

TTBP General Meeting Minutes

11 Nov 2024

THS Band Room

Attendance: Nicole Tetrault (President), Mr. Lawson (Band Director), Sumie Shima (Treasurer), Michael Bliss (VP for Outreach), Tamara Polick, Steve Tackett

Nicole Tetrault / President

- Call to order: 7:09pm
- The Bandquet will be on 22 May, 6pm
- 50/50 raffle raised \$250 to offset the pizza from the first game
- The board and budget vote was approved by a (digital) quorum (50/96)
- Parents: PLEASE turn in receipts for reimbursement - we need this information to budget correctly next year!!
- LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT YEAR IN THESE POSITIONS:
 - Please volunteer *as soon as possible* to have time to learn the position this year.
 - Contact Mr. Lawson or Nicole Tetrault if you are interested.
 - VP of Fundraising (vacant in 2025-26)
 - Hospitality Chair (vacant in 2025-26)
 - Volunteer Coordinator (vacant in 2025-26)
 - Spirit Wear (vacant in 2025-26)
 - Tag Day chair
 - Student liaison

Mr. Lawson

- Need a trailer driver for Spring Trip to Charlotte
 - Drive to UNC Charlotte, stay 2 hours, and return (not going to Florida)
 - Accommodations for 1 night in hotel and gas can be reimbursed
- Switching from marching band to winter concert now
 - Email to come out this week with schedule to get to Winter Break, including District Band auditions
 - Concert black attire needed for all students for the concert
 - 2 after-school rehearsals: Mon, 25 Nov and Tues, 3 Dec, 230 - 345p (concert), 330 - 5p (symphonic)
 - Concert on 12 Dec, starting at 6p with TMS band, should be done at 8:15p
- District band is \$7, auditions are 11 Jan
 - Location: Bethel High School and Phoenix Primary School
- Next Spring Trip payment (\$300) due 22 Nov
 - 18 empty seats on double decker bus - will offer seats to band families, first come, first served
 - Final payment expected to be ~\$200, due 13 Dec
- Concert Band assessment is in mid-March
- **Really appreciate the volunteer hours from parents all season!!**

Sumie Shima / Treasurer

- End of Oct total: \$23,215.75
- Need to re-distribute budget
 - Still waiting on some registration fees to be paid

Michael Bliss / Fundraising

- Schedule Salvation Army bell ringing for **14 Dec, 10a - 6pm**
 - THIS IS A FUN EVENT!! Use this for double volunteer hours!

- Walmart on George Washington Highway
- 3-4 students/shift/door with 1 parent for both doors
- 2 hour shifts
- Signup genius will be sent out for parents and kids
 - Send kid signup to Lawson

Liz Coffey / Fundraising

- Unable to attend tonight
- Band bazaar on 8 Dec
 - Will send out signup genius
 - Still looking for vendors, about 30 signed up so far - PLEASE LET YOUR FRIENDS KNOW!
- There will be a bake sale for the Winter Concert (12 Dec), starting at 5pm
 - Sign up for donating baked goods

Questions

- Tackett: How was the last football game? Were there enough volunteers?
 - Yes, but it was the same volunteers as always. This is becoming very difficult to sustain as the band gets bigger.
 - We are going to work on getting more volunteers.
 - 8th grade interest meeting is in Feb.
- Tackett: Does the school have a budget for instrument repair?
 - Lawson: Yes, but it has to last for the entire year, so it has to be paced. Sousaphone repair costs ~\$800. Chimes cost \$3000. All schools have same budget, not based on the size of the band. Anything not covered by the school is covered by the booster organization.
 - Lawson working on a grant to replace drum line. (~\$15,000)
 - Bliss: Is corporate sponsorship a possibility?
 - Lawson: Need to check legality, booster org is 501(c)(3).
 - Tetrault is going to talk to Athletic Boosters about sponsors.
 - Bus costs come out of VHSL budget.
- Tackett: Child protection training is not required for volunteering?
 - Lawson: Correct, not a school district requirement unless you are working inside the school.
 - Free computer-based training available, like for Boy Scouts or Safe Sports.
 - This would be a bigger concern if the students were younger.
- Tackett: No volunteers needed for Jazz Band?
 - Lawson: No, small group (17 students) doesn't need additional bus with chaperones.
- Lawson: How else can we market our meetings to get more involvement?
 - Tetrault: Zoom meeting option, by invitation only?
 - Reminder sign at football games?
 - Email reminders?

Meeting concluded: 8:25pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, Dec 9, 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Andrea Storch