

CGHS Music Association
General Parent Meeting
August 17, 2009 7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Laura Flager. She announced that no one should park on the grass behind the band room. Two notaries were present to notarize medical forms. Parents were asked to do this at the start of the meeting so our volunteer notaries would be able to go home as soon as they were finished.

Mrs. Flager introduced herself and the other board members and explained the various job descriptions and importance of the work done by these key individuals.

Mrs. Flager discussed the fees and how to turn in money to the association (lock box, mail, etc.) She also discussed how to contact board members and the importance of reading the e-mails that are sent out.

Mrs. Flager made the following general announcements:

- Pictures for the football program will be done next Friday.
- We still need a concert dress coordinator and a retail revenue coordinator. If you have time, please volunteer.
- Pictures are up on the web-site. Please look and send pictures to Jose Linares.
- Students should arrive early to practices, and don't expect students to be finished until about a half hour after the scheduled end time. Football games are always late days, so expect late arrival of students on those evenings. Marching drill is important, don't lose it and help students to be sure to keep track of this information.
- Overnight field trips require fingerprinting. Fingerprinting is good for two years. Please get your paperwork in early. Also, keep your volunteer hours documented on the papers in the binder in the music office.
- Handbooks are online this year. Students should read through the handbook, then print the last page, sign it and turn it in to Mr. Graham.

Mrs. Flager introduced Mr. Graham who spoke to thank the association parents for welcoming him and he explained a little about his job interview with Ms. L and Mr. Ramirez. He has been here for 2 ½ weeks and wants the parents to know that he is here for the students. He has an open door policy: email and contact numbers are on the website. He will be prompt in answering emails and questions. He is here to see the program thrive and grow. He promised to work hard and be available to everyone.

Jose Echeverria spoke about several fundraising activities:

- More people took advantage of the **football program ads** this year than ever before. These ads are one of the best ways for students to earn money to offset their music fees.
- **Car wash** dates will be up on the website soon. One is planned for September, one will be just before states in November, and another will be held in December.
- A form letter is available on the website for use by individuals who would like to do an **individual letter writing campaign**. All monies received from this will be placed directly into the student's individual account.
- **Progressive Dinner:** Chaired by Wanda Perez, a percussion parent. Please sign up to be a host house for dinner, appetizer or dessert.
- **Golf Tournament** will be chaired by Alan Browdy. The date is the Saturday after Thanksgiving at Heron Bay. It is a scramble with raffles and dinner. It will be a great time. The committee will meet next week.
- Information about a fundraiser to be held at a local restaurant will be announced through e-mail sometime next week. At this fundraiser a percent of dinner receipts will come back to the association from meals purchased by members and friends of our organization.

Mrs. Flager spoke about the progressive dinner being a very enjoyable evening for parents and a great time to meet the staff on a social basis and get to know them: Claude, Marcus, Kenson, etc.

At this point in the meeting the orchestra parents adjourned to the music ace room for a separate meeting conducted by Terry Autrey while the band and guard parents remained in the chorus room.

There was discussion of the Shop to Earn fundraising opportunity: Online shopping through this website gives a percentage to the association. There are many stores that participate and Mrs. Flager asked that everyone remember bookmark and go through this site when shopping online so that these monies will be sent directly to our general fund.

Mrs. Flager made several announcements for Band and Guard families:

- **Marching Show:** The kids are excited about the show and working well with the new officers who have organized camp week very well. Mr. Graham is working well with the group and progress is good.
- **Dinner Plan:** These monies must be in soon. The food is good and the plan is all or nothing. We need help for serving the food to the kids on game nights.
- If you are interested in helping with uniforms, chaperoning, or field crew, please contact the appropriate people.

- If you have a change in contact information please notify Susan Newman or Elaine Dailey so that there will be no interruption to you receiving the band information.
- Mrs. Flager spoke about what it's like to chaperone at the football games. Field crew can chaperone, just not on the same night as working on field crew.
- Larry Daniels spoke about what it's like to work on the field crew encouraging parents to get involved and stressing that it's nice to have most of the same people at the games every week, but if you can't make it on a particular occasion, it's okay.
- Mrs. Flager said that marching band states will be on November 21 in Tampa. We will leave on the Friday before and return on Sunday.
- Mrs. Flager wanted everyone to know that the games and competitions are mandatory for the students. Unless a student is sick or has a very good reason to be absent, he or she is expected to march at these events.
- Field crew shirts are required for members at games and competitions: teal for games and the show shirt for competitions. Mrs. Flager showed the parents what the show shirt will look like: black with the I Love Lucy heart on the back and a TV logo on the front in the pocket location. Field crew members were asked to give their shirt size to order a shirt. The cost will be \$10.00 for field crew members.

Mrs. Flager called for questions and the following issues were brought up and discussed:

1. When will students get their concert dress? Not until winter concert. Get your forms in right away.
2. When will students get their band shirt? Very soon—2 weeks. This will be worn under their uniforms.
3. What do students need to wear for photos on Friday? Their uniforms for marching season.
4. What will students wear on their heads? All students need their baseball caps...freshmen will get them soon and the older students already have them from last year. Also black and white gloves are needed, and students should buy them here at school (not percussion).
5. Are there any used dinkles (black marching shoes)? Yes, a few, check in the uniform room. Please contact Rachael Hildreth.
6. What happens at band camp when there's a bad weather or hurricane? The school will send everyone home and there are sirens within hearing range to report lightning in the area.

7. Are there teachers listed on the website for private lessons? The list is not really updated. Ask other students for names if no one is available for your instrument.

Mrs. Flager reported that clinicians from DCI have been hired recently for marching band. We were able to "scoop" Stoneman Douglas in hiring Paula and Eddie who have recently moved to the area.

Mrs. Flager explained that the band has grown this year from 67 to 72 marching band members and guard has increased its members to 19 this year. She said that even with possible attrition, we will still be marching in class 3A this year (the range for 3A is 45 - 62 winds).

Mrs. Flager announced that evening practices for marching band will be Mondays from 5:00 until 8:00 and Thursdays from 3:00 until 6:00. This schedule will start on the first day of school, Monday, August 24. Practices will be held on Friday or Wednesday when football games fall on a Thursday night.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.