

Ooltewah High School Band Boosters

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 14, 2018

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: OHS Commons

The meeting was called to order by: David Mullis, President

Motion to approve Minutes: Julia Houseman (1st), Nancy Bovell (2nd)

Welcome:

Treasury Report was prepared and presented by Jennifer Dockery. Please see Jennifer with any questions you may have regarding the report.

Glen Olson presented information regarding the VW event and the CHARMS software:

VW Event

Thank you to everyone that signed-up and worked the event. The Compass Rose organization was pleased with our efforts. Because we stayed later and helped them clean up, they are awarding us the full \$5,000 amount even though we were short the requested number of people. We will be adding credits to the accounts as soon as we receive the check. This may lead to future opportunities. We have listened to your comments and will take them in to consideration when lining up future events with this organization.

Charms Office Assistant

We are utilizing new music administration software this year. This software will allow us to communicate with parents/students, send statements (future – pay account balances) and a whole host of other functionality. Emails will be sent out with logins this week. Parent/student can use the same login credentials and we can link multiple students. We will update the band calendar via this software.

Friday Night Football (First Home Game is August 17th)

Brad Longshore is heading up the concession stand this year. We need parents to sign up to help in the concession stand during the game and trash pick-up afterwards. Cleaning up the stadium is how we get to run the concession stand. Students can also earn Beta and Honor Society service hours. This week's game we will not use props.

Fundraisers no longer available:

- We will not hold our annual BBQ Labor Day Fundraiser due to a BBQ competition conflict
- UTC Football and Basketball Program sales are no longer available. They have decided to not charge for programs.
- Sarah is talking to Aramark about running a concession stand at the UTC Football and Basketball games, but we will need lots of parent support if we decide to go forward with running one.
- Last car wash was July.

Fundraising Updates and Opportunities

- Snap-raise fundraiser was a success. We had a little over \$8,400 in donations and with fees and prizes, the band collected around \$5,800.
- Raffle kick-off is tonight. Please see Sarah Henson or Amy Longshore to check out your three raffle tickets. The raffle drawing will be held at the last football game of the season on October 26th. Grand prize is \$10,000. We only sell 300 hundred tickets. We ask each band family to sell three tickets. All tickets checked out and money collected need to be turned in before the game. We need help gathering additional prizes. If you own a business or know someone that might be willing to donate, please let us know.
- Fruit Sale and Yankee Candle Fundraisers will kick-off in September.
- Ironman September 30th all spots are filled up with 30 volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, let Lesley Speights know and they will find another area at Ironman that you can volunteer. The band can receive grant money and students can earn volunteer hours for Beta and Honor Society.
- DOS Bros Sprit Night is the 21st we can participate every 3 months. The band receives 30% of the proceeds. They need to tell them they are with the Ooltewah Band.

Band Exhibition is September 15th

We have six bands coming to Ooltewah to rehearse and perform in front of clinicians from across the country. This is a big money maker for the band and we need all parents to sign up and help. We need Band Ambassadors, Concession Stand help, runners, clean up/set-up and hospitality room. Please sign-up front and look for the sign-up genius to be sent out. A meeting will be held closer to the date to finalize details.

Elisa Wilson has offered to help Jennifer Dockery with treasury duties. As a Booster Organization, we want to be transparent and let parents know that she will be helping out. Please let us know if you object.

Dr. Ellison

He is working on making a financial plan going forward based on what the band needs and what the band will be doing this year. That means he is working on re-doing the budget and making it user friendly. As you know, we receive no financial support from the district, so being mindful of our expenses/money is so important.

Please make sure that you are paying your student's band fees. It is important that we have positive income flow so that we can provide each student with amazing opportunities throughout the year.

Competition Dates and Locations:

September 29th, Bradley Central

October 20th, Georgia State University (Atlanta)

October 27th, Soddy Daisy

This week, rehearsal has been more of a review session, so the show at Friday night's game will be about the same as the end of Band Camp Exhibition. Props are moving forward and should be finished soon.

Friday Football Game – students report at 6:15 pm they will wear warmups (red shirt, gray shorts, black socks and marching shoes). Students can stay after school until the game if they do not have a ride home. Dr. Ellison will let the students have third quarter off and we will offer limited concessions at a reasonable price to them (pizza, water/soda, candy) so they have time to eat.

Away Football Games – In the past, Pep Band has been selected on student ability/seniority. For the Science Hill game, we will take the Pep Band only. If a student is not in the Pep Band, but they want to play the parent can drive the student and they can participate. For the East Hamilton, Cleveland games – the whole band will be expected to attend.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact Dr. Ellison as he welcomes open and honest communication.

Drop off and Pick-up Instructions

Please **DO NOT** stop and/or park by the curb in front of the band room. Also, please **DO NOT** park in front of the gym. This is the path that the students use to carry and move instruments. Parking in these unauthorized spots causes congestion and the potential for students to get hurt. When picking up your child, please go to a parking spot in the parking lot.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 pm