

Trussville City Schools Band Foundation Meeting – 08/18/20

Board Members and Directors In Attendance: Paul Henderson, Denise McManus, Jennifer Bender, Sheri Harbison, Mike Guzman, Stephanie Ezell, Brandon Peters

President (Paul Henderson)

- Many changes since we last met in February. Welcome to Mr. G who comes to us from Tuscaloosa County High School.
- Jason Toves is doing picture buttons again this year. Jason does this every year and all profits go to the band. You will get an email from him with preview and payment information.
- Considering having a Labor Day meat sale this year. Info to come.

Financial Report (Sheri Harbison)

- Since coming on board in November have created financial statements for the previous few years and made sure that our 501c3 documents are up to date.
- We have several accounts through the school and 2 outside accounts held by the band foundation. All accounts are low on funds at this time.
- School accounts are Band, Auxilliary, Trip, Uniforms, and Booster (Concessions)
- Reason for low funds at this time are due to the following recent expenses
 - Purchased 3 year lease for copy machine at HTHS band room
 - Sound system
 - Percussion instructors paid for band camp

Concessions

- Looking for someone to run stands on Monday nights and Thursday nights. Will be limited menu on these nights. Monday nights – Hills, Thursday nights - Longs
- We are operating week by week right now.
- Concessions income is crucial for our band programs!
- We need more people signed up for many events

Fundraising – Many thanks to Carrie Cunningham for organizing our virtual Rockathon!

- Rockathon – Will be virtual this year. All you have to do is fill out the google form with email addresses. We will send out the letters via email to the addresses we get via the google form.
- We have added levels of sponsorships as an option this year. This can be for a business or an individual.
- Sponsor levels –
 - Bronze (\$100) – name on the band website
 - Silver (\$250) – name with logo (businesses) or pic (individual) on website

- Gold (\$500) – name on band website with logo and name on sign in concession stand (visible from outside)
- Platinum (\$1000) – name and logo on band website, name on sign inside concession stand, and name announced at halftime
- Facebook page for event – [2020 HTHS Marching Band Rock-a-Thon](#)
- Parents, please share on social media! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. In past years we have raised between 50,000 and 62,000 each year!
- Donations can be made virtually this year through Venmo and PayPal. Visit <http://www.hewittband.com/fundraising> for donation form and payment links. Checks can be mailed to the band foundation PO box listed on the website as well.
- Our goal is to get 20 email addresses per student.
- If you have questions, send an email to huskybandrockathon@gmail.com.

Middle School Band (Brandon Peters)

- Moving slow in middle school. Communications will be out soon as rosters are finalized.
- Number of band students choosing option A is approximately 370.
- Mrs. Lewis will be out soon on maternity leave.

High School Band (Mike Guzman and Stephanie Ezell)

Mike Guzman

- Mr. G had meeting with all directors when he came on board and got all expenses and accounts in order.
- Now have a specific plan to be able to track funds better going forward. Want to be able to track all expenses by type such as equipment, instruments, instructors, and so on. We want to be able to look back and see how much we are spending and on what so we can adjust if needed.
- Cut Time - Please let Mr G know if you are not getting cut time email every week from him.
- All fee payments made to the school payment website are updated by Mr G over the weekend. If you make a payment during the week, you should get a cut time receipt by email as soon as it is entered over the weekend. If you don't receive a receipt or there is an error on the payment, please email Mr. G.
- Mr. G – Tough job coming from an established program to another established program during a pandemic!
- Band camp was awesome! Got a lot of music and drill learned at camp!
- We are working to get entire show on the field as soon as possible
- Rehearsal schedule and band calendar is on the website almost a year in advance (subject to change, obviously)
- Parents need to fill out medical form for pep band travel ASAP if not already done!
- Mr. G and Mrs. E are not going to HTMS to work with students due to the pandemic. Hopefully will be resuming that as soon as we can.
- CUT TIME – Please explore this program! It is an amazing product that will help us so much with organization and communication.
- Will be traveling to Pinson game with a 75 member pep band.
- Spain Park and Vestavia will be 50 member pep band.

- Seniors will be given priority for pep bands. Please understand if you have a younger student. You will be appreciative of this when your child is a senior.
- Hopefully we will be able to have a fall concert in October
- Classes are going well, changing setups to accommodate social distancing, students adapting well.
- Competitions and TMI – called schools that have come to TMI in the past and no one is able to travel. There are no competitions available in the state. We are saving the date and will be planning a community event on that date.
- Band trip is very unlikely this school year. We haven't completely ruled it out, but it depends on pandemic.
- Mr G wants to make sure that parents are a HUGE part of our program! Parents are welcome at band practices at any time. Obviously, we don't want it to be a distraction, but welcome.

Stephanie Ezell

- Have been working since July. Kids are doing well being back together. Keep encouraging at home to social distance, especially on weekends and evenings!
- We encourage you to explore cut time. Lots of info and communication there.
- Please donate paper towels to sanitize music stands. Thank you in advance!

Other Business

- Tandi Smith
 - We will be selling yard signs this year for a fundraiser. Details to come soon.
- Next month we will be organizing a nominating committee for board positions that will be coming vacant after this year.
- We will be meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at the Civic Center going forward. Next meeting will be September 8.