

OHS Band Boosters Meeting

August 13, 2019

Call to Order – Glen Olson

Approve Minutes from Last Meeting (on website) – Glen

Motion to Approve: Brad Longshore

Second: Tommy Wilson

Treasurer's Report – Dawn Johnson

June and July Band Camps are paid – we are doing our best to stay current with expenditures as they occur, as well as pay down past bills.

Total amount in band account currently: \$3359.61. We need to order uniforms and supplies for the marching band show now so we need to bring in as much in fees as possible. We also need to start paying for competition travel and entry fees next month so will need money for that. We are “pay as you go” so lack of funds in the account will mean we can't perform or compete.

Budget committee is planning a meeting tentatively on August 21st. Glen asked the budget committee members at the meeting if this date would work for them. They agreed.

Director's Update – Dr. Ellison

Contests, Calendar Updates

Calendar is up to date through October.

Friday night is Meet the Owls: Dress is same as freshman orientation (red band shorts and khaki pants or shorts. NO open toed shoes for safety reasons). We will meet at Samaritan Center at 5:15 p.m. to march to Cambridge Square. Parents can come over and watch. There are normally booths set up and Cambridge Square is nice. Parents can park near Samaritan center and walk over with the band or they can park wherever there is space at Cambridge square.

Permission slips and itinerary will be coming out before EVERY ballgame. If we have a practice after school before the game, students will be fed at the school and given time to rest and change between practice and the ballgame.

Please make sure your child is eating properly and hydrating properly on band/practice days. The weather is extremely hot right now and they are

powering through but it's very important that they hydrate during the day and not just during practice and that they eat a proper lunch.

Parent question: is there anything you need the parents to provide to make sure the kids are staying cool and/or hydrated. Dr. E. stated that some of the dads are working on a misting machine of some sort for cooling during breaks.

First Statements from CHARMS being sent – Glen

The calendar we use is paperless. You can find it on the band website and on Charms mobile app or you can sync the Charms calendar to your personal phone calendar. This will update automatically if changes are made.

- You will soon be receiving your first electronic account statement from CHARMS – please check it for accuracy and report any questions to our Treasurer treasurer@ooltewahband.org
- **Many thanks** – to those who have already paid their fees IN FULL!
- Band Fees overview and reminder
 - If **Marching Band** – August payment of **\$250** is due now
 - If **Concert Band** only – August payment of **\$100** is due now.
- Thank you to all parents who have paid timely and those who have paid ahead.
- **Credits** – if you want to use your 1-time carryover credit, you **MUST** notify Dr. Ellison or Glen Olson in writing (via email) that you choose to do so. Credits will not be automatically carried over.
- **Online Payment** – The Ooltewah Band website has now been modified to redirect you to the **Online School Payments Portal** for HCDE. We can still accept a check paid to Ooltewah High School because there is no online payment fee with a check. The OSP system has about a two-week lag so if you pay online you may not see your credit immediately. **All fees go to the school, not the boosters, regardless of whether you choose to use the online payment system or to write a check.**
- **Adjusted Payment Schedule** – Our Budget was constructed with the assumption of the Fee Payment schedule set forth in the paperwork. If you are unable to pay your Band Fees as outlined in the agreement, you may notify Dr. Ellison or Glen Olson of your alternate payment plan as soon as possible.
- **Help us stay current on this year's Expenditures** - We need to order Uniforms next week – it takes 6 weeks to get the uniforms. If our students

are going to perform in uniform, we need to be able to pay the down payment right away and need band fees paid to do so. In September, we will need to pay for travel expenses and competition entry fees if we are going to compete. August and September are the most cost intensive months for marching band and if we can't pay for the show and competitions then the students just won't be able to perform. They are working hard to be ready for this year's marching season and really need buy in from their parents to make sure they can perform.

Do not park on the curb when you drop off and pick up students. We cannot stress this enough. This is where we load and unload busses. Also, this is where the PIT equipment and percussion equipment is brought up to the band room. Cars pose a danger to our kids and obstruct the way to the band room. All parents should park in the band parking lot.

Friday Night Home Game Help needed - Glen

- Sign-Up Genius will go out to Freshman parents first, then to rest of the band parents to fill all the slots.
- We make things happen for our students and on Friday nights, your help is needed. All parents are needed to make sure all slots are filled.
- We are using one sign up genius per Friday night with all volunteer activities in one place to avoid parents having to look through multiple sign up genius sheets to volunteer.

Chaperones – We need your help!

- Sign up tonight! – We have the forms.
- There is a lead time for this – we need your help tonight!
- Every Away Game we take the FULL BAND (different from last year) –
- 5 chaperones needed every time:
 - 2 needed on Director's Bus
 - 3 needed on Bus 2

Christina Gregory is overseeing the chaperone list. You can get with her if you have questions about chaperoning. Please turn in all paperwork as soon as possible.

If you were fingerprinted after June 1 of 2018, your fingerprints are good for three years. You will need to fill out paperwork yearly for the school. It can be given to Christina Gregory or Dr. Ellison.

It is imperative that we get people signed up as soon as possible. Dr. Ellison must include names of chaperones on all permission slips prior to trips and away

games and it takes about a week for them to go through the process to be approved before they can be sent out to students. First away game is first week of September, so we are already needing to have names sent up.

Fundraisers – we do need more help on the fundraiser committee.

2020 is the 100th anniversary of the OHS band. Dr. Ellison wants to have something huge for next year for the whole calendar year, so we need to beef up this committee as soon as possible so that we have enough help. Please help on the fundraiser committee if possible.

Iron Man Event - September 29

- We have agreed to work the Swim Exit again on Sunday, September 29
- This earns money for our Band in the form of a grant – We must supply the required number of volunteers to receive payment.
- We currently have 10 people signed up and need 20 more. This is easy money for the band as it only lasts a few hours. Non band family members can also sign up and get credit for the band.
- Event starts at 7 but we normally go down to the volunteer tent around 6:15 or 6:30. They will provide coffee and snacks.
- Everyone gets a volunteer tee shirt.

- **Raffle Kickoff** – Parents will need to sign out Tickets. Each student is asked to sell 10 at \$20 per. So far, we are trying to sell 1000 tickets to give away a Polaris UTV. We are picking it up tomorrow and will display it at all home football games and some other venues to sell tickets. The raffle drawing is at the last home game and we will sell tickets up until that point. All tickets must be audited so if you are unable to sell the tickets you have signed out, you must either pay for them or sign them back in so someone else can sell them. We are going to get information concerning taxes owed by the winner on the Polaris and the company will also give us a “buy back” price soon.

- **Car Show** – September 21
 - Sign up coming out for volunteer time. Should be a few hours max per person. First shift starts 7-10 a.m., next shift 9:30 – 1 pm. 12:30 – close out. First shift will be the busiest. We need to leave the venue in better shape than we started.
 - Asking that items that are being borrowed are here at the band room by September 12.

- Sign-up sheet for items to buy or lend are already out.

- **Lookouts still have about 5 more games.** We can use as many volunteers as we can get. This is \$5.40 per hour per person who works that goes directly into the band booster account.

Shop with Scrip – Gift card program where we buy gift cards and a percentage of what you buy goes to the band boosters fund. Please contact Tracy Johnson if you are interested. She will help you with set up and walk you through whatever is needed to use this program.