

OTHS General Booster Meeting

October 3, 2016

First meeting of the school year 2016-2017 called to order at 7:05 pm.

The president, Lance Grindal, explains that Sueanne Larson resigned as Treasurer. Asks parents to be respectful of her decision.

Treasurer's Report handed out for parents to read at their convenience. Dawn Ambrose is stepping up. Dawn gave quick overview: the net revenue is \$35,000. Mum sales are strong but not totaled. Mulch delivery was around \$7,000. Purchases have primarily gone toward equipment and props. Fall has a high expenditure that drops down in the spring. Transportation is one of the higher expenses.

Lance address the concern of parents regarding the cost of band. Tompkins believes in giving parents the total cost for the year (not including optional activities) at start up rather than having expenses pop up over the course of the school year as some schools do. This year and additional \$50 was added to cover charter buses to San Antonio and Beaumont. Tompkins also includes a meal plan to ensure students healthy and keep them focused. The band also provides snacks and drinks. The band budgets for 18 meals but was able to include an extra meal this past competition/game Saturday. Mr. Bond clarified that there are other costs but they are optional, Spring Trip, Regional Band and Ensemble. Spring Trip cost this year will be \$375-\$475 and will be in San Antonio.

Shannon Holland gave volunteer report that the past Saturday went well for being a long day for the volunteers, Tina agreed. There are one or two openings for volunteers per event. If you are not able to volunteer please let Shannon know. We understand that life happens and will make sure it is covered. Lance brought up that working the Pit Crew and Chaperoning are no places for children, who are not in the band, to be. Requested parents find other arrangements for their children when they are volunteering. There is a need for volunteers to man the parking lot at the UIL Marching competition at Rhodes on October 25th from 2 pm-9 pm in 2 hour shifts. We need 6-8 people. Sign up is available on Charms.

Shawn Smith gave the technology report. The new website will be up in a week. It will include updates using twitter feeds, visitor posts, facebook posting, and notices from the Mum factory.

Liz Eldridge explained Jiggle Jam. Date set for December 3rd. Volunteers will be needed for food, water, and walking with the band.

Spirit Night at Marcos Pizza was ok. Looking forward to All Star Grill Spirit Night at the end of October. There is a plan to include fun events. Other Spirit Nights Elevation Burger, Smash burger, and Altitude.

There is a letter drafted by Brett Bolster to solicit corporate sponsors. He will create a committee of students and parents to help him reach as many sponsors as possible. If you have an idea in helping to reach the community to support OTHS band please contact Brett.

Mr. Bond expressed pride in the band students' accomplishments. They scored well in their first competition with the show not complete. Their completed performance will debut at the Katy ISD Marching Competition.

The floor was open for questions or concerns. None expressed.

Mr. Bond expressed appreciation to all who are helping make this year so successful!

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.