



HHS Band Parent Association  
Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2019  
HHS Band Room

The Huntsville High School Band Parent Association met on October 1, 2019 in the HHS Band Room. A quorum was present.

President Ben Boles called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and went over the agenda. He also noted several board members in attendance.

Mr. Boles introduced Milea Kirby of Custom Fundraising Solutions, who then discussed the upcoming mattress fundraiser on November 10, 2019. Ms. Kirby stressed the importance of using social media to spread the word. Mr. Boles noted that we hope to raise \$6000 from this one-day event. Sections are having a friendly competition to see who can get the most “likes” for videos promoting the event.

Band Director Stuart Tankesley discussed the Europe Trip and provided a slide show presentation. A new city/country (Slovakia) has been added to include a great venue for performing. Band needs a copy of everyone’s passport. There will be a preview concert in the Spring before the trip. Trip departs March 26, 2020 and returns April 4, 2020. We will be using Delta and Lufthansa (United). As indicated when students signed up, there are some items that were not included in the cost of the trip: charter buses to Atlanta, extra fees for instruments/checked baggage, rental fees of some instruments, and jackets or sweatshirts. There will be 3 performances: Prague, Czech Republic, and Slovakia. There are approximately 112 people signed up for the trip, which makes the buses very full. There is also a waiting list. Mr. Tankesley then answered questions from attendees.

Mr. Boles discussed the upcoming competitions in Hoover on October 19th and Rome (GA) on October 26th. The full show is looking good.

Mr. Tankesley discussed Band Camp dates for 2020. They are trying not to schedule it too early but still get in enough practice time. The directors are working with school administrators to see if they can work around required teacher in-service days. May have to start as early as July 15 but hoping for a little later. Rookie Camp will be Memorial Day week, as usual.

Mr. Boles discussed fundraising. Sponsorships are going well this year, including commitments from Siniard, Timberlake, and League; Bryant Bank, and Deal News. Madison County Commission Chairman Dale Strong gave \$2500 to the program. The envelope campaign is working well, albeit with few student participants. Averaging \$75-80 per check that comes in. We would like more students to participate, so Mr. Boles is still willing to work with students who decide to participate. The Damson dealership has offered a new fundraiser where parents will move cars from their old

location to their new location. Volunteer slots for 3 4-hour shifts will be offered, with priority being given to Europe trip participants to offset the extra (not-included) costs. Damson will pay \$15/hour with \$12 going to individual accounts and \$3 going to program.

Greg Skupien provided the Treasurer's report. The sale of show shirts went well. We have \$15k outstanding in band fees with 3rd payment due soon. Student letters (envelope fundraiser) have generated about \$5100 in revenue so far. We have exceeded our projected expenses for Marching Band by \$11k. We need more students to participate in envelope fundraiser. Board would like to add credit card processing to accept payments but there will have to be an accompanying fee. Charter Spectrum asked us to do this as part of their sponsorship.

Erin Boles provided the Uniform Committee report. Concert uniforms will be distributed the week after Fall break.

The Hospitality Committee had nothing new to report.

The Color Guard Committee had nothing new to report.

Mac Tonsmeire gave an overview of upcoming events at the VBC for volunteer credits.

Vice President Sandra Moore discussed volunteer needs. There are still some open slots for football games and competitions.

Kirk Wimsett reported that the trucks are doing ok now that the hydraulic issue has been fixed.

Credit Keeper had nothing new to report.

Vice President for Fundraising Missy Logan had nothing to report beyond Mr. Boles' earlier comments. Mr. Boles noted that Mrs. Logan is also doing the newsletter now.

Mr. Boles encouraged attendees to start thinking about board officers for next year.

Secretary Stephanie Ortel asked for approval of the minutes from the previous parents' meeting on August 2, 2019. (Copies were provided at the beginning of the meeting.) Parent Amy Manley moved for approval, parent Shannon Gignilliat seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.