

Gateway Band Boosters
General Meeting
January 18, 2011

Board Members Present: Joe Wightkin, Sharon Swaney, Janet Kelly, Donna Zaccagnini, Dana Blackburn, Rick Kokal

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Joe Wightkin.

Jim Churilla reported that Walt Maddox of the Marcells is scheduled to appear in a concert on Feb. 3 with the jazz band performing alongside him. The concert will last 1 – 1 ½ hours. The split will be 50/50 with the general fund getting \$10 and Walt Maddox getting \$10. Tickets cost \$20. Tickets will be sold at the box office next week, and the Senior Center has Jim's contact information. Bob is handling the contact with Cara Zanella. Jim has also been in contact with the Times Express for exposure.

The winter show will be Saturday, March 5. Kym Mitchell is the chair for the show.

In the past we did a 60/40 split for the winter programs with the general fund paying 60% and the winter fees covering 40% of the winter budget. This year the budget was originally set up with a 50/50 split. Cost for the winter guard including a trip to Nashville is \$550 with a 50/50 split. The cost with the trip and a 60/40 split is \$438. Without the trip to Nashville a 50/50 split of winter guard fees will cost \$321 and a 60/40 split will cost \$256. Joan Lucock motioned to fund the winter programs with a 60/40 split, and Regina Cook seconded. The motion carried with a voice vote.

There was a discussion involving a concern with the passing along of information regarding the winter percussion program. There is a need for better communication with the parents and leaders of the program. Sean McMasters is in charge of the program. There is a need for a parent liaison with the winter percussion program, and Val Haley volunteered to be the go-between. Joe Wightkin will talk to Bob about this.

Points for the winter program are 100 for 1 child and 150 for 2 children.

Sharon Swaney is heading up the upcoming elections. The election will be held at the March meeting. Nominations are open for all positions. Joe Wightkin, Janet Kelly, and Donna Zaccagnini will be leaving their current positions. Rick Kokal, Dana Blackburn, and Sharon Swaney are willing to continue in their current positions. All positions are open for nominations. Let Sharon Swaney know if you are interested, or if you think someone else might be interested or capable. An email blast will go out to all boosters.

Dana reported that there is a need for a new hoagie chairperson as Tammy Johnson's work schedule won't allow her to leave early. Krista Mignogna took over for Spirit Nights. The next Spirit Night will be Feb. 1, a Tuesday, from 4-7 PM. Only 9 band members are needed since in winter they don't go outside with the cow. Tuesdays are reserved through March and April. Cookbooks are still available. Contact Donna Zaccagnini if interested. Three car washes are scheduled for the summer: June 18, July 16, and August 6 from 9 AM - 4 PM. Pie Shoppe is scheduled for the spring with a delivery of the Monday before Easter (April 19). Orders will be due the previous Monday. Dana is waiting to hear from Sherrill Terzak to see if she is still chairing this fundraiser. Instead of pumpkin bread Easter bread with or without raisins will be offered. Everything else is the same as the fall. No dinners out have been scheduled since they are poorly attended in the winter. Let Dana know if you brought cookies to the winter concert so that you can get the points. The Tamburitzans on March 19 will include concessions.

Sharon Swaney has DVD's available for \$5 from Disney Photopasses. An email will go out regarding this.

Rick mentioned that the check from Aramark for the Pitt/WVU game has been mailed, but it hasn't been located. Money for this activity has not yet been credited for that reason. There are no more points statements being printed. Rick will let people know if they need things.

Sue Guerrieri will receive a gift basket for her work with the craft show.

Deb Kostley sent a thank you for the flowers sent at the passing of her mother, Emma Wagner.

Jen Gereshenski sent a thank you for the donation the boosters made to her father's memorial fund.

Marcy Kick was thanked for the great banquet that she organized. After the banquet a change purse was found at Stratigos that contained a Giant Eagle receipt and some money. Contact Marcy to describe and claim it.

The next Booster meeting will be on Feb. 15.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Janet Kelly, GBB Secretary