

Gateway Band Boosters
General Meeting
May 18, 2010

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by Joe Wightkin.

The main objective of the Gateway Band Boosters is to support Bob and Jim's program. Board members introduced themselves and explained their respective roles with the Boosters.

Martti Kinnunen conducted an icebreaker to get new members acquainted with existing members.

The budget was presented with two cases – going to Disney and not going to Disney. \$15,000 of the surplus will be used if the trip to Disney is taken, but only \$10,000 will be used if the Disney trip is cancelled. The fair share payment with Disney will be \$250, without Disney it will increase to \$300. The reason for a possible Disney trip cancellation is not enough people to go. Bob will not go if more than 10% of the marching band is not going. Bob will make a decision after trip commitments are received at the first practice on Monday. Lottery tickets will be sold. Members may choose to buy out of the lottery by paying \$60, which covers three planned lotteries. There was a question regarding the benefit to selling extra lottery tickets, but no conclusive answer was given. Martti Kinnunen motioned to accept the budget and Susan Fenster seconded. The budget was passed on a voice vote.

Hardship funds are available, and there are also several fundraising opportunities. Members are to contact a board member if they have a hardship.

Bob introduced himself and Jim Hoeltje. He would like to start Friday's notes again. Members should check the filing cabinet for information. Monday, May 24 will be the first band rehearsal and the unveiling of the show. Jeremy Liedecker is writing the show. Bob is trying to arrange a fundraiser concert with Walt Mattis (sp?), a jazz performer, and the Gateway High School Jazz Band. Bob applied to Disney for the Magic Music Days for the Wind Ensemble, and he made a special request for the marching band to march in the Magic Kingdom. We won't know the exact days and times until about a month before the trip. Nine wind ensemble members aren't going to Disney, so he will try to fill those holes. Summer attendance is such that if the member is in town, he/she should be at practice. There are no excuses for band camp, because it is too hard to catch up. Trip payments are to be made to the Gateway Band, not the Boosters. Bob gets all clearances, and they are also on file in the principal's office. No one can chaperone without them. Percussion is really strong this year, especially the battery. The drumline is limited.

The schedule of all payments and the dates of the booster meetings were provided as a handout.

Dana provided a handout listing all fundraisers. Hoagies are ongoing. Tammy Johnson is the chair. Orders are due by Friday, and the order form is on the web site. Three car washes are scheduled for the Taco Bell parking lot. Pie Shoppe will be held twice – Thanksgiving and March. Michelle McIntyre volunteered to chair the July lottery, and Carla and Dave Weidman volunteered to chair the Entertainment Books.

Val Haley is the concessions chair and Toni Chelkis is the co-chair. Whoever signs up for concessions should try to commit to as many dates as possible, which is about 12 days out of the year. Concession workers should earn enough points to make their points commitment.

Greg Johnson is the pit chair.

Sally Wightkin and Len Mellinger are the chaperone co-chairs. Three clearances are needed to chaperone – state police, child welfare, and FBI. New chaperones also need to submit a TB test. Current volunteers of Gateway schools carryover and must be reviewed by the School Board. Bob is handling the Disney chaperones. Disney chaperones need to be around in the fall to get to know the kids. Interested people should contact Bob. Chaperones for the parades do not need clearances. Anyone with medical knowledge – nurse, doctor, police officer, etc. is also needed.

Rick stressed to see him, call him, or email him if anyone has questions.

Robin McMasters is the band buddy. New members should visit the web site for a wealth of knowledge.

Debbie Cross is managing the uniform room and needs help.

Rosalind Dailey suggested systematizing carpooling arrangements. Martti suggested using the message board on the web site when carpooling needs arise.

Sharon Swaney is chairing the picnic on July 1. More information will follow, but volunteers will be needed. Sharon will also be chairing the pool party in August.

Katie Heberling and Bob McCormick were new band parents who won band t-shirts from the icebreaker activity. There was also a drawing for an Entertainment book.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm for members to enjoy the refreshments and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted by,
Janet Kelly, GBB Secretary