



Godwin Band Booster Meeting Minutes: February 28, 2022

Attendance

Derek Ramsey	Bob Trull	Rachel Angel	Melissa Spaulding	Felicia Ainsa
Marianne Ashby	Beth Austin	Kelly Domaleski	Jennifer Joss	Barry Krieg
Robin Lownsbury	Maureen Mandeville	Martha Shippee	Jill Vaughan	Kim Winn
Sneha Swaminath				

At 6:07 PM, the meeting was called to order and minutes were approved from the January meeting.

Mr. Ramsey Update

Ten chaperones are needed for the VBODA Concert Assessment at Glen Allen High School on Friday, March 18th. Students will bring concert wear to school to change in at the end of the day. Boosters will provide dinner to students and volunteers and leave at 5pm via bus. Chaperones are to supervise the students and help Mr. Ramsey as needed.

Registration forms for next marching season will be sent out in the spring and due back by end of May. There may be a “new marcher” meeting before registration to address questions or provide feedback for new families. Mr. Ramsey will keep us posted on what will be needed.

Mr. Ramsey requested an increase to the marching band camp fees and show design budget line item to allocate for additional design costs, and staffing needs. He noted that there may be less students next year to offset costs, due to the large graduating senior class. Other district band boosters provide financial support for show design costs. The show design budget item was \$2,000.00 last year and he requested an increase to \$2,500.00. After much discussion, it was motioned and passed to increase the show design budget item to \$3,000.00 for next year and increase the student marching band camp fee by an additional \$25.00.

Mr. Ramsey noted that he would be requesting the board to cover costs for any anticipated All-State Band students for the in-person event at Christopher Newport University in Newport News. These costs would be approved by the Board and paid prior to the March Booster meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning: 41,299.58

Operating Budget: \$38,809.25

Savings Account: \$16,931.45

Dave will follow up with the Board and provide them with detailed financials prior to the March meeting.

2021 Upcoming Events

Spring Recognition Event:

Robin Lownsbury will be leading the spring band social event. Please contact Robin if you want to help out.

Tim Sullivan Scholarship Assessment:

Non-Senior parent volunteers will be needed to review student essays and assess leadership. Kim Winn has volunteered, two more are required. This is a blind assessment that will award two \$1,000.00 scholarships to the winners. Please reach out to the board if you are interested in volunteering.

Mr. Ramsey will notify families of specific timelines when he opens the 2022 Scholarship Application form (most likely after spring break). The form for last year's application is on our website for reference.

2022 Needs

Invitational Sponsorships:

In hosting the Godwin Invitational Marching Competition last fall, we discovered that sponsorship solicitation needs a longer lead time to secure commitments prior to band camp in August. Volunteers will be needed to assist with community, corporate, and local business engagement. There have been no volunteers yet for this task.

Rachel Angel will reach out to last year's sponsors, in addition to those that turned us down. She recommended keeping any sponsorship requests in the Godwin service area, with emphasis on Booster parents with businesses, or close ties to businesses. Based on last year's effort, corporate sponsorships were not big contributors. Focus should be on smaller, local businesses.

Jennifer Joss plans to lead the Invitational again in 2022 and will work with Rachel Angel and Martha Shippee on Sponsorships to push this effort forward before the school year ends.

Jill Vaughan, who was a sponsor last year, asked to add printed programs to budget for this fall. There was discussion on the benefits of printed copies and the added value it would provide to potential sponsors. Her suggestion will be included in the Invitational discussions going forward.

Executive Board Election / Committee Leads:

A nominating committee has been established to report the slate of officers up for election for the 2022-2023 year at the April meeting. Melissa Spaulding (board member), Robin Lownsbury, and Maureen Mandeville will serve on this committee. All positions are open, and any questions can be directed to the officers for role details, etc.

Committee Descriptions need to be updated this year due to changes over the past few years. Committees are mentioned in the by-laws, band handbook and a committee description link on our resources page. Bob will send out descriptions to each lead and ask for comments/revisions. The board will work to streamline the information across our documents on the website.

New Business

The next band booster meeting will take place on March 28 @ 6:00 pm. Virtual meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.