept the slate, . Ellen asked for any discussion from the floor, there was none. The motion was seconded and the vote passed. The slate was elected.

Jacquie Bannat asked that paper work for the spring educational seminar be turned in no later than February 29th.

Mike Powell, student accounts final payment is do by Feb. 25. The total cost of the trip is \$645.00. The website has a roster of student funds. Any money earned by the student through Fruit Sales can't be given to students as cash, it can be used for fees. Scholarship requests need to be made once.

Mr. Kirsch Students Spring trip dates March 25-30. Students should remember that the trip is a privilege not a right. Students should meet parameters set by their parents. The cost of the trip is nonrefundable. There are 196 students going. The parents that are chaperones have had contact with the students. Room and bus sign ups start tomorrow. The hotel is on Universal property. There will be private security guards (off duty police officers) on duty from 11pm to 7am.

Students with true emergencies at the parks should go to first aid. The check list in the information packet is general, not a complete list. For Wet n Wild pack bathing suit in carry on bag and change on bus or in park, should leave things on bus or in rented locker. Bathing suits should be appropriate.

The guard does not need uniforms and the band does not need marching uniforms.

Rules are listed on orange county permission card and in trip packet. Breaking rules such as alcohol, drugs, cohabitation, tobacco, curfew violations and shoplifting have the penalty of immediate return home at parent's expense.

Parents are reminded of the impact of bingo for the band and that all students benefit from bingo who are going on the trip. Often use of bingo funds goes unnoticed.

School work- suggest speaking to teachers a couple of weeks before hand to set up a date to get makeup work. Will miss 3 days of school. Students are expected to be in school on Monday.

Kathy Faron, concert uniforms need to be dry cleaned and returned to school by March 17th in garment bags.

Field trip list will go around.

The next meeting will be March 3

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

Respectfully submitted
Pat Marcolini

Minutes of the 3March 2008 GHBPA Board meeting

Ellen Gellene called the meeting to order at 7:00. She called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes, the vote passed unanimously. On line vote to pay for Mr. Mckee's room passed by majority. Ellen asked to clarify the process by which online votes are taken. Presently, Ellen has been taking a majority of all 31 Executive Committee members, which is 16, but sometimes has to wait for up to a week to get a majority of 16 votes. Since the Bylaws state that during a meeting votes are counted by the majority of those present, Ellen proposed that a reasonable time limit be placed on online votes (such as four days) and at the end of that time period, the votes received shall be counted and the online vote shall pass or be defeated by the majority of those who voted. Those present at the meeting agreed with the proposal.

Mike Powell noted that several students had not made final payments for the spring trip. March 15th is the drop dead date. There will be no refunds.

Mr. Kirsch: pre-festival concert Tuesday March 4th. 6:30 percussion, 6:45 concert band: 7:15 symphonic band, 7:45 wind ensemble and 8:30 jazz band.
Festival at Jamestown HS. March 12 and 13; concert band 3/12 at 11:30, symphonic band at 8:30 on 3/12, wind ensemble 7:30 on 3/13.

The wind ensemble concert at CNU is 3/31 at 7:00, Kempsville will also be performing. Band will leave school at 3:30.

All state was last weekend in Feb. 20 students tried out, 7 students made it, 2 placed 1st in the state. All state band will be in Harrisonburg, hotel bill will be \$708.00. May need to rent a 15 passenger van \$347.62 plus gas for 3 days. A motion was made and seconded to make available \$300. over budgeted line item for all state. There was no discussion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

There are 193 students signed up for the spring trip. All 5 bands performing on March 28th in the morning to early afternoon.

1st vp, no report

Kathy Faron concert uniforms need to be clean and returned to the school by March 17, drop dead date of March 20. Need to be in garment bag with student's name and uniform number on it.

2 move ins will need dresses for spring concert.

Jacquie Bannat thanked Mike Powell for the form that he set up for the trip, it works great for her. Chaperones taken care of. Meeting March 17 at 7:30 at Andrea's.

2nd vp Stacie Beasley needs some help with scrip at tomorrow nights concert. Alice Taylor volunteered to help.

3rd vp attendance at bingo is up. Largest deposit ever on instants. Needs to have a full house of volunteers. Supply costs are going up. Needs a receipt for the South Carolina Honor band trip.

To make annual goals we need to set aside:

\$470.00 monthly for uniforms for the next 10 years.

\$2308.00 monthly for scholarship
\$834.00 for percussion equipment for 6 months
\$900.00 for senior and lesson scholarships for 6 months(\$450. for 12 months)
\$800.00 awards banquet

Total of \$5312.00 set aside monthly for these expenses.

A motion was made to set aside these monies from bingo, the motion was seconded, there was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously . Peter thanked Mark for taking the position for next year.

Secretary, Thank you note from the Miller family.

Treasurer

Bank Account Balance @ Feb 29, 2008

General Operating Acct	\$19,915.58
Equipment Reserve Acct	1,000.21
Scholarship Acct	281.88
Uniform Reserve Acct	3,699.50
Student Account	5,108.17
Total All Accounts	<u>\$30,005.34</u>

Will be hosting a Festivals of Music on Friday May 9th starting at 1pm. Need concessions, whatever they want to sell. Yvonne Beyer will coordinate concessions for the event.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Marcolini

Minutes of the April 14, 2008 GHBPA Board Meeting

David Gellene, substituting as President for this month's board meeting, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. He called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes, the vote passed unanimously.

Spring Awards Banquet: David gave a status on the June 2nd Band Awards Banquet. Carrabba's Italian Grill has been contacted about catering the event again this year and has agreed to do so. Carrabba's indicated they will need to increase their prices. The board discussed the best way to pass the price increase on and decided to go from \$7 per individual ticket to \$8 per individual ticket and \$35 per family to \$40 per family. David reported that Ellen spoke with Hospitality today about set up. Dot Bowling and Ellen will be selling dinner tickets at the May 15 Spring Concert. Ticket sales will continue through May 23rd. The weekly e-mail that will go out Sunday will have further details. Darren raised concerns about three issues regarding the awards banquet: (1) length of the event, (2) cost, and (3) student appreciation of the event. A lot discussion followed about these concerns. Darren is going to come up with a proposal to shorten the award time as well as different seating options. Decisions about future awards banquet formats will need to be an agenda topic at a future board meeting.

Band Director's Report:

Mr. Kirsh Again thanked the parents who chaperoned the Spring Band Trip. Overall it was a good trip. He also thanked the Bingo Boosters for all their monetary support for which made this trip possible.

He reported that the CNU Honors Wind Ensemble Invitational went real well. He still has not received the recordings. CD's will be available at the May 15th concert for purchase at a minimal price of \$5.00.

Jazz Festival will be held April 22 at 1:30 p.m.

He plans to distribute the 4th quarter calendar which will show all end of year events this week. This calendar will cover band events from now through graduation. He also plans to have a "draft" first cut at the fall calendar out soon. It represents his best guess at this point.

Three quotes have been received for purchasing new percussion equipment. The best bid is with Washington Music out of Washington DC. Cost for replacing the whole percussion line is \$11,672, quints/base only would cost \$7,862. The board discussed the merits of both options. After discussion, Darren made a motion that no more than \$12,000 be set aside from Bingo funds to cover purchasing a whole new drum line. Peter Gaddis seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the vote passed unanimously.

Solo & Ensemble is May 12. Tri Music Honor Society members are supposed to help out with this event. Darren also reported that he needs a parent to coordinate ordering of Tri M Music Honor Society material.

Finally, May 19 is Rising Freshman Parent Evening.

1st Vice President: No report

2nd Vice President:

Concessions for the May 9th Festival was discussed. When Darren originally requested concessions, he thought it was a half-day of school. May 9th is a full day, and he reported given that school is in session, we could not start setup any earlier than noon. In addition, Darren indicated the event will be smaller than first envisioned (about 350 attendees max). The event will be from 1:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. Yvonne Beyer reported both Concession chairs work full time and would not be able to get time off from work to cover concessions. A request for volunteers was put out in the last Sunday's weekly e-mail and several inquiries have been received. After discussion, the board decided to start concessions at noon and limit sales to inventory on hand. Yvonne was to continue to work to find someone to lead the event as well as a handful of volunteers to run the concessions.

Stacie Beasley was absent but David Gellene reported on her behalf that there are only 4 weeks left to place Scrip orders after which time Scrips will not be available until August.

3rd Vice President:

Peter reported that upcoming games are April 25, May 2, May 16, May 30, June 6, June 20. Peter is still working on trying to get more Game Managers. He also reported the Bingo closet behind the stage needs to be cleaned out and old reports/documents properly disposed. The requirement is for Bingo records to be kept for the active year +3. The plan is to clean out the closet over the summer.

Treasurer:

Dot Bowling reviewed the treasurer's report.

Dot reminded the board it was time to set next year's budget—new budgets must be set 30 days prior to the Awards Banquet. The board agreed to have a meeting on April 28 at 7 p.m.

Student Accounts:

Mike Powell reported that he still needs \$140 to rent scaffolding for installing the new security system.

Mike is also looking for digital pictures from the Spring Band Trip and the CNU Wind Ensemble Invitational for the band web site.

Mike also reported we have enough funds in student accounts which leaves us in the position to award several hardships if needed for the summer band camp. There is no process or committee in place to address this. Mike Powell was tasked with developing a process and bringing it forward to the GHBPA board for review.

New Business:

Peter Gaddis would like to have a discussion at next month's board meeting the possibility of moving the GHBPA monthly board meetings to the 2nd month of each month. This lines up better with Bingo and would enable him to have better reporting for the board meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

The next meeting will be May 12.

Respectfully submitted

Yvonne Beyer (substituting for Pat Marcolini)

Minutes of the May 12th 2008 GHBPA Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the band room by Ellen Gellene. Ellen asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the April minutes. A motion was made and seconded, the motion carried. Ellen and Dot will be selling tickets to the awards banquet at the concert on Thursday May 15. At that time pre-orders can be picked up. The 2008-2009 budget is posted on the website, any questions go to Dot. The after camp pool party can be at the JCC on any day but a Friday. Rick DeVaney is getting with Peter about the bingo over site committee. The on line vote for the motivational speaker passed with a majority.

Darren

In the past the student leadership has been sent to a 1 day clinic. This year there will be a lot more new leadership coming in. The motivational speaker will be here the second day of band camp, he will spend 90 minutes with the entire band and 90 minutes with the leadership.

Solos and ensembles was today(May 12)

Concert times are posted on the board, an email went out about times.

Fall calendar is on the website, playing at the William and Mary game will happen every other year.

New drumline equipment is in.

Chaperones for graduation there will be 2-3 buses, leaving Grafton about 11:00am for a 1:00pm graduation, return apx. 4:00pm.

Sousaphones were sent to the repair shop, need to replace at least one case. Music and Art has a case cheaper than anywhere on line at apx. \$300.

Senior scholarship applications are due May 28th. Scholarship committee of Darren Kirsch, Mark Frye and Pat Marcolini will meet on May 29th to review applications.

Steve Roth asked about money for leadership.

May 19th is the meeting for the parents of rising freshmen. 7:00pm high school band room.

Peter

Need volunteers for the next two games, numbers are down but buying is still strong.

Alice

Uniforms, chaperones and hospitality have chairman for next year, chaperones and hospitality still need a co chair.

Ann

Tonya Graves will be uniform co chair. Try on of uniforms for seniors will be prior to music reading.

Suzanne

Send volunteer hours to Suzanne at mark suz1@cox.net

Lisa

Need for help to stuff envelopes

Dot

\$9,676.00 in checking, \$1834.50 in equipment account,

Mike P

Student volunteer hours are due in May. Peter needs the receipts for the awards(there is a \$4000.00 limit)

The store room behind the stage needs cleaned out.

Maureen

Bridgette would like to use the \$1300 remaining budget to order part of next years costume .

June 2 is the awards banquet/meeting at that time next year's budget will be voted on.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Marcolini

Minutes of the June 2 2008 General Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the auditorium of Grafton High School.

President Ellen Gellene thanked everyone for coming and for all the hard work this year.

Ellen called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May meeting. A motion was made from the floor and seconded, the motion was approved by the general membership.

The budget for the 2008-2009 year has been posted for 30 days, are there any questions.

A motion was made from the floor to approve the budget , the motion was seconded. The general membership approved the budget as presented.

Thanks to LeeAnn and the hospitality committee for tonight's dinner.

Thanks to Carrabba's for a job well done.

Uniforms need to be cleaned and returned by Thursday June 5.

Recognition of parents of seniors who served on the board: Alice Taylor, Karen Tosten, Martha Cuevas, Jacquie Bannat, Dave Bannat, Kathy Faron, Gail Tiegeler
Gifts were presented to the director and assistant director.

The next two board meetings are July 15 and August 5 in the band room at 7:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

Respectfully submitted
Pat Marcolini
Secretary

Minutes of the July 15th GHBPA board meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Ellen Gellene

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ellen said the post band camp pool party will be August 22 at the JCC with August 25 being the back up date. Sarah Barnett is the contact person.

Ellen requested that a line be added to the budget for drum major leadership camp. A motion was made and seconded to use the rest of the hospitality money from the 2007-08 budget to help pay for leadership camp. The motion passed unanimously. There are still some committee chair positions open.

Nancy Lazarus and Sandy Gibson are the new assistant bingo managers, Dee Riter is the bingo sign up person. There is still a need for more game managers.

Online Votes:

- * Vote to approve funding a Motivational Speaker to address the entire marching band and leadership: Approved
- * Vote to approve \$50 gift cards for Kerry Taylor and Gail Teigeler for their “above and beyond” work for Bingo: Approved
- * Vote for Bingo to purchase Dell Vostro Laptop: Approved
- * Vote for End of Year gifts for Mr. Kirsch (\$125 Golfing Certificate) and Mr. Stone (\$75 Best Buy Gift Card): Approved
- * Vote for Bingo to cover \$230 overage in Drum Line equipment: Approved.

(Note: This wasn't necessary as the school covered the overage)

Mr. Kirsch

Dr. Guy came to the band with a bill for the overage in the transportation budget. The overage was \$2222.36, it was to be divided equally between the band and athletic department. A motion was made and seconded to pay \$1111.18 from the treasury. There is a line item in the budget for transportation. The motion passed.

The bill has been presented for the percussion writing fee.

Bill for ½ of the flags.

5 students attended 2 different leadership camps.

Drill pages were given to Mike Powell to post.

Parent volunteers are needed for band camp, August 22 is the parent meeting at 5:00 and the show at 6:00, with the pool party to follow.

Fall schedule

September 13th W&M game night

October 4 Menchville competition

October 11 Hanover competition

October 18th 2pm home game

October 24th homecoming game

October 25 VABODA competition at Warhill

November 2 Kecoughtan competition

The Gellene's have sent a letter to Senator Webb on behalf of the band to be considered to participate in the inaugural parade. Please get in touch with Senator Webb, Senator Warner and Congressman Wittman to voice your support.

Band handbook updated information needed to be in by August 1, the handbook will be electronic this year.

Need to purchase a shed for back by the practice field to help eliminate wear and tear on equipment. At present there is not enough storage space in the band room for the sousaphones and the tubas. Mike Angwin will look into the cost, options and find out about insurance coverage.

Mr. Stone presented an idea for the pit, to purchase a field frame. The cost is \$1028.99 for a frame. There was a motion made and seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Plaques will be given to Wendy's, Pizza Hut, Ames Tuxedos, Carrabas and Walmart for their support.

The motivational speaker for the band will be August 12 from 1-4.

1st VP

Uniforms several uniforms had to be sent to the cleaner. There are 3 uniforms that seniors have not returned yet.

2nd VP

Fruit sales needs an assistant

3rd VP Bingo see attached financial reports

Secretary

Awards and remembrance the information on lettering will be made clearer in this year's handbook. Tri M will have 2 parent advisors, they are Claudia Hoyas and Andrea Anderson. There is an annual charter fee of \$100. Tri M members will need to do volunteer hours. Some of the ways they can earn them are as closet managers, ushers for concerts on high school and middle school side.

Pictures the group picture will be taken before the Oct 18th game.

Treasurer fees for band camp need to be collected during camp. August 15th is the deadline to apply to use scholarship credits or student account moneys. Forms on line, placed in white box on wall of band room.

Student accounts

Mike requests the formation of two positions under student accounts:

Scholarship credit manager and Volunteer hours coordinator, these must be added to the bylaws. A motion was made and seconded, it passed by unanimous vote.

Mike pointed out an error in the band's constitution.

He has 2 additional mailboxes for the wall.

Hardship fund there is currently \$1900.00 in fund. A student could have his fees deferred or waived depending on recommendation of the committee. Mr. Kirsch will be the point of contact.

Barbara Devaney brought up spiritwear that is premade locally. She will find out more information.

Next meeting August 4 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm

Respectfully submitted

Pat Marcolini

2008 GHBPA Board Meeting Minutes

(August 4th, 2008)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Ellen Gellene
Ellen asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the July 15th board meeting. A motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously.
Ellen announced that many of the positions that needed to be filled have been. Bingo still needs managers, and volunteers are still needed for uniform fittings.
There were 2 on line votes: the vote to unobligated \$723.56 from the Senior/Lesson Scholarship budget and obligate it to the Awards Banquet Budget passed.
The vote to change the meeting date from the first Monday of the month to the second Monday or Tuesday was called for. The Tuesday meeting had the majority of the votes.

Committee chairs need to set up tables and have volunteer signup sheets at the August 22 general membership meeting which precedes the end of camp show. The meeting will be 1 hour long, if a committee wants to speak they need to talk to Ellen before hand and limit it to apx. 2 minutes.

Mr. Kirsch

The guest speaker for band camp will be August 12 from 12:00 to 3:00. 12:00 to 1:30 will be the whole band, 1:30 to 3:00 will be the leadership. The cost for the speaker is apx.\$3831.00 plus meals. Dave Gellene will provide transportation from hotel to school then to the airport on the 12th.

During band camp lunch will be 12:00-1:00 and dinner 5:30 -6:30

The competition schedule has stayed the same as discussed last month.

Maureen Roth Guard carwash this weekend at the 7-11 across from Washington Sq. Guard pictures will also be on August 28th. Maureen will need help taking pictures for the cd/poster.

Fruit sales has a co chair and it will be delivered the week before Thanksgiving.
Parking when picking students up from band camp and after school practice needs to be in the front circle, band parking lot or last two rows of the student parking lot, not at the curb by the band room. It ties up traffic and can be very unsafe. The pit people need the ramp open to move their equipment.

The bill for the new drill writer was \$2500.00, that is under the budgeted \$3000.00.

Bingo financial report to come. Last Friday's game was largest ever, had full compliment of workers which was a help. Still would like to add 3 managers.

Secretary for those who have information to send out in the weekly email, then need to email their article to Pat by Sunday evening so it can be cut and pasted into the larger email.

Diane pictures of the group will be taken on September 27th with a rain date of October 18th.

Treasurer report attached

Band camp fees

Camp fee \$125.00

Concert fee \$ 25.00

Shoes \$30.00 was in previous email and letter at \$28.00 but it should have been \$30.00.

Guard fee \$40.00 for flag and shoes, band pays for gloves
2 alternates fee of \$65.00

Student accounts

Scholarship credit application deadline is August 15 at close of band camp.

Barb Devaney will have on hand 144 pieces of spiritwear that is pre embroidered. Can still get personalized articles.

Band t shirts will be \$10.00

Handbook will be online and there will be limited copies available for people who don't have computer access.

Next meeting is September 9th at 7:00 in the band room

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm

Respectfully submitted

Pat Marcolini

Grafton Band Parents General membership meeting August 22 2008

The meeting was called to order at 5pm in the school auditorium. Mr. Kirsch told parents that the after camp pool party would be Monday August 25 at the Jewish Community Center from 7:00 to 10:00pm. Band rehearsal that day will be from 4:00 to 6:00pm.

New student orientation is Tuesday August 26 at 6:30pm.

Ellen Gellene, president of the band parents association took over the meeting. She informed parents we have 210 students marching and we had 9 staff members at camp. The size of the program is due to Mr. Kirsch and the feeder program at the middle school.

Camp fees pay for 7 extra staff, arrangement of the music, the drill, t-shirt and pool party. Parents were reminded to mark their student's t-shirt with their name. Communications are made via email and the website. We will have a phone tree to use only when absolutely necessary.

Any parents interested in attending the William and Mary game can purchase group tickets by sending their form to Stacie Beasley.

Adult volunteer hours are used to choose chaperones for the spring trip. The chairperson is responsible for turning in hours. These hours are also given to the PTA for the volunteer hour tally. There are many volunteer opportunities at the tables in the cafeteria.

Maureen Roth needs people to take pictures of band activities and either email them to her or put them on a disc. At the end of marching season a DVD and poster are made and can be purchased.

Ann Delong in the last week marching and concert uniforms have been fitted. If you need to hem or alter, do not cut fabric, hand stitch. Concert uniforms are to stay at home.

James Blackwell pit crew loads and unloads instruments and equipment needed for performances. They also transport the above. Communication via email. Tomorrow there will be a work day on the trailer and set up the scaffold.

Chaperones- lots needed. Medical forms must be turned in to participate in the pool party or on the bus for games and competitions.

Hospitality covers cookies for band dinners, senior night of marching season, district band in January, and the banquet at the end of the year.

Barb Devaney spirit wear. This year we have available prepurchased items with the band logo for sale, she will have them at the games also.

Concessions the band has the concession stand September 12 and September 27. We also do concessions for the January district band auditions.

Scrip is done thru Great Lakes Scrip, until Christmas orders will be taken weekly. They are collected on Tuesday and back in about 1 week.

Fruit sales are a chance for students to earn money to go in their student account.

Order forms go out in early October and fruit is delivered before Thanksgiving.

Bingo games held 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays from midnight to apx. 3:00am monthly, the funds bingo provides the band help keep our fees low. With out bingo band fees could be \$1400 annually.

Student accounts

-scholarship points are a reward program for working bingo, performance points and academic scholarship points. Band officers are also rewarded scholarship points.

Points can be used twice yearly for band camp and spring trip. There is a form that needs to be submitted to request points, by the deadline posted.

Student accounts is like a savings account for monies made from fruit sales and any deposits made by the student or parent. These monies can be used for fees for camp or spring trip. A withdrawal form is needed to use monies.

Remembrance committee helps with marching band picture day, Senior night and the awards ceremony at the end of the year.

Student volunteer hours: Students need 10 volunteer hours to letter in band. There is a form to fill out and have signed by the adult incharge to get credit for the activity.

Forms must be turned in by May 15th to count for this year's volunteer hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Marcolini

Minutes of the September 9, 2008 GHPBA board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Ellen Gellene. Ellen asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the August 4 and August 22 minutes. A motion was made and seconded, the motion carried. Ellen announced the dinners for football game nights, the dinners are \$3.00 and include soda, chips and cookies along with:

Sept 12 hotdogs

Sept. 27 pizza

Oct. 18 fried chicken

Oct. 24 Hot dogs

Nov. 7 pizza

Mr. Kirsch

There is a bill for \$997.00 for the new pit frame, money to come from the equipment account. Pointed out the schedule change for Oct. 18th, our game is at 7:30 in the evening not 2:00pm as originally announced. Performance schedules won't be out until about 2 weeks before the event. Grafton will host a music festival on April 25th. We have a chance to make \$1000.00 plus concessions. Dates for the spring trip are April 16-19; location will most likely be Myrtle Beach. He has reserved 4-55 passenger buses for a total of \$18,940.00. The athletic director has asked for a list of pit crew, chaperons, those working concessions and helping feed the band by the Thursday before a home football game. People on the list are to enter at the gate by the concession stand.

Mr. Kirsch will be giving out meal vouchers again this year.

The band will march in full uniform on Friday and Saturday.

Marching shoes are in and students need to start wearing them tomorrow.

Parents have been asking about the W & M tickets. Tickets should have been mailed to people who ordered them before September 5th, those ordering after should pick up tickets at the will call window.

Make up pictures are Friday and group picture is September 27th.

1st VP

Hospitality needs to know the number of seniors in marching band and guard. They have made phone calls for cookies for this game.

Mike Angwin presented information about a 16 x 16 to 16 x 20 shed to be built back by the practice field. It is to be used to store sousaphones, old percussion instruments the scaffolding used at the practice field. There were questions about weather affecting the instruments.

2VP

David Gellene stated that there are 4 concession co chairs; they got items out of the storage closet tonight. They have enough volunteers for the Sept. 12 game.

3VP

Bingo has been going great, have had great turn out of players and workers. Application for a new bingo permit needs to be in by September 16th; Peter Gaddis will get the required signatures. We will be swapping dates with World Class Gymnastics, we will work the first 2 weeks in December, and WCG will work the last two weeks. In April we

will work the 1st and 4th weeks. Peter suggested a themed event for Halloween. Skipping July 4th did affect revenues some. Peter suggested prioritizing our payment schedule in this manner:

- 1 Scholarship Account
- 2 Awards Banquet
- 3 senior awards/ lesson scholarships
- 4 Equipment
- 5 Uniforms

A motion was made and seconded, to use the above order in making payments from bingo proceeds to those accounts. The motion carried.

We need to put money into these accounts; none has been moved to these accounts over the summer.

Secretary

We are still missing over 60 information forms; the roster is as complete as can be at this time.

Lisa Angwin Make up marching band pictures will be Friday from 2:00-3:00 pm
Donna Wilkins Is in the process of making a phone tree, volunteers should have their lists before this weekend.

Treasurer

Dot gave the balances in the accounts.

Cobb Maintained Co. who does our copier has sent us a new contract. The monthly fee is going up from \$54.00 to \$90.00. This does include service and supplies. Questions were raised if this is a three year contract.

The insurance cards were given to the pit crew, James Blackwell or Mike Angwin will keep one and the other will stay with the trailer.

Gail Teigler is doing the tax return. We will need to find some one else to do it since she no longer has a student in band.

Student Accounts

Mike Powell made a motion to add the new positions of student volunteer hour coordinator and the scholarship credit manager each receive 25 scholarship points. The motioned was seconded, there was no discussion, and the motion was carried.

A motion was made and seconded to change the dates of the scholarship program to run with the school year. The motion passed.

There was no new business.

The next meeting is October 14th at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Marcolini

Minutes of the October 14, 2008 GHBPA board meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Ellen Gellene at 7:01
A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the September minutes. The motion carried
Ellen explained the nominating process and the formation of the nominating committee at the November meeting.
It was noted that there were 13 former Grafton band students playing with the Virginia Tech Marching Virginians.

Mr. Kirsch

Thanks for all the help and parental support for the competition on October 11.
There is still room for improvement in the band's show.

Call time for Saturday is 3:30

No rehearsal Wednesday of this week, and none on Thursday Oct. 23.

Friday night Flights will come in before the Oct. 24th game.

Competition time for Oct. 25 at Warhill High School is noon. Students can be picked up there at 12:30, parents must send in a note. Buses should be back to school between 1:30 and 2:00.

No rehearsal the week of Nov. 2

12 students auditioned for all district orchestra, 5 students qualified. This event is November 14 and 15.

Spring trip information. Dates April 16-19.

Included in cost are ocean front hotel, breakfast, admission to Festival, awards presentation and other attractions including the Le Grand Circus O'le show.

Cost should be \$445 plus bus for a total between \$550.00 and \$575.00

The cost per bus is \$4735.00

The competition will probably be at Myrtle Beach High School, there will also be a parade.

The band needs to send a deposit in November or December, the tour company is asking a \$100.00 deposit pre student.

Dates for student payment:

January 14 \$100 non refundable deposit.

February 11 \$225.00

March 11 final payment of \$225 or remainder

Feb. 7th is the last bingo game to earn point to be used for the trip

Questions about the shed were posed: how sturdy and what about vandalism.

Dave Gellene

Concessions: Profit from concession sales at the September 12 game were \$1244 and profits from the Sept 27th game were \$641.14 for a total profit of \$1885.54

Fruit sales due Oct. 20 Fruit in Nov 17-19

Mark Frye

Bingo going well, a lot of help from freshmen and their parents.

There are 5 managers in training, averaging 210-220 players per night.
Pat Marcolini
Senior night program is in the works, volunteers are needed.

Dot Bowling
The balance on hand as of Sept 30 is \$39,885.29
Still have an outstanding bill for shoes.
Needed to order base drum heads at apx.\$400.
There are \$1500.00 in outstanding band fees

Darren Kirsch
Dates for Va. Tech Honor band are Jan. 23-26
Dates for South Carolina Honor band are Feb. 19-21

Mike Powell
Updated scholarship and volunteer hours should be posted later this week.
Trip deposits should go in the white box.
Trip payment information will go out on the web and in the next weekly email.
More information at the Holiday concert on December 11th.

Ann DeLong
Concert uniforms have been issued, Chris Ames has been in to measure the young men in wind ensemble for tux jackets

Darren Kirsch
Change of District festival dates and location, March 11-13 at Woodside high School.

The next meeting is November 11 at 7:00 pm
The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm

Respectfully submitted
Pat Marcolini

Minutes of the November 11, 2008 GHBPA

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Ellen asked for a motion to dispense with the reading minutes from October 14. A motion was made and seconded, the motion carried

All volunteer hours need to be reported to Suzanne so she can give them to Mr. Samuels and he reports them to the county.

A nominating committee is in the works.

Darren

Thanks to everyone for all the help during marching season. Rehearsal schedule for holiday concert should be out in a week or so.

All district orchestra is at Jamestown High School Nov. 14 and 15; show is at 3:00pm on the 15th.

Requested checks for MEAC

Thanks to the Gellene's for their hard work on the inaugural parade paper work. Word is getting out that the band is interested in marching in the parade. The audition tape was an arrangement of the Virginia Reel and Shenandoah by Steve Turner.

The scaffolding on the practice field was condemned by OSHA.

York County gave the band \$8500.00 in instrument replacement money.

Spring trip info: Dates April 16-19, could depart between 4 & 5am, staying at the Sea Mist Oceanside,

Holiday concert on December 11

Dave G.

Wreath sale 141 wreaths sold, delivery the first week in December.

Fruit sale delivery Nov. 18th

Mark F

Financial report from bingo

Dot

There are still outstanding fees.

Mike Powell

Student volunteer hours, some confusion with Tri M hours.

Maureen Roth

Question about the cd burner, looking into a multi burner

The drum majors podium was repaired by Mr. Brown.

Next meeting is Monday Dec. 8th.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Marcolini

Minutes of the December 8, 2008 GHBPA Board meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the November minutes, the motioned carried.

The nominating committee, Dave Gellene, Suzanne Frye and Claudia Hoyes presented the slate to date:

Pat Marcolini President

Ellen Gellene 1st vice president

2nd vice president

3rd vice president

Mike Powell secretary

Barb Devaney treasurer

Bill Hyatt student accounts

Nominations will be posted on Feb. 10 for elections on March 10th.

Claudia Hoyes reported that Tri M has 33 members and of those only 1 is not a member of the band. The suggestion was made that Tri M fall under the GHBPA to provide a parent advisor.

A motion was made for Tri M to go under the president of GHBPA and for the advisor to be awarded 25 service credits, the motion passed unanimously.

Feed the band made \$239.00 this fall

Diane Monach made the drum major costumes this year; the GHBPA should give her a gift of appreciation. Diane has provided the costumes at no charge. A motion was made and the vote carried to give Diane a \$100.00 Visa gift card.

Mr. Kirsch

The approximate times for Thursday's concert are on the board. Group pictures will be taken while the bands are on stage.

The band was not selected for the inaugural parade; they are on the list for other possible events during that week.

January 10 is District band tryouts at Grafton; we will need a lot of student and parent volunteers. Ellen Gellene is in charge of parent volunteers and Mr. Kirsch in charge of student volunteers

Information was passed out about the spring trip

Thanks to the Gellene's for hosting the Christmas party.

Ann DeLong noted that concert uniforms are still being issued and some still haven't been taken home. Ann wanted to make sure the closet managers got volunteer time for their efforts.

Suzanne Frye: Volunteer hours need to be turned in. The band parents have volunteered 5789.5 hours so far.

Wreath sales: 154 wreaths were sold, and \$8.00 profit per wreath, going into the accounts of students who sold them. A motion was made to make wreath sales a permanent fundraiser to be awarded 25 service credits and Ann Grigorian as the chairperson. The motion carried.

Mark Frye

Bingo account \$50,427.56 in the bank. Many thanks to all the volunteers, at this time only 8 have signed up for this weekend. Rent went up \$100.00 a game.

Secretary no report

Treasurer

There are still \$755.00 in band fees still owed, 2 outstanding marching fees Bill from Ames for 112 tux shirts and 5 pairs of pants.

Student Accounts

Leadership account assignments have been made.

Student account and bingo credits thru November 15th have been posted. Last bingo date to get credit for this year's trip is Feb.7, 2009.

The website will be adding a Tri M page

Next meeting Jan13th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted

Pat Marcolini