



# OE BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES

Submitted for approval by: Kerri Church

DATE: Tuesday, August 24th

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Olathe East Band Room

## Band Booster Agenda Topics

### Music Director's Report

- There are 3 home football games this season, September 23rd, October 1st, and October 14th. All Olathe schools are in the first round of playoffs so if it is a home game for Olathe East, then the marching band will play. If Olathe East makes it to state then the football games could go through November.
- There are 3 marching competitions this fall, Blue Springs South on September 25th, Olathe Marching Invitational (OMI) on October 9th, and KBA on October 30th. At this time Mr. Smikahl can't give us times for these competitions as he doesn't get the performance schedule until about a week before the competition. The timing depends on the format of the competition.
- Mr. Smikahl stressed that there will not be any on-site travel arrangements for the students. If a student wants to come to or leave an event with a parent a Special Arrangement Travel Form must have been filled out and turned in to Mr. Smikahl or Mrs. Creek prior to the event. No exceptions.
- This year OMI is being hosted by Olathe South and Olathe North, so Olathe East will be able to participate in it this year. It looks like there are around 15 bands signed up for the event, with many of those being area schools.
- KBA is the biggest marching competition in Kansas and it will be in Lawrence this year at KU. Only Kansas bands are allowed to participate in this competition. Mr. Smikahl said that he may decide to have the band warm up at Olathe East and then drive to KU to perform.
- There are a lot of volunteer opportunities this fall. In order for the band to continue to operate at the high level it has been, it needs the support of the band boosters. We don't have as many experienced volunteers because  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the students haven't marched so  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the parents are new to the program as well. So please grab a friend and dive in, the executive committee is here to support you and many of the leadership roles have someone to head it up, we just need people to volunteer at the events.
- The show this season does have a lot of props so we will need more help there than in past shows. Front blinds are being used for this show which also requires the need for more prop parents.
- An email will go out soon about parent chaperones for the trip in the Spring to LA. The parent chaperones costs for the trip are fully paid for and he will need male and female chaperones for each grade level.
- Bob Rogers is handling the trip payments and they will send out email reminders. A comment was made that Bob Rogers has re-done their system and for those on autopay, you will need to re-sign up for it. Please check your email as your July payment may not have been drafted automatically.

### Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve April 2021 Booster Meeting Minutes was made by Jen Spath and 2nd by Jennifer Billam. Motion carried.



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## **Treasurer's Report**

- Most of the income comes from our 2 biggest fundraisers which are the Orange & Blue BBQ/Silent Auction and Bingo. Another big piece of the income comes from the suggested contributions.
- Currently, the budget shows us running at a slight deficit but we do have some money in reserve if we aren't able to cover the deficit. Also, we only budgeted to receive 70% of the suggested contributions, so we could get more money than anticipated here to cover the deficit.

## **Booster President Report**

- We do need volunteers to make this a successful marching season. Links to the various sign up geniuses have been sent out in an email from Mr. Smikahl and the links can be found on the Olathe East Band website on the members only page. The password is Hawks.
- New this year (and for this year only), those who volunteer to pull the trailers will receive a stipend for doing so.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Carolynn Wilson and 2nd by Monica Lindsey - motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.