

# Ooltewah High School Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

**Date: April 10, 2018**

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Location: OHS Commons**

The meeting was called to order by David Mullis at 7:09 p.m.

Minutes: A motion was made by Vickie Cook to approve minutes as well as a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christina Gregory.

## **Welcome!**

Introduction of 2018-2019 Band Booster Board Members and parents in charge of key areas in the Booster organization.

## **Reminder for new and returning Band Members and Families:**

We have several avenues of communication

- **Email:** To sign up, please go to the Band Web site at [www.ooltewahband.org](http://www.ooltewahband.org). Click the link in the right hand corner titled " Email Sign-up" and acknowledge the confirmation you receive
- **Texting System** (Remind): To sign up, text **BandOHS** to the number 81010, choose whether you are a Student, Teacher or Parent
- **Facebook:** Ooltewah High School Band Boosters

## **Fundraising Updates and Opportunities**

We are always looking for fundraising opportunities to especially help the new parents and students earn money for their band account. If you have any fundraising ideas, please let any of the Board members know.

- Yankee Candle: Orders and money are due tonight. Make sure your orders and money match. Please put everything in an envelope with your student's name.
- Golf Tournament: Rescheduled due to weather for **Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at Hampton Creek Golf Course**. If you know anyone that golfs or would like to sponsor a hole, please let Cliff Dockery or Jeff Neely know as soon as possible.
- Car Wash: **April 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Southeast Bank**  
We need more parents and students to help at the car wash as we will have to split up since the golf tournament will be going on at the same time.

We ask that each student sell at least 10 tickets (preferably more☺) for each Car Wash. Tickets are available up front. Tickets are a \$5.00 donation. This money goes into your student's band account

- All money needs to be turned in an envelope with the student's name on the front so we will know which student's band account to credit
- Michael Rader has a couple of gift cards to give away. If you do the following you may win:
  - Sign-in by 9:00 a.m. and stay till 1:00 p.m. **and**
  - Write your name on the back of your car wash tickets (he will draw from the redeemed tickets) Student needs to stay from 9:00 to 1:00 to be eligible
  
- Lookouts Concession Stand: Started last Thursday. We still have slots available for April. Please contact Matt Henson or view the sign-up genius for available dates. We have two concession stands that we fill with volunteers at every home game. Available dates and times are posted on "Sign-Up Genius"; we need your email address and we will send you a link so that you may sign up. Please wear closed toe shoes and OHS (school colors) shirt. David has detailed instructions on where to park.
  
- Marcos Spirit Night: Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>
  
- CircleK Fuel Up Night: April 19<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 on pumps 13&14. Go fill up your tank during this time and Circle K will donate to the OHS Band - \$.10 per gallon on all proceeds from these pumps during this timeframe.
  
- Ironman is **May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** We are working the swim exit event again. We have 19 out of 30 volunteers signed-up. We will resend the link for you to sign-up.
  
- GL Script Update  
Michele Steves (423) 310-9111 presented information on this wonderful fundraising opportunity. To get started:
  - Go to the following website: [www.shopwithscrip.com/](http://www.shopwithscrip.com/)
  - Purchase a gift card from a participating retailer and you will receive a percentage back into your student's account (anywhere from 2.5% Walmart to 14% Old Navy)
  - If you purchase a physical gift card, shipping will be spread across every person's order
  - Michele will let everyone know when an order is being placed for the month and she will meet you for your check or you can pay online

May Band Booster meeting date has changed and it will now be held on May 15<sup>th</sup>. This meeting is for both students and parents. Paperwork is due that evening. Go to website at: [www.ooltewahband.org](http://www.ooltewahband.org) to print the paperwork. Two documents need to be notarized. We will try and have a notary at the May meeting, but you may want to visit your local bank to get the forms notarized to save time. We will also measure for shoes and warm-ups at this meeting. A \$150 non-refundable deposit will also be due when you turn in your paperwork to ensure your student has a spot written into this year's marching show.

Band Accounts: Please keep in mind that any money that is credited into your child's band account, we cannot give a refund. The Booster organization is a 501c3 organization and to give a refund will jeopardize our non-profit status. Any money that is put into the account is considered a donation to the band program to support the program as a whole.

**End of Year Band Party is May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the OHS Commons.** The Boosters will provide the main entree and the families will bring the sides and desserts. We will send a sign up genius closer to the date. After dinner, we will head to the Little Theater to watch Senior Skits and the announcements of the awards. The students will head to the band room for a dance until 10:00 PM.

### **Mr. Denton**

Welcome! The upcoming Band year will be exciting and will provide incredible opportunities to each student. We will provide Mr. Miller and Mrs. Coates with information on the upcoming Band season.

All State – Eight of the 11 students going to All State are from Ooltewah. We will be leaving later in the week to attend. Congratulations to those who made All State!

### **Budget Presentation**

Mr. Denton is presenting the budget, but he does not vote. He has provided an actual vs. estimated view of last year's budget so we can see where we ended up and how it compares to this year's suggested budget. We still have \$35K - \$40K in outstanding fees. We hope that anyone with outstanding fees continues to pay them and the Golf Tournament will help us make up the difference.

We will not be attending any competitions this year. Our hope is to use this year's show to build upon for next years. There will be one marching band. We will perform at all Football games and will take the entire band to the East Hamilton game. We will take a Pep Band to attend some of the away games. After school rehearsals will be as follows: Monday – Concert Band; Tuesday and Thursday – Marching Band. There will be a trip this year in the Fall. Money will be collected by Gateway Music. If a student does not pay, then they cannot attend. There will be a 10% reduction in your student's band fee if the entire amount is paid by July 10.

Several questions were asked and answered by Mr. Denton in regards to instructional expenses and travel consultants.

Motion to accept the budget as is: 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Michele Steves; 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by Stafford Turner. All band booster members approved. No objections.

This year we have several amazing opportunities. Band fees must be paid to be eligible. We have several fundraising opportunities available that will allow you to make money for your student's band account and to pay by July.

Snap-raise will be at next month's meeting in May. All students need to do is bring in 20 contacts. We have the potential to make \$38k in a week.

### **McDonald's Thanksgiving Parade (Chicago, IL) – Thanksgiving**

We have been accepted to march in the McDonald's Thanksgiving Parade in Chicago, IL. We will be gone Tuesday thru Sunday. The students will be on WGN TV. Plans are to re-use our Santa costumes.

We have a great hotel lined up with several breakfasts included. We will have Thanksgiving Dinner in a boat on Lake Michigan. The students will have an opportunity to do some Black Friday shopping. We will also go to the 360 Observation Deck, Navy Pier and other landmarks. We will see Hamilton one evening and attend the Chicago Symphony as they perform music from the movie Star Wars. The cost will be \$1,150 (four to a room). First payment will be due in June. Trip payments will be made to Gateway.

Mr. Denton has approached Mrs. Copp and the Superintendent about obtaining some instructional help this coming year. To be able to accomplish this, Mr. Denton will need to retire, but he is working out details of a 120 day contract. They will bring in the new Band Director (job will be posted on the HCDE website). This may mean that we will have to rely on less outside instructional support that could potentially reduce fees.

Congratulations to Mr. Denton on his CMA award. Presentation of the award is May 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.