

# Ooltewah High School Band Boosters

## Meeting Minutes

**Date: February 13, 2017**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Location: OHS Commons**

The meeting was called to order by Renee Meisheid at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes: A motion was made by Shona Gibson to approve minutes as well as a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracy Johnson.

### **Welcome!**

#### **Mr. Denton**

We are in the process of forming a nominating committee for the 2018/2019 Band Booster Board Members. Voting will take place at the March Booster meeting. If you are interested in participating on the nominating committee, please see Renee Meisheid (chairperson). Renee will send out the nominating committee member names/contact information. If you are interested in being on the Band Booster Board next year, please contact someone on the nominating committee.

All State East Results: Out of 61 counties (only 16 high schools), we had 19 band members make the All State East Band. In addition, there were 11 individuals selected to be in the All State Band and 8 of the individuals selected are from OHS.

We will only take the Wind Symphony to the upcoming Concert Festival in the Spring. We are losing some outstanding seniors and we need to begin to prepare individuals to step up and take their place. We only have nine students in the Junior Class and they have some talented individuals, the Sophomore class is one of the most talented classes, and the Freshmen are making significant progress. The Band is in great shape for future opportunities.

However, the Band Booster Organization is not doing as well financially. We have been on budget for the expenses we have planned for this year, but we also have \$30,000 in unpaid band fees.

- We need Band and Colorguard parents to be more committed about paying fees. We are going to hold people accountable for the commitments that they have made to the Band Program. We have both commitment and volunteer issues that need to be addressed. If these commitments are not met, then we will lose future opportunities for our students.

- For the upcoming year, we may be forced to have parents pay fees before the student's spot is written into the marching show.

### **Upcoming dates on the Spring Calendar:**

Marc 14 – 15: ETSBOA Concert Festival (Bradley Central High School)

March Orientation Concert (High School, OMS and HMS Bands)

April 11 – 14: TMEA All State Conference (Nashville, TN)

4/27: TMEA State Concert Festival (Smoky Mountain Invitational): (tentative)

We are working on the show design and costumes for next year. We may travel in the Fall with the Marching Band and then look at performing at a Bands of America event (similar to Atlanta) in the spring.

### **Questions & Answers**

- Of the \$30,000 in outstanding fees, how many were requested scholarships and some that have not finished paying from last year?
- How are we reaching out to collect fees? Jennifer (Treasurer) is sending emails and hand delivering statements. Mr. Denton will be writing letters and attaching signed agreements to any parents that owe outstanding fees.
- Are we considering cancelling trips to offset and help recoup outstanding fees? Yes.

### **Renee Meisheid:**

Financial/Treasurer Report (presented by Jennifer) –We are behind in collections.

Please make sure to pay your fees so that the students have future opportunities.

Please participate and do your part. We take cash, check or credit card. Please see Jennifer, David Mullis or Sarah Henson if you want to pay by credit card.

### **Fundraising Updates and Opportunities**

- Basketball Program Sales (McKenzie Arena) – there are openings for Thursday night. Let Matt Henson know if you want to work. Be there by 5:15. A great way to earn money for your account.
- Yankee Candle Sale – We will kick off our Spring Yankee Candle sale at the March Band Booster meeting. Orders will be due at the April Band Booster meeting.
- GL Script - Michele Steves (423) 310-9111
  - Chris has itemized statements for those that ordered through GL Scripts.
- Upcoming Fundraisers:
  - Lookouts Concession Stand sign-ups will be starting soon. This is a great way to put money into your student's account. We have had a hard time filling positions and we will lose these opportunities for current and future band families if we do not have more people sign up.

- Ironman (May) – Sherrie Forrest will be out of town during the Ironman in the Spring. We need a band parent to sign-up to lead this fundraiser. Sherrie will provide training.
- Golf Tournament – April 7 (Jeff Neeley and Cliff Dockery) Start getting the word out to people that may be interested in participating. We will have more details at the next booster meeting.
- Snap-raise, which is a social media and email campaign for donations, will be presented at the next Band Booster Meeting in March.

**Adjournment** - A motion made to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.