

**BAND BOOSTER MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7,2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by President Ondrea Pate.

NEW BUSINESS

- Cliff Emond discussed our new band truck. There were problems at the paint shop but should be back by first of next week. The trailer is ready and he will take it to Creative Design to design wrap. We will probably need new tires for the trailer. A ramp has been donated and the people moving the box can add the ramp. Trying to get truck ready for MPA and if can't we will take trailer.
- Mr. Smith has been looking at budget for game security. We have been paying with football for several years and this year our part was over \$. He is trying to see if this expense can be taken care of by the city instead of band and football.
- We are getting to the point of voting for officers. We still need to fill pit crew for away games and 2nd VP. Rickey Browning will do pit crew for home games. We usually vote for officers and budget at April meeting which is the last one of the school year.
- Thank you for the help with the Jazz Band Dance. It was a huge success with no issues and we had no security officers.

TREASURER REPORT

- Our bank balance is \$. We still have to pay \$ for finishing truck and trailer.
- Publix Partners is a way for the band to get donations. You can select Cullman Band Boosters at Publix.com/Partners. They will donate part of what is spent and all you have to do is put in your phone number.

MRS. BEAN

- Congrats to all the students who made top 25% and 1st chair at All County Band.
- Congrats to everyone who auditioned for All State Band. It will be held on 4/13-4/15 at Von Braun Civic Center in Huntsville for those selected. Some qualified for District 3 Honor Band which will be this weekend at Russellville HS.
- Callie Randall was selected for Auburn's Honor Band on clarinet.
- Several students were selected for the Montevallo Honor Band which is 2/17 and 2/18 for middle school.

- The 7th grade beginning band and the 8th grade band will play with the HS on 2/27.
- She and Mr. Smith have been talking to East and West Elementary. Thanks to Mr. Teuscher for watching the classes so they can go.
- Thank you to Ms. Ponder the MS counselor for helping students sign up for band.
- The 8th grade will be ready by 3/14 to audition for the HS band.
- 3/21 - The Air Force Academy Clarinet Quartet will be at the middle school in the morning and at the HS in the afternoon.
- 3/22 - deadline for scale passoffs
- 3/23 - auditions for Visual Ensemble and Drum Major
- Construction at the middle school is 3 months behind. For a year the MS band will be in a temporary home. They will implode the round building and build a new band building. The move is supposed to be in August and may need some help.
- She was very pleased with the behavior at the Big Band Dance. There are many college programs that can't do what the jazz band did. Mr. Smith and the band boosters always step up.
- MS students can't go hang out at Karma's or anywhere else without adult supervision after the after school practice.

MR. SMITH

- There are a couple of handouts on the stands. One is for Remind which will be through all 4 years. There are also updated calendars. We can all promote the band program and recruit new students.
- 2/9 - meeting for anyone interested in visual ensemble
 2/27 - MPA concert with 7th, 8th and HS bands that is free. We need a new name for the concert since all 4 bands will be there. We use this as a dress rehearsal for MPA.
 3/7-3/9 - MPA contest. Haven't been assigned a day but hopefully 3/7.
 3/23 - Visual Ensemble and Drum Major auditions
 3/14 - band auditions start for the HS
- We had a lot of students who made top 25% and 1st chair at County Honor Band. We had 46 students who participated and we had 11 out of 15 first chairs.

- At All State we had 3 students who made red band which is the top band. We had 11 students in HS and MS and 8 made District Honor Band.
- We will use the band pics from Timepiece Treasures for the composite and Spring Concert program. You can also order some off the website. There is a sheet in the back.
- For the last 20 years the band has traveled in the fall on a rotating cycle. NYC, Chicago, Wild Card and Orlando. In 2013, the wild card was Washington DC and the government shut down 2 weeks ahead. They were able to get Disney World for the same \$. NYC would be this year but no travel company will take us to NYC. The bus won't travel overnight and we can't fly due to cost and logistics. He has met with the boosters and student leadership and talked about going to Chicago for the Magnificent Miles Festival of Lights Parade. It is put on by Disney and is televised. We were accepted into the parade last week. Going to meet with student leadership again due to cost of trip. Cost of travel has doubled from 4 years ago. We are talking about raising band card cost and students getting a larger cut. Let him know any opinions, ideas, or concerns. We were scheduled to go in 2020 but COVID.

MR. TEUSCHER

- 4/10 - HS percussion going to UNA Percussion Symposium
- 4/21 - Dinner with the Drumline. We will have BBQ plates again and the MS and HS percussion will play
- Drumline auditions will be the last week of school

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 and it was seconded.

Stephanie Lambert, Secretary
Ondrea Pate, President