

Gulf Breeze High School Band Boosters Meeting
August 13, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:14pm

Present: Cathy Driskell, Paula Sarkari, Tonya Duke, Lisa Buchanan, Courtney Moran, James Moran, Jason Peterson, Marlene Puett, Andrew Taylor, Maria Freckmann, Mindy Flynn, Sean Flynn, Karen Snow, David Bleiler, Mandy Roper, Aaron Sago, Grace Hofius, Angie Mowe, Cristina Carroll, Randall Hill, Dawn McLaughlin, Susan Docherty, Jim Docherty, Carolyn House, Julie Holmer, Drew Holmer, Missy Hecht, Dan Hecht, Erin Mazel, Jim Mazel, Christina Vargas, Megan Archer, Veana Archer, Bobbie Lewter, Kelly Bleiler, Doug Scott, Barbara Scott, Victoria Donahoo, Kelly Logan, Shanty Peterson, Denise Miniati, Dennis Christiansen, Theresa Moore, Wendy Hoeflich

1. Minutes: Karen Snow moved to accept the minutes as written. Kelly Bleiler seconded. Motion passed.

2. President's Report: Barbara Scott introduced herself as the Gulf Breeze Band Booster President for the 2019-20 school year and thanked Ms. Donahoo, and old and new members for attending the first meeting of the year. Barb stated that GBBB uses several tools to communicate with parents; social media, the Sound Wave website, the Band app and Charms. If you are not getting the information you need please reach out to Barb, the band staff or one of the committee chairs. All of our contact information is on the band website, www.gbhssoundwave.com. She stated that if anyone wanted her business card to please take one off the desk as they leave. Barb went on to thank Mandy Roper for doing such a fantastic job posting on the Sound Wave Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram. She also thanked Aaron Sago for doing an amazing job keeping our website current and up to date.

3. Director's Report: Victoria Donahoo introduced herself as the new band director and welcomed everyone. She stated that she was very happy to see so many in attendance because that was not the case at Arnold High School in Panama City Beach where she previously taught. Ms. Donahoo stated that at the end of the day, it's all for the kids and we want to give them best experience that we can; so, it's great that so many parents want to get involved. Ms. Donahoo stated that if you have emailed her, she is slowly sorting through her inbox and she promises that she will respond. Some emails are easier to answer than others and some she doesn't have the information to give you yet and she wants to give you the best and right information the first time. She stated that she had a new five-page volunteer form that needs to be filled out from here on out. The good news is that if you already filled out the last form, you do not have to complete this one. If you filled out your form and turned it in in July, Ms. Donahoo has a list of volunteers that were approved at the July Santa Rosa County School Board (SRCSB) meeting. Ms. Donahoo stated that tonight, they are having the August SRCSB meeting and voting on somewhere around 1,500 volunteers for the entire county. The next time they vote is in September, so she tried to see if she could rush a couple of people's applications for tonight's meeting and they said no. She stated that if you have not filled out an application and fill it out here tonight, she can take it to the office first thing in the morning and get it turned in for the docket in September. Dave Bleiler asked about Keith Whelan's application. Ms. Donahoo stated that Keith had turned in his form on Monday and administration will be giving Keith a visitor's pass until he is approved in September so that he can help with the transportation/band truck. Ms. Donahoo stated that if we are not getting volunteers approved properly, then we are in violation of the Jessica Lunsford Act and it is a felony to have someone working with and around the kids if they have not been volunteer approved. Everyone is having to do this; all sports, all of the other band and school programs, elementary and middle school levels, etc. Ms. Donahoo stated that if you are working with or around students at any point in time you must be volunteer approved yearly. Hopefully, if they stop changing the form, we can get it out to parents at the end of the school for next year and make this a smoother process for everyone in 1920-21. She stated, now on to the update on the band, tonight we got almost the entire ballad on the field minus 4-5 sets. Due to lightening last week, we haven't marched in a while. Hopefully we can put as much as we can out on the field for the Kick Off Classic on Friday night. Overall, it's going well.

4. Treasure's Report: Barb stated that next is the treasure's report. She stated that Wendy is not present, so we will skip her until we see if she is able to make it to the meeting.

5. Committee Reports:

A. Communications: Theresa Moore stated that the first Parade Rest Newsletter will be sent out soon and the communications committee needs parents to log on and make sure their emails are up to date on Charms. Information on how to log on to Charms is on the band website. Ms. Donahoo stated that she would be entering the freshman student's information into Charms on Monday, as she had just received the access report.

B. Concessions: Grace Hofius stated that she needs lot of help at the concession stand. Grace has some volunteers from the sign-up sheets she had out at the "Everything You Need To Know" Band meeting but she really needs a griller and fryer. Grace stated that she has the sign-up sheets here tonight and please, please, please see her after the meeting if you are interested in helping and she will get you signed up. Grace stated that working in concessions is a lot of fun and we have a good time! Please remember to dress for the hot weather and you must wear closed toed shoes and a hat. Also, Grace stated she had the menu ready, so people could see what we are serving this year. The other things that the concession stand needs is a fridge. The health inspector has dinged us the last 2 years because it does not stay cold enough when we have to constantly open and close the fridge to get things out. Please reach out if you have or know of someone that would like to donate a new or gently used refrigerator or a lead on where to purchase one at a reasonable price. Grace is also looking for 4 tablets (Android or iPad) to purchase since she doesn't want to borrow them as they could get damaged. The last 2 years, we have used a program to take orders at the window and it was fabulous. Right now, we don't have any tablets and are going to have to go back to notepads and calculators. We have a square to take credit cards but in order to use that we are going to need a data plan because the Wi-Fi at the stadium doesn't work. We may have to use a hotspot from someone's phone this week. Two other things we need are 2 or 3 stand or box fans and a new deep freeze. The freezer is starting to rust inside. Grace will not be at the Kick Off Classic and Missy Hecht will be in charge this coming Friday if she can be approved. Denise Miniat stated that she will be in charge of making sure the propane tanks are filled for each home game.

C. Football Programs: Barbara Scott stated that she headed up the football programs this year and is proud to say she beat Dan's record from 2017. Barb collected \$16342.00 and change. Barb still has to have it printed which will cost around \$3,500.00ish, then we will sell the programs for \$5.00 each. Barb stated, in the long run, the 2016 March-A-Thon still out does her by a little bit, but she was really close. We will begin selling the programs at the August 30th football game versus Catholic.

D. Flags In The Breeze (FITB): Barbara Scott stated that Josh Jenkins emailed her and stated he would help with FITB. If anyone else is interested in helping with this fundraiser, please get in touch with Barb. We have the flags, poles, and some groundwork has been done but now we need to implement the program. It's a subscription service where if you're in the Gulf Breeze attendance area, we can sell you a subscription to place and remove a flag in a yard for 5 holidays/\$50. We are going with Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, Patriot's Day and Veteran's Day.

E. March-A-Thon (MAT): Doug Scott introduced himself as the MAT Coordinator for the 4th year in a row and welcomed everyone. He stated that it's a lot of work to make this organization hum the way it has been and the more people we have contributing, the quicker and easier the work is for all of us. Doug explained that the MAT is a day in the fall, this year it's at the end of October, where the band will march through the neighborhoods in Gulf Breeze playing music and passing a hat for donations. In the weeks leading up to that, we ask all the students to go around and get sponsors for donations. Each student has a goal of \$100 a piece. The past 3 years we have taken in about \$15K a year. There is not a whole lot of overhead costs to run it so all but about \$1k goes directly to the band. Neighborhoods love it and if you donate \$100 you can get a song (Happy Birthday, Fight Song, etc.) played right in your front lawn. Sometime in September, your kids will be bringing home a MAT packet with all of the information. It's going to be the same route as years past, due to the logistics of working with the city and Gulf Breeze Police Dept. Doug is looking for a new parent of maybe a freshman or sophomore student he can pass this fundraiser on to. If you're interested in helping with the MAT, please see Doug after the meeting.

F. Transportation: Dave Bleiler introduced himself and stated that he has been working with transportation for the past 3 years. Dave stated that it's very important that we get a lot of people helping out. Usually there's a core group of 4 or 5 that work together and make sure the equipment gets to the games. It can be a lot fun and he enjoys it since he has 2 kids in the band. Dave picked up the gator today and everything is ready for the game on Friday. Please, please, please volunteer and get involved! If it's a small group of people doing all the work, it can be difficult to get everything done. Dave stated that it's going to be a good year.

G. Uniforms: Cathy Driskell stated that it looks like the uniforms are here because there are a lot of boxes in the uniform room. Thankfully we don't have to rush getting them unpacked because the students are wearing their summer uniform until it cools off. Tomorrow at 10am, we will be having a work party to open all of the boxes to sort, label and bag. So, if you're an approved volunteer, please check in at the front office and then come to the band room. Also, the parent volunteer shirts were ordered late. If you haven't heard, all of the teams are going to a different color, trying to do away with the brighter yellow. Barbara Scott stated that Coach Alt has requested that we move away from the mustard yellow and go towards a Vegas/sandy yellow. The new shirts will not be here by Friday so if you're volunteering do your best to wear last year's shirt or GBHS colors. Also, if you have last year's shirt, you are grandfathered in and can wear it through 2023. Ms. Donahoo stated that as long as you can be identified as a volunteer you are fine. Also, she needs a list of volunteers by Thursday for Friday's game, so the front gate doesn't charge you to get in. Mrs. Donahoo also stated that the guard uniforms should be in on Friday. Which is great because that's sooner than expected.

H. Volunteers: Kelly Bleiler introduced herself as the Volunteer Coordinator and stated she would be giving the Volunteer Training at the conclusion of the meeting.

Old Business: Barbara Scott stated that at the last meeting, we discussed changing some of the wording in the bylaws but since we are trying to get things done quickly tonight to move on to the volunteer training, we will look at that at a future meeting.

No new business. Barbara Scott stated that the next meeting will be on September 10th, in the band building.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm by President, Barbara Scott

Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Theresa Moore