

Treasurer Report

Call for new fundraising ideas to be sent by parents to BPO board via email. Have to run by school for approval so need to have them sooner rather than later. Keep in mind that the band year starts in June to cover things for band camps, etc., in summer. No chair for this committee as of now, but John Rasmussen volunteered later in the meeting to take this task on.

Parent request for minutes from meetings and better communication.

Meeting minutes:

- Board advised that there are typically 5-6 board members and this year there are only 3, none of which has the Secretary role as they are all handling much more than usual. (Aubrey Styles later volunteered to take on the role of Secretary and will be handling the minutes going forward)

Communication:

- Roxanne reminded the group that all email addresses were wiped out and parents were to have provided new contact info after first band meeting. Was brought up that sometimes the email from the BPO go to a spam folder.
- Group discussed better options for communication including Facebook, however many parents not using that app. Final determination was made to begin using the Team app which is also used by other Gretna High groups (show choir, football, basketball, etc.) App is green shield with a T. Usage will happen through this year with feedback from group to determine if that is the right app for the 2019-2020 school yet.
- Further discussion showed the lack of volunteers for signing up for board positions and committee leads. Suggestion was had to have more personal social interaction to advise parents of what the roles and responsibilities are for each position from people who are familiar with the role. Band parent fair? Tables set up at Dec 10 concert? Flyers at same? Jamie, Roxanne and Bill have fulfilled their 2 year term so need to have new board members. "New" volunteers were: (not sure if these terms are correct and please forgive if I missed anyone!)

Bill Mannewitz: President

Jamie Aure: Vice President

Jennifer ?: Treasurer (After her current term, Roxanne will kindly continue to do books at no charge)

Aubrey Styles: Secretary

John Rasmussen: Fundraising Chair

Renee Corbett: The Brew

Nicole Drieber (sp?): Committee Czar

Jeff Styles: Concessions and Marching Band food

Pam Corbitt and Lisa Van Oeveren: Uniforms (volunteered in absentia) – Mr Norris this committee would be best served with 10 members as opposed to the 5 we had this year.

Big Band Dance: Roxanne provided list of volunteers to Aubrey via email who will organize this group

Still need heads for: Scholarship, Morale, HWAA, etc. Current board to re-send/post list of roles/responsibilities that are no longer listed on the Gretna Bands website and have offered to give to Mr. Barada to post.

- Group discussed better options for communication, and final determination was made to begin using the Team app which is also used by other Gretna High groups (show choir, football, basketball, etc.) App is green shield with a T.
- Discussion was had that these meetings should revert back to being run and led by the BPO group with directors' support, including the head of each committee to provide a brief update on their group.

Discussion of changing from Capitol City Marching Contest to a competition in the KC area due to the lack of inspiring competition and concern with how the event has been run as of late. KC area option would allow Gretna to compete with Bellevue West and East, Millard schools, etc. Request was put before Dr. Behrens and is still under review,

however, would require add'l fundraiser as we'd have to charter buses for transportation. Assuming 50 seats per bus that would require at least 3 buses as this year's marching band was 117 members. Cost at approx. \$1,850.00 without driver tip. Would not be staying the night.

This led to discussion of who would cover costs as there was difficulty getting band fees paid by parents. Much better % of fees paid this year with Roxanne tracking. Many parents noted that our \$60 fee was far below what other schools are charging. Noted that the cost for uniforms, instruments, participation fees, gas for trailer, etc. is paid for by school and band parents covers everything else for the year. (Previously purchased sound system, looking to purchase trailer for marching contests (food and supplies) for next year)

Mr Norris confirmed that the school currently covers much more of costs than usual for a band and that the BPO needs to grow to be self sufficient as the school district grows and costs will increase so can't always count on school funds. Another option for out of town competition brought up by Jamie was Des Moines contest.

Discussion of what to do with the old band uniforms as several parents have offered to buy a jacket for memorabilia. Determined cost of \$50 would be appropriate to ask and leftovers would be donated or sold at a low cost to a school that could use them. (Gretna high school verbiage stitched onto both sleeves at shoulder) Other option would be to find someone who could turn them into pillows to sell as a fundraiser, but no vendor determined for that.

The Brew will be held Jan 24 at high school. Typically have parents donate food/snacks and bring in the Beanery. Discussion to be had with them about getting a cut of the sales or a vendor fee. (\$1/cup?) **was thinking John Rasmussen had volunteered to contact them but not sure if that's right**; Renee Corbett to chair this event and looking at serving food; charging an entrance fee or free will donation. Latter seemed to have more support. (Side note is that would be nice to team up with the Beanery at more events to encourage more sales for them and more \$ for BPO)

HWAA competition held at GHS on Saturday, Feb 2.

1st performance likely at 4:30 as there is a basketball tournament that same day. Guessing will run to 9pm including cleanup.

HWAA gets half of gate this year rather than an upfront fee and % of sales as in 2018 contest.

Will need to provide meals for judges and an option for volunteers.

Meeting scheduled for Dec 3 @ 6:30pm to plan. Jamie and ? to co-chair. Suggestion was made for different event groups to meet individually for better focus (gym vs concessions vs school/room/helpers)

Option of bringing in Beanery suggested and well received. **Who is contacting them? John Rasmussen as noted above?**

NSBA Jazz Fest to be hosted by GHS April 26-27

Info tbd as closer to event

Provide meals for judges

Bring in vendors for concessions; other vendors for NSBA music items

Big Band Dance in May

Silent auction aspect? Discussed briefly last year but would be a great fundraiser for this event this year as we now have time for planning

Flyer to be created/provided earlier to allow for more advertising. Roxanne can get to the Chamber who can send it to all of their members

Need to provide food for band prior to show to avoid the refreshments becoming the dinner buffet

Army band concert