



Lowndes High School Georgia Bridgemen Band Booster Meeting February 23, 2015

I. Welcome from Booster President Matt Hart at 6:30 PM.

Matt Hart began by welcoming parents to the meeting.

- Meeting again with proposal to approve January 2014 minutes. Motion made by Dawn McLendon. Motion passed.
- The financial report as of January 31, 2015 was presented. All were reminded that Indoor Percussion and Winter Guard payments are on this report.

Total marching band expenses:	\$80, 315.73	Budgeted amount: \$89, 700.00
Total Expenses for Band:	\$246,591.04	Budgeted amount: \$215,650.00

II. Director's Comments- Jon Bowman

- Mr. Bowman reminded parents to pay any band fees and outstanding trip payments. Student accounts must be current for students to try out for leadership positions, Dance Line, Winter Guard and Indoor Percussion.
- The annual golf tournament will be Thursday, May 14 at Kinderlou Golf Course. Please contact Britt McLane, chairman, for more information. The tournament is a two-man scramble. Lunch begins at 11:30 and the shot gun start is at 1:00. Hole sponsors are needed, and students will earn 50% (minus the cost of the signs per hole) per hole sponsor. Golfers are also needed, and each team has a \$200 fee. The band will happily provide receipts for any business sponsoring this fundraiser. Please make sure your student's name is on the form so he/she may receive credit. Brochures about the event are available at the end of tonight's meeting.
- Next Thursday, March 5 concert band members will be traveling to Bainbridge College for the music festival. Students must arrive at school wearing their full uniform (minus hat and vest) and need \$5 for lunch. The public is invited to attend the festival.
- Mr. Bowman reminded everyone of the Winter Guard show this Saturday. Many volunteers will be needed to help with the event.
- Students will begin after-school rehearsals soon for the Washington D.C trip.

III. President's Comments: Matt Hart

- Mr. Hart invited Wild Adventures chair Kimberly Hart to discuss the concert seasons. Kimberly Hart shared that this fundraiser is a great way to add money directly to your student's account.

Volunteers are needed for parking, food service, and concert crew, and all must be at least sixteen years of age and able to work all specified hours for the day. Please do not agree to work if you cannot stay for the entire shift. Sign-up sheets were available after the meeting.

- Matt Hart reviewed the following band camp dates:
 - Leadership Camp: July 6-8 (Orlando, FL)
 - Rookie Camp: July 9
 - Pre-Camp: July 13-16
 - Picture Day: July 17
 - Band Camp: July 20-24, 27-28

- Mr. Hart reviewed specific events on the calendar. Upcoming events also include the following:
 - Band Officer nominations close: Today-February 24
 - Music Festival: March 5
 - Rising 9th Grade night: March 9
 - Spring Concert: May 4
 - Georgia Bridgemen Golf Tournament: May 14
 - Washington D.C. Trip Meeting: May 21

- Students must turn in their Band Intent forms by March 2. Forms were distributed in band class.

- Please attend the Winter Guard Spirit night at Buffalo Wild Wings on Wednesday, February 25. Eat anytime from 11:00AM until close and 10% of your bill helps with Winter Guard. Please visit the band website to print a flyer to give to your server.

- Next, Kelly McGeehan shared about this weekend's Winter Guard event. Mr. Hart thanked her for her leadership in organizing the event. Kelly shared that volunteers are still needed for Friday night at 6:00 PM to help get the area ready. Volunteers are also needed on Saturday to help with equipment, spectator sales, concession, and parking. All volunteers should report to the teacher's dining area before their shift.

- Mr. Hart reminded all in attendance of the recent motion to change Band Booster by-laws. This change would make the treasurer positions appointed rather than elected. The two current finance positions have been elected in the past, but the change in by-laws will help the band have a larger pool of qualified applicants for the position. Mr. Hart asked if there were any last questions regarding the vote. No questions were asked, and the motion passed with 100% approval.

- Next, Mr. Hart thanked Tamara Olgesby for chairing the nominating committee for the Band Officers. The present slate of officers for 2015-2016 includes Matt Hart: President, Brian Spray: Vice-President, and Rachel Strom: Secretary. As no other nominations were given, Mr. Hart opened the floor to close nominations. Dawn McLendon made the motion, and the motion passed. Mr. Hart thanked the many band parents who volunteer with the band that declined the nomination to run. He stated the band appreciated their willingness to give their time. Next month elections will occur at the 6:30 band booster meeting.

- No committee chairs had further comments. Matt Hart reminded all that March and April will be busy months as committee chair positions will be filled. Mr. Hart reminded parents to contact him if there is an area they would like to help serve in next year.
- As of last week, the band has over \$50, 000 in overdue trip payments. The band has to pay bills for tickets and travel fees, so parents must pay promptly. The band's operation account cannot be used for trip payments. Mr. Hart reminded parents of the final payments:

\$150 due Feb. 27

\$150 due March 27

\$399 due April 21

Parents should continue to monitor the Georgia Bridgemen website. To see most recent changes, visit <http://www.georgiabridgemen.com/index.php/calendar>.

- Mr. Hart closed the meeting by reminding all in attendance to see Kimberly Hart for Wild Adventures information or see Kelly McGeehan to volunteer this Saturday at the Winter Guard show.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Next band booster meeting: Monday, March 23 @ 6:30.