

Band Fans Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 3, 2020

Meeting began at 6:00 PM

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved with a motion from Russell Beamsley and seconded by Kendra Pack

Mr. Conway:

- around 72 students made the all-region band. The clinic and concert will be on January 16 in person as of now.
- The Christmas Concert is on December 15th. There will be tickets for each band 4 for Gilbert, 5 for Wind, 6 for Symphonic. Need help taking tickets at the door. It was mentioned that some of the high school students who may need service hours could help with this.
- The instrument cleaning bill was larger this year and help was requested to pay some of the bill that was thought to be around \$7,000. Fitting for Wind uniforms will be on the 17th at 8am.

Mr. Childs:

- Itinerary for area contest went out. Chick-Fil-A dinner after will be covered by the district. Needs to get water for around 130 people.
- At the competition on Tuesday, December 8 there will only be preliminaries and only the top 4 bands will advance to state. They will perform, eat, and head home. Mr. Childs will stay to wait for the scores.
- State will be Monday, December 14 and would stay overnight.
- UIL is talking about doing area every year instead of every two years and potentially state competition will happen every year for every division as well. Currently they plan to have competition next year and then in 2022 and go back to the two year plan after that.
- Region auditions will be recorded beginning December 4th. There are around 58 auditioning. Judging will be December 12th.
- TMEA is not doing anything live until March. Talking about doing an ensemble in June. Having a clinic and performance for all state jazz during that time.
- Trying to do a Facebook live event with the whole band at Bond Auditorium on December 15th.
- Performing at Timber Ridge the 12th and 13th for their Christmas services.
- Jazz ensemble is performing at the Park on Friday the 11th. There are some band alum that will be performing with them.

Vice President: nothing to report

Secretary: nothing to report

Treasurer:

- Money from chicken express was \$106.
- Updated totals in the budget.
- Podiums were ordered, paid for, received, and are being used.
- Students with past due payments were sent emails Monday or Tuesday 11/30 or 12/1. Paper copies were sent 12/2. Proposal to waive fees for a couple students was discussed after the general meeting with the board.
- Potentially need some kind of ultimatum or other way to get payments in. maybe only allow students to check out their equipment for the performance and that's it until they pay.
- One bid for hoodies was \$35 with \$5 customization upsize for \$3/ea. Table this and rethink next year when we have more time to figure it out.

- There are also still taco casa cards.

Reporter: Not in attendance but plans to attend the Princeton contest.

Fundraising:

- Working on Amazon Smile. Deleted the old account and started fresh with a new one. Kim was going to get with Eva on some details.
- Some of the restaurants that were originally going to hold fundraisers heard back from corporate that they will not be doing such right now.
- Chicken Express is set up to be our next fundraiser for December 15th all day.
- There is an online platform that we could potentially utilize to raise funds. Kim is looking into more information and some kind of recognition or reward for students who have money raised on behalf of them.

Membership:

- Businesses have forgotten and others are not able this year.
- Sandwich boards can be used at the Junior High concert on December 15th.

Hospitality: not in attendance

Spirit: not in attendance

Volunteer: Nothing to report

Color Guard: not in attendance

Jazz: Not in attendance but jazz needs to be fed breakfast Sunday. Potentially do a Jazz evening at birdsong amphitheater.

Percussion: not in attendance

Henderson JH: not in attendance

Gilbert: nothing to report

Buttons: nothing to report

Band Banquet: not in attendance

Other:

- Winter guard and indoor drumline are starting up virtually and hopefully live in March.
- Band fans website would be beneficial Kim Parham has someone that could set it up using WordPress and would be easily updated for around \$250 and then would be around \$80 for yearly fee. A website would assist with getting the word out there and be a public place to post things that are happening and what was done at the meetings, etc.
- Mr. Childs has a website that was created a while back for the band but it is still being developed and he hasn't had time to work on it. We could potentially link the band website with the band fans and only have to update things in one place. The fee this last year was around \$140. Mr. C will add Kim B. as an admin to the band fans Facebook page.

Kim Parham motioned to adjourn, Kendra Pack seconded.

Meeting ended at 6: 54pm.

Respectfully: Suzanne Robinson