



Lowndes High School Georgia Bridgemen Band Booster Meeting February 22, 2016

I. President Matt Hart

Mr. Hart opened with a welcome to all at 6:30 PM.

II. Director's Comments: Jon Bowman

- Winter Guard and Indoor Percussion are in the middle of a great season. This is a year of big accomplishments for the kids. Great kids with great attitudes are in this program. Varsity scored 2nd place last weekend, and the Indoor Percussion earned their first win at Orange Park last weekend. JV Winter Guard is also doing well, and these teams will go to Dayton, Ohio in April for competition. WGI released rankings, and Lowndes Varsity ranked 16th out of 882 teams. Lowndes was the only Georgia school represented in the top 20.
- Concert bands will compete on March 3 at Bainbridge College, and parents are invited to attend. Concert band performs at 10:40, Symphonic band at 11:05, and Wind Symphony performs at 11:30.
- The “Friends and Family” show for Indoor Percussion and Winter Guard is set for March 21st after the band booster meeting. Please support the raffles going on that night that are to help kids raise money for their upcoming competition in Dayton, Ohio. The raffle will be during the “Friends and Family” night held in the gym. Many great prizes are in the raffle. See any WG or IP student to purchase your ticket.
- The deadline to purchase Boston butts is March 11. Sales are good so far, but we can sell more. Each ticket sold puts cash in your student's account.
- An important fundraiser this spring is the “Birdies for the Bridgemen” golf tourney at Kinderlou on May 5, 2016. Hole sponsors are needed, and students will add 50% of profits to their band account. This is an excellent fundraiser and requires little paperwork on the part of students. Flyers for this event are available tonight. The student who sells the most hole sponsorships also will win an iPad Air. This prize was donated by our travel agency to help with the fundraiser. Students should check the band website to see

which businesses have already committed to be hole sponsors. This list will be periodically updated.

III. President's Comments: Matt Hart

- The Bainbridge College trip is on, and three chaperones and one driver are still needed. Please volunteer if possible.
- Approval of January 2016 minutes was next on the agenda. Kevin Ruane made a motion to accept the minutes. Second motion was made by Kevin Terry. Motion carried.
- Reminder was made that student fees must be current for students to try out for leadership positions and participate in Winter Guard, Color Guard, Dance Line, and Indoor Percussion. Directors will be pulling information on late band fees before students are put in leadership positions this spring.
- The boosters are pleased to share that Lane Sayre will be working with the treasurers this year as trains for the position. The boosters would like to identify the next treasurer this year and use the same training process to help transition the person into the position.
- Current financial information was presented as of January 31, 2016. The financials reflect the change to a January-December calendar. Motion was made to accept minutes by Kevin Terry. Kevin Ruane made the second motion. Motion passed. Please note that Winter Guard and Indoor Percussion pay for their own fees.
 - Total budgeted non-trip income: \$260, 500.00 Actual: \$78,196.37
 - Total budgeted marching band: \$84,500.00 Actual: \$2,242.78
 - Total budgeted WG/IP: \$37,000.00 Actual: \$77,083.68
 - Budgeted income vs. expense: \$700.00 Actual: (\$7,810.26)
- Volunteers are needed for the following upcoming events: golf tourney, Boston butt distribution, Wild Adventures, and band camp. Please volunteer your time.
- The Birdies for Bridgemen is a 2 Man Scramble on Thursday, May 5 at Kinderlou Forest Golf Club. Registration is due by April 22, 2016. Students may participate by signing up Hole Sponsors, Exclusive Hole Sponsors, or Teams.
- Band camp dates are posted online. Dates are as follows:
 - Leadership Camp July 11-13, Orlando, FL
 - Rookie Camp July 14
 - Pre-Camp July 18-21

- Picture Day July 22
- Band Camp July 25-29

IV. Final Comments: President Matt Hart

- Please remember to visit the Georgia Bridgemen website to view the calendar. Many dates are listed and it is frequently updated, so it is a great resource for parents.
- Please sign up tonight if you are able to help with the Boston butt distribution from 4-7 on Friday, March 25.
- Committee Chair positions are almost filled. Thank you to so many parents who have will help this year. For example, John Johnson is leading our Battle of the Border, Sara Nipper is taking over travel, Salome McKee is taking over Wild Adventures, and Amy Creasy is helping Sharon O'Neal with the programs. More help is needed, so please speak up if you would like to assist in some way.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Next band booster meeting: March 21 @ 6:30
Followed by the "Friends and Family" Show in the Gym