

CGTBB Regular Meeting November 8, 2011

President Terry Motsenbocker called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting was made by Tracey Woolsey, second by Keith Hauser.

Treasurer (John Simon):

- Beginning balance (October 1, 2011) \$31,829.20
- Ending balance (October 31, 2011) \$69,445.01
- The marching band uniform fund balance is : \$20,021.58
- The amounts reflect Cavalcade, ISSMA regional competition, and the home football games.
- Gift cards are available to be purchased.
- There has been a question about Kroger gift cards not working. It is due to inactivity or how old the card may be. Keep a balance on the card and use it. After 2 years the card expires.

Band Director (Kevin Schuessler):

- We will host the WGI on February 11 -12. There may be 55-60 groups. During the guard contest there may be 45 groups and this year there will not be homerooms for the groups, they will put their belongings in the hall.
- “Thank you to the parents, especially those in their gifted areas!”
- The students have this opportunity to perform at the highest level and take those memories and become a better person.
- The scores the band received at the BOA regionals were surprising. I tell the kids like it is, what he feels, and it is to have them finish strong.
- There is a plan to have a silent auction at the banquet with old trophies. They will include non state final awards.
- Those parents going to Philadelphia/NYC as chaperones may now request students for their groups.
- The day we leave for the Philly/NYC trip, we will be meeting at school at 4:45 p.m. and the busses will be leaving at 5:30 p.m.. Everyone must bring a sack dinner.
- The concert at the University of Indianapolis begins at 7 p.m. in the Christel DeHaan building. The percussion will be performing in this concert.

- On Thursday, rehearsal will be over at 4:45, the students must bring everything with them for the performance that night.
- The board is getting together December 3, to talk about the rest of the year and next year.
- We received compliments for Cavalcade. The directors and the parents of the band groups were happy. This means many bands will return next year.

Vice-President (Nancy Bonson):

- Good meeting!!

President (Terry Motsenbocker):

- Middle School communication.
- We are going to make every effort to improve getting the right information to those students it is important to the future of the marching band.
- One plan is to go to the middle school concerts to talk to the parents. One idea is to ask the current freshman to find out what they wish they would have known prior to starting marching band.
- Many parents at the meeting voiced their concerns about this item and offered suggestions about where and when the information needs to be for our future marchers. These comments are as follows:

Start by talking to the fifth graders.

Make sure the parents are at the instrument try-ons.

Talk to the fifth graders about their options for instrument rental. Experience was that Paige's Music was militant about you only could rent from them. This is not true.

When marchers graduate, they could sell their instruments to the incoming 6th graders.

We need to talk with the parents.

Make sure the information given to the parents and the students are the positive aspects of marching band. Make sure there is a balanced approach.

The freshmen have the advantage of already having people they know when school starts and they are new to the high school. Daughter has had positive experience and also is able to do both band and choir.

When the current seniors were freshmen, they went to the middle schools and played side by side with the middle school band members. Positive experience for both.

The middle school/high school band cook-out is not well promoted.

Invite the elementary students to see what marching band is all about.

Have a middle school night. Let the middle school students learn the fight song and play and march with the marching band at one football game.

- There is a parent organization available for band parents that is nationwide. Opportunity for band parents to talk with other band parents around the country to get ideas and find out what other bands are doing.
- There have been requests for band shirts that are generic to show and year. These can be customized, they won't be in stock, but will be ordered 2-3 times a year.

Internal Events (Keith Hauser):

The band banquet is Thursday, November 17. The reservation forms are due Monday, November 14. The form is posted on the website.

The next CGTBB meeting is Tuesday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m..

Tim Cummins made a motion to end the meeting. Tina Mann seconds the motion. The meeting ended at 8:34 pm.