

## August 18<sup>th</sup> TVHS Band Booster Parent Meeting

Call to order: 6:30

### Amy Thomas, Band Director:

Mrs. Thomas welcomed parents to the meeting — and to the “band family” — and discussed the following:

- What happens at football games and band competitions
- Rehearsals
- How to find current information (TVHSBand.com) or last minute updates (private Facebook group)
- First football game is next Friday
- Students get PE credit for marching band which means no PE required in tenth grade
- Distributed student handbook and explained some of its policies: attendance, code of ethics which is the same as athletes follow, uniforms, rehearsals, emergencies, traveling, professionalism, performance assessments, no food in band room, equipment, and fundraisers.
- NEW Varsity letter policy distributed and explained: maintain A in class; participate in all fundraisers; no outstanding uniform or music charges; no more than two excused absences from rehearsal. Explained the difference between excused and not excused; exception 12th graders can attend school board meetings. All of the above plus earn 100 points over the year to earn a letter.
- How accomplished our band has been over the years
- The booster board and its president, Lydia Corum

### Lydia Corum, President:

Mrs. Corum welcomed parents and discussed the following:

- What the boosters do
- Funding requirements and why fundraising and donations are crucial
- Volunteering and available board positions: VP of Operations and Uniform Coordinator
- Showing support for the band by showing up to competitions and cheering them on
- Band shirts for families
- Getting involved and meeting other parents
- Shoe orders: placing final order August 19, 2016

### Syndi Reale, Treasurer:

Mrs. Reale discussed our budget for the season, about \$44,000. We are currently at 45% of meeting this month’s \$11,000 goal. Budget shortfalls carry over to the next month. She also:

- Expressed appreciation for any effort or contributions
- Noted that if there’s a financial hardship we understand and to please email her directly: sreale\_tvhsband.com@yahoo.com
- Talked about the uniform coordinator position (she was last year’s uniform coordinator)

### Marifel Trias, VP Ways and Means:

Mrs. Trias discussed upcoming fundraising projects:

- Sphere letters — Incentives; counts as participation points; goes on all year.
- Direct donation — Automatic payment; do online bill pay; employer match; corporate sponsors (letters available online).
- Recycling — Recycling day coming up in September. We need a recycling coordinator.
- Restaurant night — Asked for a show of hands for who would attend a Chipotles fundraiser. Most of the people in the room raised their hands so she will schedule one
- Christmas tree fundraiser — Last year we raised \$3400. Nice trees and wreaths. Can also buy “trees for troops” which donates a tree to a local military family.
- Mattress fundraiser — Last year we sold mattresses which was a very good fundraiser for the program.

### Jennifer Wilkinson, Historian

Mrs. Wilkinson discussed the following:

- She is taking photos throughout the year
- We will have a yearbook at the end of the year for \$20
- Please send your own photos directly to her at [jwilkinson\\_tvhsband@yahoo.com](mailto:jwilkinson_tvhsband@yahoo.com)
- Band merchandise (lanyards, dot books, buttons, spirit gear, etc) available for sale. We are also creating a web store for online ordering.
- Students will need dot books by next week
- She is coordinating the T-shirts and sponsorships — sponsors get ad on t-shirt and in the yearbook

### Pamela Dimmick, Secretary:

Mrs. Dimmick went over the main ways the band communicates:

- Handed out “How to Stay Informed” sheet: website, Facebook group, Remind, Twitter, Instagram, etc
- All board members’ individual email addresses are on the website under About the Booster Board
- Encouraged everyone to sign up for Remind, which is great for getting real-time text messages when the buses are on their way back from band competitions
- Noted that if anyone is not receiving emails to please see her so we can get them on the list

### Amy Thomas

Showed three videos:

- Marching competition
- Winter line competition
- Winter guard competition

### Meeting Adjourned 7:36pm

### Attachments

