Oak Grove Bands Booster Meeting Minutes March 16, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by D Martin.

Minutes from the January meeting were not available to be handed out but those in attendance were told they were available to review on the Band Boosters website and they were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Tonya Cecil, Treasurer

We currently have $24,930 in the bank. We currently have $11,000 in outstanding fees (includes balances from last year). $3200 has been received in band fees. We have purchased the color guard outfits for this year but she has not received those receipts yet to include in the report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Fundraising – Brooke Hamby, Fundraising Director
   a. Dewey's Store – Still waiting on final check.
   b. Butter Braid/Cookie Dough Sale – Final turn in is this Thursday, March 18th and she will be entering orders this weekend. Delivery date will be March 31st from 4:30 – 6:30.
   c. Brooke also mentioned the possibility of setting up a Pampered Chef fundraiser where items could be ordered and shipped directly to the customer and we would get a percentage of the sales.

STAFF REPORT:

A. Mr. Larsen – Looking ahead to the spring concert – looking to have OGMS & OGHS together and talking to Mr. Dalton about a live performance in early May. We had the most participation from Davidson County in All District auditions with eight students who made it – only two other Davidson County middle schools participated with three students who made it. He is planning on going to see the fifth graders to recruit for next year and is in communication with the elementary school principals to arrange that. We were able to get some new instruments from a grant the county got – a tuba and euphonium for OGMS and a tuba and contrabass clarinet for OGHS.
B. Mr. Howell – Concert bands are plugging away. He spoke with Mr. Dalton about doing an outdoor performance the first or second week of May. The kids are anxious to play together. 33 students made All District (two less than all other Davidson County high schools combined). Eleven are eligible to audition for All State. He has finished with high school registration for current students – most students are returning for next year. Spoke with 8th grade band students last week and they are finishing up high school registration this week. There are 68 8th grade band students and he's hoping one third to one half register for high school band. COVID has messed up a lot for this group since 1 ½ years of band has been disrupted for them. As far as marching band, they got out there and performed last Friday with just a few musical snafus but very pleased with how they did with having only 3 hours of rehearsal per week this season. This week the band will perform during the pregame show due to it being homecoming and those activities going on at half time. Show shirts and blue band shirts will be available to pick up either Thursday or Friday. Thursday, April 1 will be the last game. Parents will be invited to come in at the end of practice on March 23rd to see the performance. Composite pictures will be made on March 30th. Kevin Ray and his wife wanted to do something for the kids so they will be providing pizza and drinks for the kids before this week's game. The Band Boosters were asked to provide pizza for the kids before the last game (unless another family steps up to cover). It was agreed that the Boosters would cover this. D said her husband can pick it up and bring it to the school.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Concessions – The question came up as to whether the Band Boosters should open and man the visitor side concession stand for these last two games. Due to only making a profit at the big turnout games last year and due to lower turnout this year the Boosters decided to not for these two games.
B. Bylaws – We need to review these and officer information in them and discuss next month.
C. Parent Recruiting – Need to make big push to recruit parents for the pit crew for the fall, someone to handle sponsorships and a new Fundraising Director. Will also need to get more involved to come to meetings. It was suggested to put more information out about what we're looking for and make a big push at the parent meeting before band camp in July.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 pm with second. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 20th at 6:00 pm.