

East Paulding High School Band Booster, Inc.
Minutes for General Booster Meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2020

This meeting took place online via Zoom, and was called to order at 7:05pm by President, Ineke Hudson. Minutes taken by Alisha Jackson (Secretary).

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Danz, Financials-Amy Kobylarz, Financial VP

- Copies of current treasurer's report will be posted online.
- Current bank balance total is \$9,175.86 (breakdown noted below):
 - Instruction: \$4,320
 - New water jugs: \$718
 - Operation costs: \$336
 - Cost of Music: \$1,667

Total Expenses for August: \$7,042

Funds brought in this month: \$1,920 (combination of sheet sales, band/camp dues)

President: Ineke Hudson

- First home is game September 11. Information regarding virtual system for ticket ordering will be sent at later date.
- An online ticket system online will be used for all games this season by the school. Links will be sent out to football, band, and cheer parents we believe the Monday before each game and the rest of the tickets open to the public the Wednesday before each game (all via the online system). Capacity restrictions/limitation of tickets sold.
- Payment agreement and first scheduled payment of \$80 band fees due August 31.

Fundraising: Sharon Weaver

- Cookie fundraiser ends 8/31.
- Discussions by Ineke and group regarding selling old band uniforms \$40 for the jacket & \$20 for shakos (this also includes gauntlets).

Concessions: Ashley Gibbs and John Gandy

- Discussions about safety precautions due to COVID-19.
- All food sold will be pre-packaged food.
- All volunteers in concessions required to wear masks (provide your own) and gloves (provided).
- Discussions of six feet markers for social distancing being placed at concessions.
- Still discussing details on set up procedures and foods sold, generally.

Uniforms: Beth Irby

- Nothing to report

Hospitality:

Nothing to report

Operations:

Nothing to report

Band Directors: Michael Thomas and Josh Robichaux

Michael Thomas talking points-

- Shared link to current budget and how money is being allocated.
- This year's budget total is \$54,000 (\$3,500 is from school). This is a very small budget this year due to COVID-19 and activities being limited. The usual is approximately \$120,000.

- The current budget funds are being allocated to pay administrative costs (instruction), music, show shirts, concert band.
- Discussions regarding what is normal this year versus what has been reduced; discussed further below.
- The band has been approved to play at halftime at home games (location of band seating is TBD).
- Band is back to 4:00-7:00pm rehearsals weekly.
- There will be no away games attended by band.
- No competitions this season.
- No complete show this season (opener only).
- No Saturday practices.
- No Fall Break game attendance for band.
- No Paulding Meadows this year.
- No Christmas parade attendance this year.
- Permission has been received for winds to play instruments inside, but restriction is that each instrument must have a bell cover and mask for student while playing (at all times).
- Discussions of District Honor Band being postponed until spring (considering digital auditions prior to that time).
- Concerts have been approved for school theatre (details TBD on attendees, etc).
- Payment of marching dues are vital.
- Biggest cost of this seasons is for instruction.

Josh Robichaux talking points-

- Students have been doing great at practices.
- Masks are non-negotiable to play instrument inside – only to be used in band class.
- Further discussions about making bell cover and masks for inside playing and substitutes for temporary use while making better bell covers and masks.
- More discussions of parent volunteers to get a pattern and divide up task for making bell covers (specifics TBD).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Alisha Jackson, Secretary