

Buchholz Band Boosters, Inc. — General Meeting

Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Linda Meling (President), who welcomed everyone in attendance (55 parents/guardians of 50 students).

NEW BUSINESS

Volunteer Hours: Jennifer Boe (Secretary) explained the importance of documenting our volunteer hours and a sheet was passed for parents to list hours spent during the summer.

2017-18 Budget: The budget was presented by Linda Meling on the video screen. It was prepared by the previous board and approved by the new board in June 2017. Copies are available upon request. Mr. Barat indicated every high school band program in Alachua County receives \$5,000 each year from the school board. For our program, it covers only the cost of bus transportation to and from football games. There were no questions on the budget.

By-Laws Proposed Changes: Jennifer Boe presented the proposed changes to the By-Laws. Printed copies were distributed to those in attendance. Revision #1: page 3 of 6, delete the sentence that reads “The Treasurer Receivables will maintain and update the student database.” Revision #2: page 4 of 6, change the fiscal year dates to be June 1st to May 31st. Revision #3: page 6 of 6, update the date of amendment and the current board members. In accordance with the By-Laws, these changes are presented to the booster membership and then a vote to approve the changes will be taken at the next general booster meeting in November. There were no questions on the proposed changes.

Linda’s friendly advice to all band parents: 1) Read ALL emails from Charms, 2) read the Band Handbook, 3) Check the band calendar frequently because events are added, deleted, or revised (www.buchholzband.com), 4) email Linda with any booster-related questions, and 5) email Mr. Barat with any band program-related questions.

A Taste For Music: Linda has placed a deposit with the Best Western Gateway Grand for our dinner/dance event on March 17, 2018. We are looking for committee members to help with event planning and the silent auction. Goal is to sell tickets at the Veteran’s Day concert on November 10.

REPORTS

Treasurers:

- Catherine Lawton (Treasurer/Receivables) reported some commitment, band camp, and summer instrumental rental fees still need to be turned in; all payments can be placed in the black lockbox at the front of the band room; Catherine checks it about once per week; checks and money orders are preferred; currently, PayPal is the only form of “credit card” payment that is offered on Charms (checks payable to Buchholz Band Boosters can always be submitted, too).
- Melissa Kury (Treasurer/Disbursements) reported our bank balance is about \$9,000; she is currently paying for marching band expenses; the program depends on Fairshare payments being received on schedule.

Fundraising: Lisa Zunkel (Vice President/Fundraising) reported fundraisers are planned to help pay Fairshare. Some fundraisers go to the program's general fund, while some are for student Fairshare.

- **PDQ Cards:** Fairshare fundraiser; on sale again in October (dates TBD); card face value is \$10, sell each for \$7, student receives \$4 per card sold toward Fairshare.
- **University of Florida Gator Football Concessions:** new this year, this is a fundraising opportunity that provides an alternative to selling products; we have committed to filling 40 volunteer spots for each Gator home football game (open to Band/Aviance/Chorus families); minimum age 16 to volunteer; two-step process: 1) if you think you will work, please sign up on Google form asap for UF credentials and watch birthday format carefully, 2) then visit SignUp Genius link for specific game sign-up; group gets 10% of booth sales which is about \$40-50 per person per game; each volunteer designates to which student their credit goes, or to general fund if Fairshare has already been met (board can designate it to a needy student).
- **Cheesecake:** kickoff is August 29th; Julie Ray is coordinator for this fundraiser; 40% of student sales go to Fairshare; this cheesecake sells itself!
- **Rome Apples:** fundraiser to be held later this fall.
- **Gator Nationals parking (March 2018):** board to decide later if we will participate.
- **AmazonSmile:** shop at smile.amazon.com and search for and select "Buchholz Band Boosters Inc" as your charity, and the band program gets a percentage of sales from Amazon!
- A parent recommended the app called "Gift Certificates and More" which provides free, reusable gift certificates to many restaurants (e.g., \$2 off to be used along with a PDQ card).

Travel/Section Parent: Alicia Walker (Vice President/Travel) provided information about the football game meal deals for band students at the 6 BHS home games. These can be ordered on Charms before August 21. Also, parents will be contacted by section parents with additional information about marching season specifically for their section.

Volunteer Coordinator: Velora Cotter reported that parents do not need to go to the BHS front office to scan their license after applying online to volunteer (unless they also plan to volunteer in school). Watch for SignUp Genius emails for the first 2 games (parent volunteers will ride the buses; booster "uniform" is required). Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to pull the band trailers this season.

Uniforms: Annette Krecic reported if Charms orders have not yet been received, then 1) we are waiting on booster polos coming soon or 2) items are unpaid and payment is due before order can be sent home. Additional under uniform parts are only available on football game mornings with cash (Mr. Barat will announce details to students.) The Spirit Spot has BHS planners, and band spirit shirts and caps for sale.

Aviance: Debbie Johnson reported we have a great team of young ladies this year who are working very hard on dance, colorguard, and etiquette. They had a successful winter guard season which has helped prep them for marching season.

Band Director: Mr. Barat is extremely pleased with the attitude, work ethic, and family atmosphere he observed at this year's band camp. He stressed students must read emails he sends, and parents and students should frequently check the band calendar. He also encouraged parents to stay involved in the band program, even when kids might say "they don't want you there."

Other Items:

- **Rehearse-A-Thon on Saturday, August 19:** students will work on the 2nd movement of the show; rookies will receive their marching shoes, officers will receive their pins. This is the only Saturday rehearsal of the marching season. Linda Meling indicated potential sponsors for the fundraiser have been notified per emails provided by students. Pledge payments will be due on August 31. Checks can be mailed and a PayPal link on the band website will be available.
- **First football game on Friday, August 25:** a detailed email will go out; report time is typically 4:30 p.m. to the band room. Students who do not have a ride after school typically get together and walk to Zaxby's to get dinner before report time. Third quarter of the game is the appropriate time for parents to visit with their students. Parents are asked to wait in the BHS parking lot at pickup after games as the band room area is very busy with students turning in their uniforms. Student phones are "off and away" for performance events.
- **REMIND app:** parents can sign up to be contacted via the Remind app. Mr. Barat sends a text when the band leaves Citizens Field and provides an approximate dismissal time from BHS.

NEXT MEETING

Next general meeting is on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in band room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Boe, Secretary