



**Tigard High School  
Band Booster Meeting Minutes**

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**Wednesday, October 7, 2020 / 7:00 pm / Virtual Meeting on Google Meet**

**Present**

Sean Hotchkiss, President  
Teresa Pearson, Co-Treasurer  
Kristy Dana, Co-Treasurer  
Kris Hilgaertner, Secretary  
Jim Irving, Band Director  
Kati McKee, Band Director

**Absent**

Meeting started at 7:00 pm.

**Handouts via Screen:**

Financial Report for September 2020  
2020-2021 Budget

**BUSINESS**

Jim Irving opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

He discussed the unprecedented year, whereby this time usually the band community would have had 2 or 3 booster meetings, band camp, the band family picnic, in person rehearsals, played at 1 or 2 football games, and had much of the halftime show ready to present. He acknowledged that students this year have had many opportunities taken away due to circumstances beyond anyone’s control. He and Band Director Kati McKee are doing all they can to help the band community not feel more isolated than they already are. They are available for any help they can provide and band and booster members are encouraged to reach out to them.

**BAND PROGRAM**

Mr. Irving presented a brief overview of the program taking place this year: concert band, symphonic band, jazz ensemble. Concert band class is going on now and kids are doing great under the circumstances and making music.

Mr. Irving introduced Kati McKee, director of the marching band and other after school band programs. Ms. McKee gave history of her background and history in band program. She then addressed questions that had been raised re: why are sports teams practicing and not band? Sports practices are very different this year than their usual and are different and difficult to compare with band needs. All other band programs in our district except two (Grants Pass and Sherwood) are also not rehearsing. Sherwood, for example, is having sectional rehearsals only, and have the luxury of a space that is cooperative to safe rehearsals, including being outside and covered.

She mentioned that NWAPA has made winter plans for in person and also virtual competitions and they are waiting to see what will be allowable.

Mr. Irving then introduced THS Band Booster President Sean Hotchkiss who discussed the THS Band Booster mission in providing support the school district doesn't to students in each band program. Boosters also support the band program as a whole through various fund raisers throughout the year. Circumstances are different this year, of course, however the boosters have already had their annual garage sale and the first of several can and bottle drives. This Saturday will be the next can/bottle drive.

Mr. President then introduced the other board members: Kris Hilgaertner, Secretary, Teresa Pearson, Treasurer, and Kristy Dana, Co-Treasurer. Kristy also handles booster fees and fundraiser efforts that generate a credit for the student account.

## FUNDRAISERS

Ms. McKee then discussed this year's fundraisers.

1. **Can and Bottle Drive** *this* Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm. Mike Pearson is heading up this effort at Tigard Friends Church. The school district cannot allow us to use school property this year. We are very thankful to this congregation and its pastor, Don Walters, who see this as an opportunity to serve their community. We will have Can/Bottle Drives every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at this location. Masks, gloves, and social distancing precautions were discussed. Ms. McKee reminded the boosters that when they volunteer, they will NOT have access to building so bring water bottles and take care of business at home before or after your volunteer time. Wear your masks! Sign board will be out and truck will be there to load up. Everyone please pass info along to social media—facebook, Next Door, Instagram, etc.
2. **Holiday Wreath Sale** will continue this holiday season. The wreaths, swags, and cedar garlands are all of superb quality and will have same prices as last year: 22" wreath for \$25, 26" wreath for \$28, swag for \$30, and 25' garland for \$30. Orders need to be in by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. McKee is waiting on our principal and the district to see if we can do pickup of the product on campus, as they have allowed other pickups and distributions at the school thus far. The plan is to have pickup on the same Saturday as previous years. She hopes to hear soon, otherwise will ask Friends Church.

It was noted that we will be in a better position if we encourage people to pay via credit card, as check payments through the kids will be complicated due to the pandemic. She will get the rest of wreath info out by end of next week. The students will get \$5 added to their student account for each item they sell. Student accounts help pay band related expenses- fees for activities, Disney land trip, buying reeds, buying tuba cases, etc.

3. **Scrip Program** was discussed by Mr. Hotchkiss. We participate in an online Scrip program with Benefit Mobile. You download the app, link your credit card or bank account and designate THS Band Booster as your organization. Gift cards can be bought on the fly when you're checking out then used to pay for your groceries, Starbucks, Amazon etc. A percentage of the purchase goes to THS Band Boosters, depending on the retailer. Of the amount that goes to THSBB, 20% goes to booster club and 80% goes to student account. More information is listed on the Tigard High Band Booster website. Physical gift cards to Fred Meyer were also discussed in this scrip program. There is

a \$500 minimum and THSBB gets to keep 5%. On their website, the shopper fills out a form to express their interest in Fred Meyer gift card program. Orders will be placed by 10<sup>th</sup> of each month so those wanting to participate can get payment to Sean before then. It takes a week to come in and a delivery schedule can be figured out.

## **BUDGET**

Herr President introduced Co-Treasurer Teresa Pearson who presented the 2020-2021 budget that was shared on the screen. It was acknowledged that this is an unusual year in that we don't know what we will be allowed to do program-wise, as well as fundraiser-wise. In setting the budget, the goal was to plan for what we hope will happen and if money is raised and not used, then we have it for next year. Winter programs were optimistically budgeted for, as well as the possibility for spring marching program with the hopeful football season.

Ms. Pearson explained each category of the 2020-2021 budget and how it works. A vote was called for to approve this year's budget. Booster members in attendance voted by typing yes or no in the comment section, and the budget was approved.

Ms. Pearson then presented the September Financial Report. Booster members in attendance were asked to ratify what was spent and did so by typing yes in the comment section.

## **FINAL BUSINESS**

Mr. Irving reminded all in attendance that they should have received an email from him that included information about the can and bottle drive, a link to bank booster page, and link to the volunteer website we use to help staff the events. All were asked to go to sign up for a volunteer slot for this weekend's can and bottle drive. Mike Pearson especially asked for volunteers at 9:30 am opening to help set up.

Having no further business and no questions, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Next Band Booster **Executive BOARD** meeting  
TBD

Next Band **BOOSTER** meeting  
Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00pm via Google Meet. Mr. Irving will send out Google Meet invitation to all.