

# GHBPA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 22nd, 2024 at 7:00 pm

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The July meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

I. President-Erica Richards called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Shirley Emerson motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the June meeting. Shane Moore seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

## **Band Director-Darren Kirsch**

- **Four competitions are possible for fall, each with associated fees.**
- **Two bills from last season have not yet been received.**
- **We now have a sound engineer to advise on sound board operation and new cabinet purchase.**
- **A new sound cabinet was purchased with \$6000 surplus from last year as well as 5 new harnesses for bass drums. The remainder went to uniform and hardship accounts.**
- **The pit percussion section will be larger this year.**
- **Parking lot was painted by Mr. Kirsch for band camp; lot will also be re-lined this week for parking spots.**
- **Lake Braddock's very large flag from last season was purchased (\$650) and picked up.**
- **Eight guard fronts and uniform sizes are still needed; fittings are scheduled for this week.**
- **Band camp scheduling. Due to county-wide Leadership Academy, Atriums will not be available. Additionally, both gyms are being resurfaced next week and will be unusable for the guard practices next Tues, Weds & Thurs (July 30-Aug 1) 8 AM to 4 PM. Alternative spaces will need to be found, such as local church gyms (Seaford Baptist, Grafton Baptist, Bethel Baptist, Peninsula Community Chapel have been used in past). Space will be needed for guard (20 students, 2 adults, one of whom is a teacher). Also, the auditorium will not be available Thursday afternoon for uniform fittings. Band camp information went out in a recent email, including newsletter. Lunch will not be provided during the first week of band camp.**
- **October 19<sup>th</sup> has a potential of three events: Yorktown Day Parade in the morning, and two competitions later in the day, one in Gloucester and the other in Williamsburg. The first competition would involve performing and then leaving for the second competition before the awards ceremony. Would chaperones/pit crew be able to support this possibility?**
- **October 26<sup>th</sup> is Homecoming. We are hosting the VBODA marching assessment that day from 8 AM to 4 PM at Bailey Field. Parent volunteers will be needed to man the gate and possibly concessions. Student volunteers who are not participating in Homecoming would be needed as runners.**
- **Tag Day was rescheduled to Sept 7 with Sept 21<sup>st</sup> as a rain date due to multiple scheduling conflicts at school.**
- **August 16<sup>th</sup> 6 PM parent meeting, 730-930 Pool Party.**
- **Black flag protocol may apply to band practices this year.**

## II. President's Committee

- A. Guard-VACANT. Erica is working on guard mom. So far they've had 1 practice due to weather constraints. Next practice is 7/23 (6PM weapons, 630 everyone).

- B. Historian- Joe Richards; 15k pictures were taken last year by Kevin and Melissa Cooley. Photos will be taken on August 22<sup>nd</sup> in marching uniforms likely outside from 1230 to 430. Parents will receive a 5x7 print, 1 photo button and a digital download for \$10.
  - C. TriM- Mark Guynn: is in process of getting organized and has made arrangements to pay the charter fee. Student leadership will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of band camp.
- III. 1st Vice President Tara Leverett: not present. As per Erica, 119.5 hours were volunteered for the month of June.
- A. Pit-Nathan Hedden/Shane Moore/Guy Hagen: trailers will need to be inspected this year.
  - B. Hospitality-Jana Sabin: cookie sign up is ongoing.
  - C. Uniforms-Shirley Emerson/Becky Guynn: meeting with Shadows. Need more parent volunteers for uniform fittings (8 have signed up so far; approx. 70 needed)
  - D. Chaperones-Sherri Hawkins/Lenora: schedule/sign up will be sent out 2<sup>nd</sup> week of band camp.
  - E. Band Camp-VACANT; Erica and Kyle cleaned out closet and are awaiting donations. Small tents may need to be set up as semi-permanent structures near the marching tower.
  - F. Feed the Band-Marda French: verified meal times for dinner on 2<sup>nd</sup> week of band camp as 545-630. Dinners for games will be at 445. No staff meal orders needed at this time as numbers fluctuate.
  - G. Decorations-Brie Morris: nothing to report.
  - H. Student Volunteer Hours-Ebru Sorensen: not present.
- IV. 2nd Vice President Dottie Garrison: Sweet Frog ready for Aug 22. Carwash date will be scheduled based on new Tag Day dates. Has information on Fall Wine Festival.
- A. Concessions-VACANT
  - B. Spirit Wear-Tosha Revere: t-shirt designs were circulated and voted upon. Kyle mentioned square can be used to create an online shop for both Spirit Wear and Feed the Band orders/payments. Parent orders are taken the night of the Parent Show.
  - C. TAG Day: Christine Rogers-Rader- not present/Jackie Fitzgibbons: Sign Up Genius is created; tag design has been submitted to local printer.
- V. Secretary- Kelley Dausman as next Secretary. Any outstanding end-of-year reports are still being accepted.
- A. Webmaster/Data Entry- Kyle Boyd: There is a \$91 credit from a refund from last year. Handbooks have been updated. The percentages of emailed attachments/links clicked are low.
  - B. Remembrance- Rachel Workman-not present: Erica will check with Rachel regarding the outstanding plaque bill from last year.
  - C. Publicity-Christine Rogers-Radar: not present.
- VI. Treasurer-Jill Marlowe- not present: Erica passed out and discussed 2024-2025 budget. Any changes need to be sent to Erica ASAP.
- VII. New Business: none
- VIII. Next meeting
- A. Executive Committee- September 9, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
- IX. Adjournment: 8:13 pm

**TASKS:**

**Kirsch: Tower needs to be moved by August 5. Mr. Kirsch will coordinate with Shane Moore to schedule this. Also, Spring Trip deposit info available by next meeting.**

**Erica: Reach out to Jill regarding contact at Clearwater; reach out to Rachel regarding the outstanding plaque bill from last year; ask about Blues, Brews & BBQ total earned from last year.**

**Dottie: Ask about Marcos sponsorship for this year.**

**Kyle Boyd: Resend the July newsletter to increase chances families are opening/reading; make a list of students for Marda of students by grade and instrument; explore using square to create an online shop for both Spirit Wear and Feed the Band orders/payments (additional square may be needed to avoid long lines); double check band camp dates on website.**

**All: those with contacts at local churches with gyms, please reach out for availability for guard use July 30- Aug 1 8 AM to 4 PM.**