

Britton Deerfield Band Boosters – Monthly Meeting

May 19, 2025 start at 6:03pm, end at 6:59pm

Deerfield Band Room

Present: Chris Bearer, Band Director; Larry Guenther, interim president; Kathy Guenther, interim secretary; Tim Conover, parent; Kathleen Rafalko, parent

Due to lack of quorum, meeting was informal.

Larry Guenther called meeting to order at 6:03pm

A brief history was given of last few months trying to re-establish the Band Boosters, including finding old bylaws and previous meetings with Stacy Johnson and April meeting establishing interim officers to start. (in lieu of Secretary report)

No treasurer's report available.

Unfinished Business

Band camp: Aug. 4-8

Need food – post on Facebook page asking for volunteers, use SignUp Genius

Sectional leaders: discussed and agreed on limiting to just 3 for woodwinds, brass and percussion. Group agreed for Chris to post and offer \$250-300 each (using band booster account).

Uniforms: Do we need t-shirt or nicer polo's for warmer weather events? Decided to table the nicer shirts for now.

Marching and concert uniforms: discussed and decided to have volunteers help during band camp to assign and fit uniforms, then take assigned uniforms to get cleaned (limit expense). Make uniform fitting part of sectionals on a set day at camp (rotating groups). Kathleen Rafalko volunteered to help at camp & get uniforms cleaned.

New Business

Other needs - Get supplies set-up (valve oil, reeds, etc.)

Instrument priorities: drum heads, flutes, clarinets, trumpets

Fundraising: longer discussion took place about activities band boosters previously ran, which ones they could share again and new ideas to drum up interest. Most ideas centered on ones

which can involve kids to earn points to trips, etc. Bake sales, share concessions with Athletic boosters, sell popcorn, cookie dough, candy bars, and larger 'high-touch' events. One idea was connect one night at band camp to like a bottle drive and /or car wash.

For Fall, want to get a group photograph... need to find photographer & set date. Meagan Zardinski was mentioned.

Need to start planning fall fundraiser.

Communication will be key – need to use multiple modes... app, text group, Facebook posts, email a newsletter. Chris is going to investigate an app "BAND".

Discussed if we needed another meeting before Band Camp.

Next meeting: June 2nd, 6pm in Deerfield Band Room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm