

TTBP Monthly Meeting (Annual General Membership Meeting) – August 6, 2018

Call to Order and Welcome: 7:15pm by Chris Elliot

President (Chris Elliot) – Introduced himself and Ben Lawson.

Band Director (Ben Lawson) – Talked about renovations over the summer and asked to pardon the mess.

Chris Elliot – Methods to communicate: text message blasts managed by Lawson. Sign up for those that are applicable to your student. Directions on website. Mr. Lawson's email address. Google group. Calendars. Everything in one space. Go to website. Lawson reminded everyone to check your spam folder, so you don't miss anything.

Chris Elliot – Band fees increased a bit, but covers everything except some miscellaneous things like shoes, socks, gloves, etc. High School User fees (band uniform) are \$20 payable to THS. Instrumental rentals are \$30 and are for long term rentals, not short term. If you rent two instruments it is still only \$30.

Chris Elliot- Spoke about student accounts. Because of the tax code the board has made the decision to dissolve student accounts. The car wash this Saturday is the LAST student account fundraiser. The fundraisers will now go directly into the band's general fund. If you have money in your student account, please see Faith Roberts on using those funds for 2019 fees. Scrip(student account fundraiser) ends August 31st, but will continue as a general band fundraiser. Kroger continues to benefit the band with quarterly deposits into the general fund.

Ben Lawson – Spoke about spring trip to DC/Baltimore. Every other year is a big trip financially. Every 4 years an expensive trip to Disney. Last year's trip was to NY City. DC trip will be smaller and less expensive, \$300-\$400. Would like to incorporate a baseball game, see the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Aquarium, Museums, and a clinic or performance of some sort. Charlie with Highnote Trips is working on that. More information will come out later. Payment plan will be developed and there will be a commitment form and down payment. Trip is late April to avoid testing dates and spring break. 2020 will be Disney trip, so plan accordingly, because that one will be expensive.

Chris Elliot /Ben Lawson– What it takes to run a band program. Introduced 2019-2020 board. Chris Elliott (President), Carrie Freeman (Vice President), Jennifer Williams (Secretary), Steve Tackett (Treasurer), and Faith Roberts (Student Accounts Treasurer). Committee Chairs – you might see many people covering multiple spaces. We need help. Feel free to seek anyone on the board or Mr. Lawson if you want to help. We cannot do this without volunteers. Things that seem small are not. Volunteers help so much, and we are very grateful. It can't work without them.

Treasurer (Steve Tackett) – New Treasurer presented the budget. Explanations on expenses and fundraisers was presented. Full breakout of budget is on the website and Steve said he was available to answer any questions.

Communications Chair (Monica Chandler) – Introduced herself. She sends out the Tabb Tiger News emails.

Uniform Chair (Jessica Gonzales) – Email her on questions regarding anything regarding uniforms. Uniforms are very important and expensive. Talked about what consists of a uniform for both marching and symphonic season. Please remind your students to take care of their uniforms. Missing some items so asking previous students to look and see if they have any pieces. Make sure kids wear crew length black socks, no exceptions. Tabb t-shirt must be worn in the stands, so you can purchase spirit wear. Show t-shirt will be issued. August 28th, big fitting at school for uniforms. Help is needed. Any volunteers welcome especially if you can sew. Uniforms must be hand hemmed so if you can't sew contact me and I will make sure I make arrangements to assist.

Spirit Wear (Mr. Gonzales) – In charge of spirit wear. Drawstring bags now available outside for \$10, and t-shirts for sale for \$15. Windbreakers available but e-store not open yet.

Chaperone Coordinator (Audra Simsic) - Using sign up genius this year. Sending out link so you can sign up accordingly. Consider chaperoning because it is great to be with your kids as well as the other parents. Need 2 chaperones on each bus, usually 6-8 volunteers needed per event so close to 88 slots to fill. Contact info in sign up genius for her and she will help with any last-minute changes.

Pit Chair (Carl Rodgers) - Explanation as to what pit does. Will be using sign up genius as well and for tonight just taking names and emails.

Fundraising Chair and VP (Carrie Freeman) – Tag Day is our largest and most important fundraiser. September 15th 9am-1pm. Tag Day signups in band room next week.

Kroger – Please link your Kroger card and quarterly we get a check. Sign up directions in packet.

Car wash this Saturday from 9-3. This will be the last student fundraiser.

Mr. Cross – Talked about customized water bottles. \$20 a bottle and \$5 goes back to the band general fund. Taking orders all year long. Info will be added to the band website.

Ben Lawson – Thanks for your patience. Gave dates for band camp and times and talked about the schedules. Everything is on the calendar and will go out in an email. Encourage students to participate with the competition team. Show is “*Boldly Go*”. Encouraged parents to come out to games and competitions to support the band. Need volunteers for uniform fittings 8/28 and individual pictures on 8/29.

Tiger Paw Chair (Debra Fowlkes) – Complete the form in your packet and specify where you want your paw print. Can do on paver or board if you would like.

Chris Elliott – Opened the floor for questions and there were none.

Meeting adjourned: at 8:20pm

Meeting minutes recorded and transcribed by Tina Williams. *Thank you Tina.*

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Williams (TTBP Secretary). *Absent at this meeting.*

Next meeting on **September 10, 2018** 7pm Tabb Band Room