



**SBPPAA March Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2020**

1. Meeting called to order by Sonja Mangrum, president @ 7:03 PM.
2. February 2020 minutes reviewed and approved. (No meeting/minutes for March and April due to COVID precautions)
3. Treasurer's Report - Lori Denny
 - a. Report for Feb/March/April Combined – some straggling charges from end of guard/percussion and random other end of year charges
 - b. Reviewed and approved
4. Director's Report - Mr. Mewhorter
 - a. After teaching 20 years this is the 1st meeting ever done like this. Good participation in this virtual meeting
 - b. Appreciates all the parents for everything done home-schooling
 - c. Band has been turned upside down like the rest of the world
 - d. Many things are not yet in stone but are just thoughts (what is going on in his brain at this time) – They are all Guesses!!
 - e. Band has been on-line and leadership meetings on-line.
 - f. The leadership meetings have been really good. (These are student who have volunteered outside of regular requirements these and are kids who want to do this on their own and/or may want to be section leaders). They have sent out letters and other projects.
 - g. Instrument hand out has been done
 - h. Had Virtual awards presentation has been held. (Preshow was held the night before). It went well. If there is a way to do something later on options will be considered to give the seniors some closure in the future
 - i. Thing that may or may not happen with the band
 - OSSA meeting Tomorrow (5/22) they kind of govern the band. If initial reports are correct could be 6/29 soft open and 7/15 full open. Soft open could be things such as guard auditions and such.
 - School district also governs – OSSA could say start 7/15 and district could say different date we have to wait for.
 - Graduation is 6/23 next possible date. Band is thinking of playing at this. To do so we need to transport kids by bus and have to have a rehearsal.
 - Social element to work though – Band may start but some families may not comfortable sending kids. This will need to be worked through.
 - Once OSSA meeting and some administration input. A “liquid” calendar will be sent out. Then will do a survey to see who would be there.
 - Will also send out research on instruments and what kind of germs are coming out of the instrument. The research found out that it is safer than you may think. Will try to get information such as this out.
 - Will make additional decisions based on information received
 - Planning as if we are having band in the fall.
 - Will work though things as they come up.
 - Do have a show planned out. We have music and prop ideas
 - j. As educator hard to give people information but this where we are and info will get out as known.
5. New parents –
 - a. How do you get info
 - Right hand side of agenda is all the ways of communicate
 - Band app is number one way
 - Parent page
 - Mr. Mewhorters page (for kids) but parents encouraged to be on both.
 - Facebook pages for student and parent sides
 - Weekly Band Bulletin – ALWAYS SOURCE OF INFO
 - Can private message in Band app.

- There are public chats in Band app for specific areas
 - b. Charms info is the financial program and where you can see and keep up with band fees.
 - c. We will have info out soon for ways to help. Right now there is nothing but as we open we will let you know.
6. Student Fundraising – Victoria Tourville
- a. We are trying to do Fundraising on a regular basis
 - b. These go directly to the student accounts to be used for student fees
 - c. Fundraisers are typically 2-3 weeks and we try to get the info out on length they will each be and what percentage of money you will make
 - d. Popcorn – Is now finished.
 - e. Next Fundraiser – We will have a way for students to send out letter, email, social media post and donation can be made to dedicated Pay Pal Site that will allow for designation to individual student.
 - f. After this we will do Blue and Gold and others that are lined up.
 - g. Band trip upcoming (Band fee's need to be paid) – Fees need to be paid earlier. We will need to make sure all are paid to be able to make sure we are able to afford the trip.
7. Band Fundraising (At Large)
- a. Money Raised for this goes to booster organization. These moneys pay for food to feed kids, props, semi's ect to support the band.
 - b. Due to pandemic we have lost hosting the WGPO contest and Spring Car Wash and potential Easter fundraiser.
 - c. Summer fundraising ideas – Looking for summer ideas such as yard signs where folks can make a purchase online and small group will get out.
 - d. Letter Blitz to businesses as this was put on hold as the businesses were closed will look at getting these out as we go on.
 - e. Amazon Smiles – Everyone can do this – Select Southmoore Band and band gets a percentage of the purchase. Every couple of months we get a couple hundred. There is a way to do it in the app that has come out more recently.
 - f. We continue to need to fundraise as band is growing to help with logistical needs due to growth.
 - g. Questions -
 - How much does band pay for semi rental – Unsure off top of head.aprox \$2700 There is a possible resource. Will get with Sonja to explore further.
8. Financial Statements
- a. Statements were sent out in March. Seniors need to be paid before graduation. Others prior to next season. Reported outstanding balances for seniors are getting received. (A hold is placed diploma if not paid).
 - b. Important everyone pays what they can (and communicate with Mewhorter or Sonja if there is difficulty paying or alternate arrangements are needed.) Anyone who communicates will be worked with.
 - c. Fees can be paid via Charms, or email Mr. Mewhortr, Band president, or Treasurer with questions
 - d. If you need into charms email Sonja (president) or Lori (treasurer)
9. Officer Elections
- a. Should have been done in March to do training and due to situation we were not able to do this.
 - b. Anyone can be nominated and run for a position. There are not term limits. Nominations were asked for in Feb and this past week.
 - a. President – Sonja Mangrum
 - b. Vice President – Brian Carter
 - c. Secretary – Amber Harper
 - d. Treasurer – Lori Denny
 - e. VP Operations – Sean Brockwell
 - f. VP Student Fundraising – Victoria Tourville
 - g. VP Band Fundraising – Melissa Dowling Hartwig
 - c. All positions moved, seconded and approved
 - d. Coordinators
 - a. These are appointed by the executive board to lead areas -
 - i. Chaperone Coordinators – Marie Cash & Lundsford
 - ii. Concession Coordinators – Joe/Amber Harper (looking for someone to train to take over for the following year)
 - iii. Meal Coordinators – Chris & Erin Davis
 - iv. Uniform Coordinators – Grace Evans & Cassidy Malone
 - v. Colorguard Coordinator – Lori Denny

- vi. Hydration Coordinator – Chris & Erin Davis & Sonja & Jeff Mangrum
 - vii. Alumni Coordinator – unfilled
 - viii. IT coordinator – Matt Malone
 - ix. Loading crew coordinator – New position that will be selected by Mr. Mewhorter
 - x. Percussion Coordinator – Heather & Greg Durham
 - xi. Co-Coordinator logistic/operations – new/open to learn to take over
 - xii. Co-Coordinator meals (pre-game meals) – New – Melissa Wallin
- b. As things go along everyone will be able to sign up in areas and there will be lots to do to help.

10. Other business

- a. When will be doing background checks for parents involved with kids – Will start doing around July/Aug
 - Anyone who helps and has any contact with kids (and should do everyone) has to do a background check. \$20 per check paid by the person submitting the background check. These have to be updated every year.
- b. Mr. Mewhorter
 - New or freshman parents – there is a welcome to band meeting that will be upcoming.
 - There are 280 enrolled in band right now. Goal is to keep them all. Biggest band was 235. Likely to hold above 250.
 - Mr. Mewhorter got complimented on his new haircut. 😊
 - We are working on issues with uniforms.
- c. Next meeting scheduled 6/15/20 7:00PM Undetermined location (in person or virtual)

11. Motion to Adjourn approved 8:03 pm

Respectfully submitted by
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