



Huntsville High School Board Parent Association
Band Parents Association Meeting

August 21, 2022
6:00 pm
HHS Band Room

Meeting was called to order by the Association President, Ben Boles at 6:03. He gave a brief overview of how the meeting would proceed and a quick overview of his thoughts on the importance and greatness of band!

Ben Boles asked parents to like our Facebook page and our Youtube page. (Facebook.com/huntsvillehsband and YouTube.com/hhsband. He explained the importance of sharing information about our band and all the great things that our band does. It directly leads to our fundraising efforts over the course of the year. Website is www.huntsvillehsband.com. All information about band and the weekly newsletter is posted on the website weekly.

Ben introduced Stuart Tankesley (stuart.tankesley@hsv-k12.org) and Holly Connell (holly.connell@hsv-k12.or)

Stuart Tankesley gave a quick update on the progress of band camp and thanked the volunteers manning the first aid tent for their help. Mr. Tankesley reminded parents that the 2nd week of band camp that student dinners are on their own and also encouraged parents to come and see any of the band rehearsals. Announced the preview show at the end of camp and said that it was originally planned at Milton Frank but we might not be able to use due to some renovations. He said that most likely the show will occur at Huntsville High School instead. Once school starts, band will be after school from 4 – 5:45 and students will typically be done by 6. He advised that we will participate in 3 competitions this year and encouraged parents to attend each competition (dates on calendar). One competition is on an ACT date and asked students to not take the ACT on that day unless parents can drive student to competition on that date (Chattanooga). Mr. Tankesley announced that the Alabama Bandmasters Association will hold All State try-outs at Huntsville High School this year and that we will need a lot of parent and student volunteers to help with the event in January. Advised that we had about 170/180 people interested in the London New Year's Day trip 2024 and that we will proceed with moving forward with doing this trip.

Holly Connell introduced herself and said that she was directing the symphonic band even though Mr. Tankesley's name is on their children's schedule. Also advised that she is faculty sponsor for color guard and if parents have any questions, please contact her. Color guard students will all have an equipment bag to carry home different things that they will use during band and students should be responsible for taking care and making sure they have the needed equipment. Mrs. Connell introduced Sarah and Logan who are the color guard staff.

Introduction of Different Board Members and Committee Chairs

Volunteer Coordinator

Audrey Beumer (Abeumer09@gmail.com). Introduced herself and explained to parents how to volunteer for various events throughout the year. Explained we are in need of parents to help with morning band camp.

Trip Committee Chair Coordinator

Stephanie Winters (swinters958@gmail.com) – explained what her role is and identified the different events that we will attend this year. We will take charter bus to the 3 main competition and school buses for the local football games. She also announced that a Spring trip is currently being worked on and will be announced once the details are finalized.

Secretary

Joe Rist (joemrist@gmail.com) – advised that if anyone had trouble accessing their Charms account to please contact him.

Uniforms

Kelly Parrish & Kerri Thomas (hhsbanduniforms@gmail.com). Kelly gave a demonstration of how the uniform should look like when the student is wearing them and identified the different parts of the uniform. Advised that students own the bibbers this year and that students are responsible to purchase their own black socks. Advised that students should be responsible and if any items are lost there is a cost to replace (hand-out given at beginning of meeting). Blue band polo and khaki shorts will be worn for the early football games. Shorts should be appropriate length and worn with a belt.

Kerri Thomas said concert uniforms will be handed out in mid-October. Marching band shoes can be used for concert band if needed.

Ben advised that we purchase uniforms every 10 years and the band makes a mandatory payment into an account of \$6000 each year to cover the replacement costs.

Senior Night / Photos - Darlene Hall. Ben gave an overview of what she handles.

Color Guard

Marie Jeffress – Asked parents to read the newsletter to keep up to date on events and also asks that color guard members volunteer during concert band events.

Hospitality

Kristina Hutcherson – Asked for volunteers for next week's lunches.

Fleet

Les Skulski – Ben introduced Les and then talked about the new band trailer and all the work that Les has done on the trailer to get it ready for season (trailer can be pulled by any vehicle that can carry 5500 lbs). Ben also advised that we just rebuilt one of our trucks and it is fully functional and ready for the season.

Fundraising

Lisa Allport

Johnnie Bradt – Asked senior parents to get senior bios submitted to her by tomorrow. Johnnie gave an overview of the different fundraisers for the year: Merchandise, Boston Butts, Simply Sheets, Auction at Winter Concert, Mattress Sale, Commemorative Bricks. Johnnie said that if anyone has any other ideas, please feel free to contact her and also that we need tons of volunteers to handle each of the fundraising events during the year.

Treasurer Report

Band Facts 2021 – 2022

41 performances last year

Fundraised \$120,000

Collected \$90,000 in fees

Collected \$39,000 in political grants

Had 3 separate \$10,000 donations from private citizens

Dealt with the once-a-decade uniform replacement

Re-imagined our fleet with complete overhaul of box truck and trailer acquisition

Fully financed the first HCS mega trip to Disney with a crew of 100

Seniors claimed \$685,00 in scholarship offers

Painting the field costs about \$125 every time (2x a week)

Catered over 1600 meals

Pad for 15 clinicians

Kicked off our own leadership conference within North Alabama Bands

Christine Starnes gave a quick overview of the budget (attached) and the budget was presented by Ben Boles to the entire BPA.

Ben opened floor for discussion on budget. No discussion. Asked for a motion to approve budget, Christine Hutchison called for motion and a 2nd was called for by Johnnie Bradt. BPA voted and it passed unanimously.

Ben discussed upcoming needs of the band in the coming years. Many positions on board will be available: color guard, trip coordinator, volunteer coordinator, and president to name a few. He called for everyone to consider a position with the band and that the band needs them.

Ben Boles closed the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Approved by Ben Boles, President

Joe Rist, Secretary