

**Edgewood Band Boosters
Open Meeting
September 11, 2018
EHS Band Room**

In Attendance: Mel Lawson, Melissa Patrick, Beth Stidham, Stacey Quincy, Nick Fields, James Sullivan, Angela Sullivan, Sabrina Gowsell, Aimee Simpson, Buck Simpson, Melissa McNaughton.

Call to Order 7:02pm

Director's Report: Nick F. reported that the fundraiser started on Monday and ends Sept. 24th. Parents are needed to work the fundraiser pick up at EMS. They will need to be there at 1:30 to start organizing. The date is TBD. It should be in October. Once we have the date, we will do a Sign Up Genius. Funds from this sale should go to the instrument fund. They are hoping to purchase a Sousaphone in the next year. They cost around \$6,000. He shared the Homecoming parade itinerary and game schedule. The students will be fed Skyline after school before they load the trailer at 4:00 and the busses at 4:15. Line up is 5:00. Parade starts at 6:00. Drivers can drop their cars off at EMS & load the busses there. Parents should pick up at EMS at 7:00. Students are responsible for transporting their uniforms to and from. Full uniform. Guard will wear summer uniform. Water is needed for the parade. Buck will pull the trailer and will be at EHS at 4:00. The Drumline will perform Friday morning in the Cougar Lobby 7:45-7:52. There will be a pep rally Friday afternoon. Students need to wear their band polos to school on Friday's. Friday, Sept. 21, the Marching Band- grades 9-12 only- will perform in the lobby. They will perform again one time in October. Date TBD. Most likely 10/26. For the Homecoming game, students need to report to EMS at 5:00 so they can go in early and watch the Homecoming Festivities. Friday, 9/21 is an away game @ Harrison. Report time is 5:15. First contest is 9/22 @ Hamilton High School. An itinerary for the day was shared, as was a performance schedule. Report time to EHS is 2:00. Performance will be at 7:15. The Boosters will make up/provide snack bags for before the performance. Need to bring water coolers and a batch of Gatorade as well. Jobs need to assigned to those helping (ex. podium carriers, front walls, prop transport). James is working on having props ready for the competition (hoping to have all 3 ready). Nick will make a list of jobs so we know how many people we need. Anyone who is helping needs to be at the dress rehearsal on the field on the day of the

contest. People who are chosen to push pit equipment will need to get instructions during this time from Mr. Fields. Percussion Ensemble will possibly be going on a trip in May and he will be looking for some fundraising options this winter. He would like help for middle school pep band again this year, including meals. We will get in touch with the parent who signed up on our volunteer form to be a Middle School Band Mom. Sabrina G. reports that she is thinking about Winter Guard again this year. There will be no new people, no tryouts. Any previous Color Guard or Winter Guard member may be on the team. The season will start in December and run through the end of March. Champions are March 30.

Motion to Accept: Melissa P. 2nd: Stacey Q.

Secretary's Report: A moment was given to look over the previous meeting's minutes. Stacey Q. reported that the garden flag fundraiser person has agreed to only work with the band in the Edgewood district. Melissa M. said that the lady will need a proof of what we want on the flag 6 weeks before the sale. Mel L. will get the proof. It was agreed that we need to get the proof in soon so that we can begin the sale after the holidays or in the spring. It was discussed that maybe we could take orders or keep some in inventory to sell at the Cougar Cave. It was also agreed that we would have a booth to sell some at our craft show. Nick said that he would get a list of 6th grader emails to Mel L.

Motion to Accept: Nick F. 2nd: Buck S.

Treasurer's Report: Melissa P. went over a summary of accounts and some items that were purchased last month: flugelhorn (MB), clarinet (EMS), bullhorns, tires for pit equipment, band jackets, Cougar Cave items. Items purchased/paid for so far this month: concession supplies, instrument repairs, a generator, pizza (MB), Gatorade, polos, golf cart parts, trailer battery, microphone & transmitter, props, hangers for rain coats. There has been a significant increase in sales at the Cougar Cave this year. The new lights hanging help to draw attention to it and we have purchased some new little trinkets and things to sell there. We've had a good year for fee collections. There is currently only 1 unpaid band fee. We made about \$340 at our Chipotle fundraiser. The money will go into the Disney Fund. They have changed their policy again, and now this fundraiser can be done every 6 months. Implementing a non-volunteer charge was presented. Melissa P. spoke with our tax person and was told that we can have

“Volunteer Buyout” option for our families that do not complete their 2 concession shifts. One idea was to collect the fees ahead of time & then reimburse those who fulfill their commitment. We would just have higher fees to begin with. Another option was to just give the option at registration, and they could pay their buyout then. There was discussion that we could dedicate that money to a specific fund/use, and that it should probably be Marching Band related since it would be Marching Band families paying the fee. There was discussion of maybe using it for meals, or to stock the concession stand. There was a concern that it might deter people from volunteering, which is what we really need the families to do. We will re-visit this topic and make some decisions.

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

Old Business: Mel L. reported that we need to come up with dates for the BandCake Breakfast/Craft Show. She will present Jan. 26 to Jon A. with Feb. 23 as an alternate. Due to a limit on available Saturday dates, it was discussed that maybe we could do a Sunday brunch. we are looking for ideas to recruit volunteers for the craft show & basket raffle. Angela S. recommended the Honor Society. Mel L. picked up the show shirts for the marchers and turned in the order for the family shirts. She will call EAS about any special laundering instructions. Stacey Q. reported that the band pictures, including section pictures have not been printed yet. She spoke to the photography studio who said that they hope to get the pictures mailed out in the next week or so. They will send an invoice that will need to be paid for the section pictures with the pictures.

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

New Business: Mel L. reported that we would get the snack bags & other needs requested by the directors for our 9/22 competition. Stacey Q. reported that the bass guitar seems to need repaired or replaced. Nick F. said that he’s not sure of the exact condition, but he thinks we could repair it. It seems to be in good enough condition to get through this marching season and then we can look into getting it fixed. We will compare the price of a used one to repair costs. There are grants available from Fender and Guitar Center for instruments the we will look into applying for to maybe get a new one for next year. Angela S. recommended looking into Sam Ash for a donation as well. Stacey Q. asked about the need for a concert clothes donation/exchange. Nick F. thought there was a need for it, especially for

6th graders and said they can be stored at the middle school. We decided that we would make it specific about what would be accepted - black pants, button up white or black shirts, and maybe black and white dresses. Beth S. reported that she was approached by the mom of a Marching Band member who presented the idea of setting up and printing shirts at a football game, outside of the Cougar Cave, with the profits (after supply cost) going to the band. Mel L. will talk to Greg Brown about it and maybe we can get it set up for the last 2 home games. Melissa M. presented some options for a vinyl sticker fundraiser. She had prices from 2 different vendors, as well as some sample images. Angela S. said that Eddie Hall at Hall of Fame T's did some for the Choraliers and suggested checking them out. Beth S. said she would check with the Carder's at Unsung as well. Melissa M. has an appointment on Thursday about getting new mats for the concession stand. Mel L. asked everyone to start brainstorming ideas to include the younger grades more at the Band Christmas Party. Some ideas were to maybe have a mentor in a higher grade, or make sure they're included in the gift exchange. Nick F. suggested just inviting 8th grade and high school students. It was agreed that we would adopt a family again this year for the holidays. Mel L. also asked people to start thinking about logistics for the spaghetti dinner. We need seats for non-eaters. The cafeteria was over crowded last year for the middle school performances- especially 6th grade. Some ideas: Mark off the band playing area; play in gym, eat in cafeteria, have the event at EMS in the gym where tarps can be put down under the tables and the band can go on risers while non-eaters sit in the bleachers. Angela S. brought up the idea of inviting younger students (7th & 8th grade) to participate in the last game of the season. Sit in with the Marching Band, play the national anthem, fight song, maybe some pep tunes, and then leave after 3rd quarter break. She said it's something that has been done in the past. Mel L. will present the idea to Jon A. Buck S. reported that the trailers will need new tires at the end of the season.

Motion to Accept: Beth S.

2nd: Stacey Q.

Adjourned: 8:40