

East Paulding High School Band Booster, Inc.
Minutes for Booster Meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2022

This meeting took place in person in the band room. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President, Ineke Hudson. In the Secretary's absence, minutes were taken by Angie Barton and processed by Ineke Hudson. In attendance were: Ineke Hudson, Jennifer Danz, Ashley Gibbs, Brian Foster, Mitzi Burge, Aurora Diaz, Paige Carter, Angie Barton, Detra Davidson, Marquita Johnson, Kate Hobbs, Rachel Adair, Nick Adair, Heather Austin, Kristina Askew, Dani Eidson, Mr. Lerner and Mr. Robichaux.

Ineke Hudson (President) gave welcome/introduction for meeting

Financial Report

- The financial report was made and presented by the Treasurer, Jennifer Danz.
- o Total expenses \$4,132.24
- o Income \$250.00
- o Checking balance \$17,761.89
- o Savings balance \$1450.05
- o Financial report was approved

VP of Finance

Ashley Gibbs sent out statements in the week prior to all those with outstanding dues. Most owe money for shoes. Ashley will email those who owe money for shoes.

Fundraising

- Snapraise was a big success. An 87% participation rate was reached and therefore we will receive the maximum profit. At the time of the booster meeting \$20,523 was raised. It was agreed to make this an annual fundraiser, but to start it earlier in the season in the future. September or early October would be a good time, since football and competitions are in full swing at this point, making it easier to call attention to our band to family and friends.

Volunteers

- Prior committees that haven't been active in recent years could use reinstating. Mentioned were Color Guard chair and Spirit Wear chair. Solutions to the ongoing problem of a lack of volunteers are still being explored. It was suggested we ask for all members to turn in a check at sign up night that will only be cashed by the end of marching season when volunteering responsibilities are not met. A new volunteering committee would have to oversee all volunteering actions and keep up with who's done what.
- Committees in need of an extra chair are Paulding Meadows, Fundraising and Uniforms.
- Kate Hobbs has agreed to take over Chaperones from Angie Barton.
- Dani Eidson has agreed to be chair of the Spirit Wear committee.

Important dates

- Rookie Camp is from May 16 till May 20.
- End of Season BBQ is on May 19
- Sign Up Night is on May 20

Nominating Committee

- The board will serve as nominating committee at the next meeting where we will nominate a new Treasurer as well as VP of Operations. Nick Adair has expressed an interest in VP of Operations.

Operations

- The cubes have not been put back at the practice field as of yet. A workday with 5-6 volunteers is needed. Brian has agreed to arrange such a date in the pit crew chat.

Uniforms

- Fitting for concert uniforms was concluded as of February 14. Dresses were altered.
- All 8th grade kids that will take part in the Disney Parade were fitted with a marching uniform. They will also borrow shoes.
- New tuxedo shirts for concerts will be ordered soon. Mitzi is making a total count which stands at 55 shirts right now.

Hospitality

- The banquet will take place on May 5th. Paige has selected a menu option. Prices have gone up and we will most likely have to raise the prices for tickets or else we won't break even.

Paulding Meadows

- Meetings will likely resume in March/April. Aurora still needs a co-chair.

Chaperones

- LGPE is scheduled for March 15 and 16. Symphonic band will perform on the 15th. The bus will leave the school at 10:30 am and Kate Hobbs will chaperone. Wind ensemble will perform on the 16th. Their bus leaves at 3:30 pm and Angie Barton will chaperone. Both days we will stop to eat at Chic-Fil-A and students are to pay for themselves.

End of season BBQ

- End of season BBQ will take place on Thursday, May 19.
- We are still looking for BBQ places to provide us with meat at cost. So far, none of the companies that Mr. Robichaux reached out to have responded. Julie Irish is going to try Rodney's BBQ.

Mr. Robichaux

- Wind ensemble will practice on March 2 from 10 am till 3 pm.
- Free COVID testing will be offered on February 22, the day before the Disney trip.
- Masks are still mandatory on the bus as well as all Disney transportation, but no longer indoors, for those who have been vaccinated.
- Four buses will be used for the Disney Trip, high schoolers will not travel with middle schoolers. Due to this distribution, high school chaperones will ride with the middle schoolers. Band directors will be on the bus with band kids.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

NOTE After the meeting was over, Marquita Johnson stepped forward to be cochair for Paulding Meadows. Aurora Diaz and Marquita Johnson will run this committee together and share responsibilities.

