

East Paulding High School Band Booster, Inc.
Minutes for General Meeting on Monday August 19th, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 pm by President, Julie Irish.

Secretary- Heather Austin

- Copies of the last booster meeting were handed out and approved.

President- Julie Irish

- Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers. Keep up the great work... there is a lot more to come!
- Band booster leadership will lose 7 people who have seniors this year. See Julie if you are interested in serving next season.
- This Saturday will be a 12-hour practice for marching band and also the middle school "fast start" program. We will host 6th graders from EPMS and Moses from 9am-12pm. This is an opportunity for us to support the middle school band students as they learn about their instruments. Marching band will perform right before noon and then Hospitality will provide lunch for our students, the middle school students and their families. Marching band students will need to bring their own dinner.
- New water jugs are going home with all marching band students tomorrow. These jugs will replace plastic water bottles at football games and competitions. Using the jugs will eliminate waste and litter. Replacement jugs are \$15.

Finances- Jenna Curtis, Treasurer. Susan Jones, VP Financial

- Copies of the treasurer's report were handed out and reviewed.
- Current bank balance total is \$56,077.12. We have collected \$10,440 in dues. Next payment date is September 5th.
- We raised \$1,250 at the car wash last weekend.
- Corporate sponsorship donations total \$4,735. We need to boost support in this area as much as possible.

Hospitality- Paige Carter, Julie Irish

- Hospitality will provide lunch for "Fast Start" this Saturday. We will serve pizza from Dominoes along with salad and fruit. Marching band parents are asked to donate dessert items. As many as 300 people will eat at this lunch.
- Our first away game is next Friday August 30th at Upson Lee High School. We will feed the students sack meals due to an early departure time.

Fundraising- Robin Andrews, Sharon Weaver, Dawn Fortner and Julie Irish.

- The car wash was a great success! We are planning another one soon.
- Current sheet fundraiser is due August 30th. There has been a slight increase in cost, but the owner will honor the prices in the old catalog if that is what we already distributed. They now offer extra-long sheet sets for dorm rooms. For out-of-state orders students will receive individual codes for an online account (the link is TBA). Online orders have no deadline!
- Our next big fundraiser will be a yard sale. This event will take place on September 14th in the parking lot at All Service Floor Covering on Hwy. 92. Julie made up a flyer and will post to Facebook for others to share. We will sell parking spaces to vendors at \$30 each or 2 spaces for \$50. This is open to public participation. Contact Robin Andrews at grhwe@aol.com to buy a space. The band will also accept donated items to sell. Volunteers will be needed on Friday September 13th from 4-7pm to help organize and price donated items.

Concessions- Ashley Gibbs, John Gandy, Tim Wurtz

- John was able to secure pre-ordered food combos for four of the bands that will be at our home games. These combos represent approximately \$1,100- \$1,200 in pre-paid meals! These students will be served at a separate concession line during the third quarter.
- There will not be any outside vendors. The band will offer sno-cones, popcorn, separate candy concession lines and more.
- Our first home game against North will require a lot of volunteer support. Please check out sign up opportunities ASAP on Charms. Fortified Hills will continue to send volunteers this year.
- It was suggested that we create pre-paid combo meal punch cards. This could be especially helpful for our band kids.

Spirit Wear- Lesa Brown, Susan Jones

- Another order of senior shirts will arrive this week. These are \$10 each for parents. Show shirts are also coming this week. These are \$15.
- We are ordering car magnets with the East Bands logo. The magnets and spirit wear will be available for purchase at games.

Uniforms- Mitsy Burge, Beth Irby

- Uniforms and accessories have been barcoded for quicker check-in/check-out. Students are responsible for all items checked out to them and will be billed for missing items.
- We are offering the old uniforms (jackets/shakos) for purchase by Alumni. We will sell the jackets at \$40 and shakos for \$20 or the set for \$50. This year's graduating seniors will have first options. We need a volunteer to keep track of inventory as it sells.

Paulding Meadows- Carla Broyles, Jennifer Danz

- We have volunteers to work the gate, but only two people are currently signed up to work the parking lot. We need help on Saturday and Sunday (September 7th/8th). Students get volunteer hours!
- See Carla, Jennifer, Julie or Jenna for pre-sale tickets (\$2 each). Even volunteers must buy tickets. They cost \$3 at the gate.
- Jenna is going to make repairs to the roof of the concession stand.
- We need donations of sliced dill pickles, Country Time Lemonade, plastic cups, gallon jugs of sweet tea and lemons.

Operations- Alex Pruitt, Ken Curtis

- The majority of the props are already constructed and ready for use at rehearsals! We've had a great number of volunteers help out and we are ahead of schedule.
- We will not use props at away games or during half time at home games. Props will be for competitions and post-game shows only.
- We will need volunteers to load equipment on Fridays and approximately 10 volunteers at each performance to get equipment on/off the field. These props are heavy!
- A band student parent has offered to print vinyl logos for our 24ft. trailer for free! We will need to sand and prime the trailer first. The same parent has also offered to print our senior banners.

Chaperones- Anita Boyd

- Anita has created the list of chaperones for the season. A revised schedule was emailed. Contact Anita ASAP if you cannot attend.
- Ineka Hudson will be taking Anita's place at the first away game on August 30th. The buses are scheduled to depart at 3pm on that day.

Seniors- Susan Jones

- Susan will need help making the senior cords for Senior Night on November 1st. See her if you can assist.
- Burnt Hickory Baptist church is not available on May 8th as our banquet venue. Susan is looking into other locations including First Baptist Powder Springs. This would be a catered event and needs to accommodate approximately 325 people.
- Susan is also placing orders for band parent name tags. See her if you would like purchase one.

Band Directors- Michael Thomas, Josh Robichaux

- The students are doing great... we ahead of schedule!
- EPHS has been accepted as a chapter of the Tri-M Music Honors Society. This is a student-led organization with elected officers. Mr. Thomas will serve as the advisor. An induction ceremony will take place at the post-marching season potluck. More info to come.
- Contest dates are set and posted to the eastbands calendar.
- Marching band is co-hosting a mattress sale fundraiser with the EPMS band. This event will take place on February 1st in the EPHS gym. We will split proceeds 50/50.
- The Washington D.C. trip schedule is set. Students can register online through Holiday Tours. The \$50 deposit will secure student/chaperone spots. There is no deadline to register but please note that Mr. Thomas must be able to secure enough students to perform a concert so please sign up ASAP.
- This Saturday we will host the 6th grade band student Fast Start program at EPHS. This is a great opportunity for EPHS to support future band students.
- 8th grade band night will be our home game against Rome.
- Students need to start practicing for District Honor Band tryouts. The scales have been posted to the website. Per administration, Mr. Thomas can no longer provide transportation for students if they are chosen to perform. This is for safety concerns.
- Mr. Napier has finished with the band photos. A link is on the East Bands website. Parents are welcome to download, share and print these photos. Napier will also be taking action shots throughout the season.
- Mr. Robichaux will be submitting tapes of the percussion ensemble to GMEA (Georgia Music Educators Association) for an opportunity to perform at next year's conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Submitted by Heather Austin, Secretary.