

Gateway Band Boosters
General Meeting
September 21, 2010

Board Members Present: Joe Wightkin, Rick Kokal, Janet Kelly, Donna Zaccagnini, Dana Blackburn, Sharon Swaney (new Vice President)
Also in attendance: Bob Read, Jim Hoeltje

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by Joe Wightkin.

Bob Read gave the following update:

About 1 dozen people missed the \$175 August payment. He will be contacting them. The "preshow" is one of the better concepts of the show, so it will become the opening of the "real" show, meaning that judging will start with it. The only "preshow" will now be the synthesizer. The BOA show on Sat. will involve 17 bands. Students should report at 10:00 and bring a lunch. Gateway will perform at 2:00. The Pitt band will perform as an exhibition at the end of preliminaries in the afternoon. The band will return to the high school following the preliminaries to eat a dinner provided by the Boosters. The Bus 2 incident is being addressed with Mr. Short and referred for peer mediation. The three drum majors held a meeting with the band, with Mr. Hoeltje's present, to discuss the issues of concern. Some section leaders and captains also spoke to the group.

Sharon Swaney introduced herself as the new Vice President.

Letterman jackets will be available for order. Any member completing their second year of marching band will earn a letter. Anyone may order a letter jacket.

Val needs cookies for the Friday football game. Ten points are earned for every 2 dozen cookies provided. Homemade cookies are preferred. Mr. Read wants concessions to be available for honors band auditions which will be held at the high school on Monday, Oct. 4. The upper concession stand by the box office will be available. Val needs four volunteers in shifts from 2:00 – 5:00 and 5:00 – 8:00.

Michael Kelly presented his Eagle Scout project – installing a trophy shelf around the band room. Stan Beck motioned for the Boosters to pay up to \$400 toward his expenses. Motion was seconded and passed. Michael will submit receipts for reimbursement.

Jane Rasmussen discussed the various jobs needed for the Contest of Champions: candygrams, bake sale, band host, money collector (all positions filled), program sales, ticket sales (3 entrances will be used), starter, 50/50 raffle (3 tickets/\$1, 25 tickets/\$5, which is the same cost used by the Norwin band), baskets (lottery tickets or money should be turned in at the next Booster meeting for the lottery tree), water, parking, and grounds. Siblings are welcome to help and earn points, especially for the judges' runners. We need everyone's help (10 points/hour), even if only for an hour or two. Everything will shut down for Gateway's performance. Check the PIMBA web site for start time.

Sue Guerrieri discussed the craft fair, which will take place at the high school on Saturday, Nov. 20. She needs people who know what's going on, plus parents of younger band members to learn the ropes. Volunteers are needed for concessions, parking, and the bake sale. Linton Middle School in Penn Hills, and the Expo Mart are both having their craft fairs on that same day. Sue will have email posters to advertise the sale next month. She has a Facebook page for the craft fair, and has been advertising. Next month she will have signs at the meeting for people to plant around Monroeville to advertise the craft fair. She will also have stickers to correct the date for anyone who still has a sign from last year. She had a sign up sheet for Open House, but her permit is only good for the day of Open House, so the sign must be taken back down at the end of Open House. The Schwann's truck will be outside with a truck of preorders and a truck for orders placed that day. Mini-catalogs will be available at the next Booster meeting. Anything can be ordered ahead of time. Sue also mentioned that she recently found out she has breast cancer, which is why she may not be available to help the day of the craft fair. It will depend on how things are going with her treatments.

Pie Shoppe order forms are in folders. Orders can be taken now through Oct. 30, with delivery Wed., Nov. 17. Sherrill Terzak needs help sorting orders that day. Someone is needed to be at the school at 3:00 when the truck is to arrive. Accounts will earn \$2/item.

Over \$9,000 has been credited to student accounts from May-Sept.

The Board has temporarily decided to forego the third lottery sale until possibly the winter, if it is needed. The Sept. lottery earned \$2,028 to the general fund and \$757 to student accounts.

Applebees dinner night out is set for Sept. 29, and Chick Fil A is set for Oct. 6.

Program ad forms are in folders, and extra forms are available in the band room. Ads are due by Oct. 1.

The Oct. delivery date for hoagies has been changed to Wed., Oct. 13 because of the football game scheduled on Thurs., Oct. 14 against Central Catholic at CMU. Orders are still due Oct. 1.

Entertainment books are still available on a first come, first serve basis until all have been sold. Entertainment sales from the last couple of weeks will appear on the next account statement.

Martti Kinnunin needs to know if anyone is interested in working at Heinz Field for either the Oct. 2 Pitt game or the Oct. 3 Steeler/Baltimore game. He plans to only man a booth for one of those games. He is also looking to man a booth for the Steeler/Cleveland game on Oct. 17.

Cookbooks are currently at the publisher. Sample cover and divider sheets were passed around the room. There are approximately 317 or 319 recipes. Orders can be taken beginning today and will be available for Christmas delivery, and hopefully for Thanksgiving and the craft fair. Preorders should be given to Kim Limbacher or put in the Limbacher folder. The book costs \$10, and the profit will be \$5-\$6. Kim Limbacher, Sharon Swaney, and Donna Zaccagnini make up the cookbook committee. Preorders are due at the next booster meeting.

Candy was available at the meeting.

Chris Giunta discussed Gator Wear. It should be available within the next two weeks. She will send an email. Letterman jackets can be ordered on Oct. 5 between 4:30-5:30. Cost is \$160 for the jacket. Everything else is extra. Jackets will be delivered to the school for anyone who pays in full. Otherwise a 50% deposit is needed and the jacket will have to be picked up at the store in Norwin Town Centre. The student account can be used if sufficient funds are available in the account and an account deduction form is completed ahead of time.

Current band awards include a certificate for the first year, a letter for the second year, a medallion for the third year, a patch for the fourth year, and a plaque for the fifth year. All seniors also receive a blanket. Sally Wightkin would like to consider different awards.

Sandy Kokal, David Cartiff, and Karen Hill were recognized for their service to the band; however stars were not available at the meeting.

Pit crew is in good shape. Members should check account and point statements for accuracy and see Rick Kokal if there are any errors, and members should email Sally Wightkin if there are any program ad questions.

The next meeting will be October 19 in the Gateway High School LGI.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Janet Kelly, GBB Secretary