

**Edgewood Band Boosters
Open Meeting
March 13, 2019
EHS Band Room**

In Attendance: Melissa McNaughton, Buck Simpson, Aimee Simpson, Teresa Rose, Melissa Patrick, Beth Stidham, Mel Lawson, Stacey Quincy, Jon Arnold, Nicole Andrews, Grayce Cochran, Jennifer Jump, Sabrina Gowsell.

Call to Order: 6:34pm

Mel L. showed some golf related items that Tom Miller dropped off to her today for the basket raffle. She will price them out. Melissa M. reported that the library has a donation that needs to be picked up.

Directors Report: Jon A. shared upcoming dates. Stacey will share with families. He also shared a "Thank You" card that the band received from Mrs. Limon for their participation in the "Mattie's Day" event. She visited the band room to thank them in person as well today.

Upcoming Events/Important Dates:

March 15: Percussion Ensemble Concert. EMS Auditorium. 7p.

March 16: Winterguard Competition @ Hamilton. 1:45p performance.

Week of March 18: 8th grade Marching Band tryouts.

March 23-24: Percussion Ensemble trip to Nashville.

March 30: Winterguard Championships @ Nutter Center. Time TBA.

April 2 (5-6:30) & 4 (6-8): Marching Band Uniform Fitting. EHS Band Room. Incoming 8th graders & those who need a change from last year.

April 12-13: EHS Spring Musical.

April 23 & 25: High School Jazz Band Auditions. 3-5p.

April 24: Pit & Battery Auditions for Marching Band. 3-5p.

April 30: Drum Major Auditions. 3-5p.

May 6: Marching Band Registration 5:30-6:45. Mandatory Marching Band Meeting 7-8p.

May 9: EMS Fine Arts Festival. 8th grade Band & EMS Jazz Band perform.

May 13: Band Banquet. 6-8p. EHS cafeteria. Marching Band & High School Bands only.

May 15th: Spring Band Concert. EHS Gym. 7p. High School Bands + 7th grade. Basket Raffle Extravaganza will take place at the concert.

May 25: EHS Graduation. (EHS Concert Band plays). Time TBA.

July 3: 4th of July Parade rehearsal. 10a-noon.

July 4: Hamilton 4th of July parade. Time TBA. Veteran Marching Band only. No rookies. Graduating Seniors welcome (& encouraged!).

July 22-26: Percussion Camp. Around 9a-5p.

July 29-Aug 2: Band Camp week #1. 9a-4p.

Aug 5-9: Band Camp week #2. 9a-4p.

Motion to Accept: Buck S. 2nd: Beth S.

Secretary's Report: A moment was given to go over previous meeting minutes.

Motion to Accept: Teresa R. 2nd: Melissa M.

Treasurer's Report: Melissa P. went over went over a summary of accounts. Tires were purchased for the trailer (for cheaper than quoted). Working on getting quotes for the golf cart. The head needs rebuilt. Jon says that it has been tuned 2x since it was bought for \$3500 in around 2010 or 2012. It got a new battery in 2016. Buck called a place in Hamilton who will charge \$1300 to rebuild the entire engine. Mel will speak to someone to get a quote as well. Over choking, too much oil & having the wrong spark plugs are causing problems. It would cost \$2500 to get an engine upgrade (one that is better suited to haul all the weight that it carries). A 2015 Club Cart with dump was quoted at \$4750 with a 6 month warranty to purchase it. Stacey suggested that maybe money from flag sales could help pay for it. We might need a larger vehicle. Financially, it's not worth it to beef up the suspension on the current cart. Aimee suggested that maybe we should put the word out that ours needs work done on it & that we might need a new one - maybe a band family can help with fixing it or has one they would give us a deal on. Jon said that he's thinking about selling a tuba that he could get around \$2000 for and that could help pay for the golf cart as well. Melissa P. had the idea that we could move some money from the scholarship fund. It currently has \$5560 in it. Would like to keep around \$2500. We will revisit the topic next month. Buck will get a total for what's owed now for the diagnostics and bring it back to the school until we decide what to do.

Motion to Accept: Jon A.

2nd: Aimee S.

At Large Report: Melissa M. reported that she is trying to get answers about returning excess Coke product. Our regular rep is on maternity leave and she hasn't heard back from her fill-in. She's also thinking about contacting the Athletic Boosters to see if they want to buy anything. Melissa M. & Melissa P. went shopping at a sale at Gold Medal. They were able to get a hot dog roller & warmer that will be delivered tomorrow. They got both for \$940 something which is a great deal. Plus they got free chip clip stands. The hot dog roller alone is usually \$900. We will start offering combo meals, chili (from a dispenser like our cheese dispenser) and beef jerky. We have a concession stand deep clean planned on 3/23 10a-2p. We will need help (muscles!). We also got a stand up freezer. Buck will move it for us. We will hold a garage sale at Melissa M. house to get rid of concession items we no longer use.

Motion to Accept: Aimee S.

2nd: Melissa P.

Old Business: Stacey reported that the Concert Clothes closet was utilized by 2 students for the Spaghetti Dinner and we were able to provide them both with concert attire. Mel reported that we need more signage within the building for the Spaghetti Dinner with info about where to go, where to put trays, etc, as well as large signs with changeable dates for the corners. Aimee suggested that students be available to help carry trays, get drinks, etc. This is difficult because the students are busy preparing for their concert. We need to find a way to get the middle school families to stay and eat. She suggested maybe put the middle school concerts in the middle of the schedule. Jon suggested that we might try having the jazz bands play in the cafeteria and the concert bands in the gym. Other suggestions were to advertise carryout more, talk about dinner between sets, more than 1 place to serve spaghetti, & get bibs. \$2217 was made. Mel reported that uniform fittings for rookies and those who need refitted will be April 2 5-6:30 and April 4 6-8. We would like to offer to take deposit payments that evening. We will have the uniforms dry-cleaned after fittings. Beth S. reported that there are 86 total places that we have or will be requesting basket raffle donations from. 29 are local. Donations are needed by April 30th. We need to advertise that monetary donations are accepted. We could use volunteers to assemble baskets. Teresa said to let her know. Mel suggested that maybe we could do a silent auction on a few of the baskets. Jennifer asked to have a donation request emailed to her. Stacey

reported that the Butler Rural grant was turned in, requesting \$600 for a speaker and a subwoofer. They will post on their website tomorrow who has been awarded funds. Mel reported that the Middletown Community Foundation was submitted requesting funds for speakers and subwoofers, a winter Guard floor, and a bass clarinet. It will take up to 60 days - we should know around the beginning of May. Jon made motion to go ahead and purchase a bass clarinet from Buddy Rogers for \$1465. Melissa P. seconded the motion.

Motion to Accept: Aimee

2nd: Buck

New Business: The Exec Board will meet with the directors on April 4th @ 4:30 for a budget meeting. Jon will come up with a projected budget. We will discuss the fee increase at this meeting. Sabrina asked if she needed to be at that meeting. She asked if the \$275 Marching Band fee could go into a Guard Fund instead of the Marching Band Fund. By the time they pay their Marching Band fee, plus costume, gloves and shoes, they pay much more than the other Marching Band members. She would like to create a Guard fund for Fall & Winter Guard and everything they pay would go into it because the winter Guard fund is always in the red. Jon pointed out that they get to keep their uniform, while everyone else borrows theirs. He said that we can investigate what other bands do. Maybe Guard can be charged a different amount than the other Marching Band members. Mel mentioned that we can help with fees using the Chloe Fund if people can't pay. We will discuss to see what we can work out. Sabrina will attend the budget meeting. Melissa M. will look in the concession stand to see if we have snacks (maybe make snack bags) for the percussion trip to Nashville. She will use points at GFS to get some drinks (capri sun or something similar). Jon wants to have a meeting with the Pit Crew before the season starts to talk about expectations. We would like to use Becky & the kitchen for the band banquet this year to make pulled pork & have the families bring picnic type sides, with type of side determined by grade. Teresa suggested offering pulled chicken as well. We might get that from GFS. But there will be plenty of sides if people don't like pork. Mel reported that Greg Brown gave permission for the garden flags to be sold at sporting events. We will get car flags to sell as well. They will be added to the order form and we'll start with 50. Mel will update the flyer. The car flags will be the same price as the garden flags. Modifications will be made to the 4th bullet of the Final forms and the Activity Fee section will be removed. The Volunteer/Contact Info sheet will be added to the Final Forms. Jon

suggested that we need to speak with other booster groups to see how they get people to volunteer. Not sure that raising fees will accomplish that goal. Mel will talk to Greg Brown about what the Athletic Boosters do. Dana Patrick sent an email nominating himself to be in the running for the At Large position on the Executive Board.

Motion to Accept: Teresa R. 2nd: Aimee S.

Adjourn 8:43p