

Ringgold Band Boosters Meeting  
Tuesday, Feb 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by boosters president Randall Burriss.

Kristy Pennington gave middle school treasurers report- they currently have \$1,510.00 in their checking account with no outstanding bills

Vanessa Walden gave high school treasurers report as follows-

Checking account	\$6,868.00	no outstanding invoices
Savings	20,914.00	
Scholarship	335.14	
Secondary	10,998.00	fixed pymts-buses, copier, loan
PayPal	8,384.00	

Included in the savings account is winter guard funds in the amount of \$351.67. Winter guard is currently doing a Snap-Raise fundraiser so the band will cover \$4,568.00 until they can repay it back. Also in the savings account is Indoor Drum Line money in the amount of \$5,252.53 Three payments in the amount of \$500.00 will be transferred into the Scholarship account.

Diane Davis reported on Puttin' on the Ritz for this year- due to COVID-19 the board met and decided instead of having the sit down dinner where food is being passed out and people are dancing that we should hold a "Ritz Lite" this year as the band held in 2018. This will include a jazz band concert held in the auditorium of the high school with individually wrapped food treats and the silent auction with an admission fee of \$5.00 per person. Larry Brown of Choo Choo Kettle

Corn said he would donate small bags of kettle corn. Diane asked for volunteers for someone to handle the silent auction.

Fundraising- It was noted the Snap-Raise fundraiser was a good fundraiser that did not involve a lot of work.

Larry Brown who owns Choo Choo Kettlecorn said he would like to do a fundraiser with the band. He will split the money 50-50. A motion was made and second both the middle school and the high school bands would participate in the fundraiser. Mr. Brown will email an order form to the band so copies can be made to give out to the kids. Options to encourage band members to sell were discussed with the highest seller getting a prize yet to be determined. Possibly for every 10 bags sold the band members name will go in a drawing for a different prize. Mr. Brown stated he has had success with other organizations participating in this fundraiser. It was decided the fundraiser will run March 1-17 with popcorn delivery to the bandroom March 24 or 25. Mr. Brown suggested a “Bunny bait” popcorn since it will be delivered just before Spring Break and Easter.

Scholarship Committee- Randall explained the scholarship process for the band members and asked for parent volunteers. One parent is needed from each grade. Heather Asbill volunteered as the freshman parent, Jason Yarbrough volunteered as sophomore parent, and Melissa Hawkins volunteered as the junior parent.

It was brought up that 4 of the 5 booster board members will need replacements for the 2021-2022 board members. Outgoing are Billy Cross, v.p. Diane Davis, secretary, Kristy Pennington, middle school treasurer, and Vanessa Walden high school treasurer. Amber Allen has

volunteered to be the high school treasurer and has been job shadowing Vanessa this year.

Middle school band directors report- Mr. Garland stated District Honor Band tryouts were virtual. 9 of the students made it with 4 students going to second round. Solo and ensemble deadline was today but was extended until April 10th. The middle school will host the event April 24th.

High school band directors report- Mr. Wright said practice for both cohort 1 and cohort 2 will be wednesday for jazz band.

There will be an All County Band- if students made district honor band or were alternates they automatically made All County Band. The 3 county high school band directors decided to do this in case district honor band was cancelled due to COVID-19. This band will consist of students from all 3 county high schools. Each high school band director will direct 1 song during the concert with the final song having a “pass the baton” between the band directors. Practice will be held Thursday, Feb. 11 6:00-8:30, Friday, Feb 12 9:00-12:00 2:00-5:00 with concert Friday evening. Due to COVIS-19 all safety protocols will be followed, chairs will be 6 feet apart, students will wear masks when not playing their instruments, chairs will be sanitized after each use during practice. Ringgold male students will wear their black band tux and the females will wear their black long dress.

Winter Guard has 2 groups this year; Varsity and Junior Varsity. Both teams currently participating in Snap-Raise fundraiser.

Both Winter Guard teams and the Indoor Drum Line will host a “Friends and Family Night” at Lakeview High School gym in March before their competitions. There will not be an admission charge.

Mr. Wright will give the front office 3 different dates around the end of March for a Spring Concert which will be held either in the school auditorium or in the football stadium.

Marching band practice starts Monday, June 12. There will be 2 8:00-12:00 weeks, 1 8:00-5:00 week and dates until school to be determined.

The Jupiter Company sent a whole family of brass instruments, Mr. Wright let the students take turns playing and walking around with them to see which ones they liked best. The tubas the band currently use are not produced anymore. Our tubas need to be refurbished and relacquered and their cases are in very bad shape. Mr. Wright found a company in South Dakota that removes the dents and relacquers instruments. They currently have 3 of tubas they are selling for \$1,800.00 each. The company also has cases that fit that particular horn for sale for \$545.00 each. For the 3 horns and 3 cases it will be \$7,100.00. Mr. Wright spoke with J.R. Jones who spoke with the person in the county over the charter money and they agreed to pay the whole amount. Ringgold Telephone Company has donated \$1,500.00 for the cases. We will probably march with 8 tubas next year. Mr. wright has ordered 5 cases with the money from the Snap-Raise fundraiser the band did earlier in the school year. The Taylor Music Company will pay the shipping on all above mentioned items. We currently have 2 tubas in Alabama being restored and relacquered. The cost of one of the tubas is \$2,400 and the other one is \$2,500. When these are finished we will send 3 more down

to be redone. Mr. Wright will do a lease purchase loan for new mellophones and marching baritones.

The middle school principal agreed to purchase some new horns with their charter money also.

Uniforms- the plumes the band currently use are 12 years old with quite a lot of them looking really bad. Mr. Wright would like taller plumes for next year. They will be black with gold mylar like the ones the band currently uses with a cost of \$25.69 each. We would order 200 for a total of \$5,138.00. If we get taller plumes we will need new plum cases at a cost of \$325.00 each. Each case holds 100 plumes so we will order 2 of them. A motion was made, voted on, and passed to use the money from the Kettle Corn fundraiser to pay for the plumes and cases. The band has 150 extra bibbers that have been sorted by size as well as 130 which were used this year that Mr. Wright is going to try to sell on a band directors website for possibly \$25.00 each. Mr. Wright has found new bibbers he would like to get for next marching season. The bibbers are black, have shoulder straps, have 8 snaps on the bottom inside seams to adjust the length, and are machine washable. He suggested the band purchase the bibbers for next year seniors which will be left with the band when they graduate. Each band member will purchase their own for \$42.00.

Gordon Lee High School Band is purchasing all of our outer space props, flags, and the moon tarp from this years halftime show.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24.