

Band Booster Minutes

Monday 1st February, 2016

President Mary Hovater called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., reminded everyone to sign in and pick up the hand-outs.

Minutes these minutes can be found on the band web page. Mary asked if any corrections need to be made, no comment. A motion was made to accept the minutes, there was a second, and all minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Carol stated the checking account balance per the December bank statement is \$0.
- There are still students with outstanding fees.
- Motion, second, Treasurer's Report approved as reported.

Mary

- Anyone in possession of a concession stand key should bring it to the next meeting. Keys need to be accounted for and possession properly documented.
- Kathryn Andrews took the floor to discuss the Big Band Dance. She passed around the food list as a reminder to those present of what they signed up to bring. Food should be dropped off between 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Help will be needed with clean up after the event. Kathryn passed around volunteer sign-up sheets for serving and clean-up.
- Domino's will be back on the band card next year. It will also be the pizza that is served in the concession stand. Domino's is also graciously donating pizza for the Big Band Dance.
- A couple of tables need to be replaced in the concession stand. Mary has researched the cost and has located a small stainless steel table for \$155.00 and a large one for \$169.00, free shipping on both.
 - A motion was made to purchase the two tables, a second was made, all those present agreed, no opposition. The motion carried.
- LaTonya Boike – Please check your child's closet, under their bed, in their car and car trunk for marching uniforms and uniform parts. If uniform is not turned in, the student must pay for it. Seniors will not walk at graduation if they have any missing uniform/uniform parts or outstanding fees associated with their uniform or band in general.
- Kathryn McLeroy – The Big Band Dance ad will be in the paper.

Mrs. Bean

- Congratulations to all of the CMS students that attended All County Honor Band. Those selected for the top 25% in their section include: Alexis Young – clarinet, AJ Wood – trumpet, Auyka Sh'e ch'e No hey – trombone, Ethan Chaukley – snare drum. Tessa Adkins was selected 1st chair clarinet.
- Chair auditions – teaching the process with focus on sight-reading, using the SmartMusic sight-reading tool.
- Voluntary help sessions took place today with the beginning band on scales. Teaching how to read the key signature.
- The beginning band is also working on reading sheet music.
- The 8th grade is working on sight-reading. SmartMusic cost \$38.00 a year and is an excellent tool to help improve this skill.
- In the process of setting dates for the front line, watch reminder for this.
- Middle school jazz band meets during 8th period, which is a great help and is going very well. These student will be serving beverages at the Big Band Dance.
- Please remember to bring in box tops.

Mr. Smith

- Congratulations to the following Cullman Band students for being selected for the ABA District 3 Honor Band:
 - Kelsey Shaddrix – Flute, Brad Hummel – Bassoon, Laura Powers – Clarinet, Shannon McNeal – Trumpet, Emily Dale - French Horn, Branson Danecker - French Horn, Myles McLeroy – Trombone, Austin Gable – Trombone, Matt Mansour – Percussion, Connor Gurley – Percussion.
- Congratulations to the following Cullman Band students for being selected for the Alabama All-State Band:
 - Brad Hummel – Bassoon, Shannon McNeal - Trumpet (White Band)
Emily Dale - French Horn (Blue Band), Branson Danecker - French Horn (Alternate), Myles McLeroy - Trombone (White Band),
Matthew Thompson - Baritone (Blue Band)
- The Big Band Dance is this Friday, February 5th.
- Concert and Symphonic bands begin after school practice next week.
- MPA is March 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The band will only be attending one day, Mr. Smith has requested March 1st. As soon as Mr. Smith receives the date assignment, he will inform everyone.
- Ten students made District Honor Band, the deadline is this Friday, February

- 5th for these students to confirm if they will be attending.
- Practice for the various 2016 visual ensembles has begun. A recruiting trip to the middle school is planned.
- Went over the April and May calendar, noting both the Spring Concert and Band Banquet dates.
 - Kathryn McLeroy – What are the dates for band camp? See the band handbook (July 5th) The August 2nd and 4th pre-season practices are not on the calendar.
 - Beth Collicott – Students will be attending school on February 15th (Presidents Day) and will not be attending on May 6th.

Mr. Teusher

- So proud of Matthew and Conner for their All State accomplishments. They both put in many long hours of practice.
- Concert Band rehearsal is going well, we are playing some good literature and I hope they are all growing as musicians.
- UNA will be hosting a Percussion Ensemble Concert on March 3rd. Mr. Teusher would like to take the high school students so long as MPA doesn't interfere.
- Dinner with the Drumline will be April 7th, barbecue sounds like a good dinner option, possibly getting Mad Dog Mike to provide the meat (this is who the boosters use for the concession stand).
- April 28th is the Percussion Symposium at UNA. It is an all-day event, students will miss school that day. The election gala date will be moved if the students go to the symposium.
 - Beth Collicott – will percussion be performing for the student body? If they do it will be April 6th during Bearcat period 9:45 a.m.–10:30 a.m. The musical folks might have that week, if so, we would have to move it to the following week.

Mr. Smith

- Gary Taylor Scholarship deadline is February 19th.
- Spoke of observing Mr. Teusher and the students interacting together. The kids are smiling, laughing and enjoying music. I see good things ahead.
 - John Sisk – Can we get old band t-shirts reprinted? Contact Creative Design in Hanceville.
- When are businesses contacted about being on the band card? Now. If the Shoe Fits, Zaxby's and Augusta's have all expressed interest in being on the card.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 1st, 2016 @ 7:00p.m.

There was a motion, a second, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Pam Blair, Secretary

Mary Hovater, President