



## Lowndes High School Georgia Bridgemen Band Booster Meeting October 26, 2015

### I. **President Matt Hart**

Mr. Hart welcomed parents and students to the October booster meeting. He stated the meeting would start with comments from Phil Mika regarding last week's Battle on the Border competition.

- Mr. Mika thanked parents and volunteers for a great Battle on the Border (BOB). Directors of the competing bands have been very complimentary about the competition, guides, concessions, and organization of the event. From loading crew to water, he thanked all those involved. Additionally, he stated that Valdosta High School's band staff states we conduct the best contest he has attended.. Mr. Mika shared it is the boosters and parents that make it such a great event. He hopes it will be one of the most profitable competitions we have had.
- Preliminary financials from the BOB show income of \$39, 599.60. The band is waiting on outstanding bills from concessions and the Pepsi products; however, profits may exceed \$25,000.
- Mr. Hart gave special thanks to the hospitality room staff for their hard work during the competition.
- Speaking for Mr. Bowman, Mr. Hart shared the director's comments. This week's practice will be on Tuesday and Thursday if needed. Students must be at rehearsal to learn the special pre-game with Valdosta or they cannot participate Friday night.
- The senior dinner will be Thursday, November 5 at 6:00 at Northside Baptist Church. Seniors must turn in RSVP forms by October 29. Dinner is free for students and \$7.50 per parent. This is the last time for seniors to get together with their friends and should be a great night.
- Traffic will be heavy this Friday night at the Valdosta-Lowndes game, so students should leave home early to be on time for warm up. Warm up times time may be different, so pay attention at rehearsal.

### III. President's Comments: Matt Hart

- Approval of September 2015 minutes. A motion was made by Dawn Spray to accept the minutes. Second motion was made by Dawnee McLendon. Motion carried.
- Mr. Hart shared the treasurer's comments regarding trip fees and band fees. Band fees must be current for trip fees may be applied to account balances. Also, students cannot try out for leadership positions, winter guard, dance line, or indoor percussion if they have outstanding fees. Students with financial issues will not receive transcripts with outstanding school fees.
- Drive One for Your School proceeds have been received and are being credited to students' accounts for each driver after the first one. Accounts should be credited by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Thank you to Langdale Ford for their continued support.
- The drawing for the custom-made golf cart and Yeti package is Friday night at the Winnersville game. Buy your ticket this week at Austin's Steakhouse or purchase it Friday night at the game.
- Other upcoming Bridgemen events include Christmas parades. Both are at 5:00 PM. Students must ride the bus to the Valdosta parade and return on the bus to LHS. No check-outs are allowed. However, students may meet the band on location in Hahira. Buses will also running this night.
  - December 5, Valdosta parade
  - December 12, Hahira parade

### IV. Vice-President's Comments: Brian Spray

- No comments from Vice-President.
- Jackets and spirit jerseys may be purchased this week from the band store, and items will be distributed at the November meeting. Next month is the annual band store clearance sale, so please attend the booster meeting.

### V. Final Comments: President Matt Hart

- Parents should let boosters know as soon as possible if they would like to chaperone the Chicago trip. Nurses and experienced bus drivers are especially needed.
- Next, Mr. Hart responded to questions from the audience.

**Question: "How much profit did we may from the Drive One event?"**  
Answer: The profit is \$12,060. Money for the first driver goes in the general band account and any money after goes directly to student's account. Many people came to drive and offered the money to students with hardship accounts.

**Question: "What are band fees for students?"**  
Answer: Band fees for a new student were \$210 last year, and second students in the family were charged \$160. New uniform fees are \$125, and that is a one-time fee.

Fundraising opportunities are available almost year-round, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents may begin fund-raising as well. Many fundraising days will be offered at Wild Adventures in the spring.

**Question: “Will the band be in the Lake Park parade?”**

Answer: The band will be in the Hahira parade this year and will rotate back to Lake Park next year. This is so students do not have to march in two parades on the same day.

**Question: “Is the Chicago trip fee schedule the same for chaperones?”**

Answer: Yes.

- Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

**Next band booster meeting: November 16 @ 6:30**