



# Ashley Ridge High School

## Band Boosters

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### Band Booster Parent Information Meeting 03/12/2024

**Welcome:** Mrs. Danielle Tonzola called the meeting to order at 6:48 PM and welcomed everyone. Motion to call meeting to order by Andrew Farmer and seconded by Carita Hatmaker.

**Minutes:** Danielle asked for a review of the minutes from Jan 11th that were emailed and February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes posted on the band website. Copies of both meeting minutes were available for all in attendance. Stephanie Farmer asked about clarification on having a dedicated social media person as mentioned in one of the meetings. We are discussing this and have created a social media/IT/Website position. Motion to approve minutes for Jan 11<sup>th</sup> by Andy Farmer and seconded by Bronwen Manning. Motion to approve minutes from February 13<sup>th</sup> by Bronwen Manning and seconded by Carita Hatmaker.

**Ways & Means:** Presented by Carrie Clark

- Spirit Nights
  - Moe's, Dorchester Rd 3/13/24, Last one for the year, Carrie thinks it's 15% share to Ashley Ridge
- Individual Fundraisers –
  - Spring Plant Sale- Sold over 820 plants. Most of the proceeds went to fair share accounts. \$11 to boosters. Deanna Kraichely offered to donate hers back to boosters.
- Car Show
  - Saturday, April 13, Need CARS, vendors and t-shirt sponsors! T-Shirt sponsors open until end of March. Food trucks are full.
  - Hoover Car Fare, Trolley Rd 11am-3pm
- Bands, Beats & BBQ
  - Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 6:30pm
  - AG will provide food for event, Boosters will pay approximately \$8/plate
  - Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Kids 10 & under are \$8 presale, \$10 at the door. Kids under 3 are free.
  - Please start collecting donations for raffle prizes. Links to purchase tickets will be available soon.

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Carita Hatmaker

- A copy of financials was available for all in attendance
- February financials: Income of about \$3700, expenses of approximately \$5800. In the negative for the month but still positive for the year overall. Typical for this time of year with expenses for Winter Guard instructors. Items were also purchased from Mr. Harvey's wish list for jazz band and percussion.
- All Cuttime balances not paid in full by end of April will be reported to the school and sent to PowerSchool. Seniors with a PowerSchool balance will not be able to walk at graduation.
- Credits from volunteer hours and fundraisers roll over to next year.



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- Carita notified all board members and booster parents in attendance that she will not be filling a board position next year.

### **Guard Liaison:** Presented by Karen Simpson

- Winter Guard –
  - SignUp Genius link can be found in emails from Mrs. Henjes
    - Need chaperones for upcoming competitions
- 3/9/24 Rock Hill Comp, JV came in 4<sup>th</sup> and V was 3<sup>rd</sup>, congrats to both teams
- Next Comp is 3/16 at Riverbluff
- DD2 Winter Guard Showcase has been scheduled. Students were very disappointed when they heard we might not do one. GB scheduled for Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm at ARHS. Practice will be shortened that day to accommodate.
- Championships-
  - JV-Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> at Catawba Ridge, performance times are not available yet but awards are scheduled for 10:45pm. Concern over how late this is and travel time back to ARHS. Due to length of the schedule this day, they may need to provide 3 meals. This is also Prom
  - Varsity-Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> at Byrnes HS in Duncan, SC. No performance times yet, full retreat and awards at 6:30pm.
- Fall Guard auditions are scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students must attend all days to be considered. Notifications will go out Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Karen is heading up the food for the band banquet and will need 4 volunteers to help with a charcuterie board/tapas for the night. Karen will get more information about what she needs and send to Marie to make a sign up.
- Karen notified all board members and booster parents present that she would not be filling a board position next year.

### **President:** Presented by Danielle Tonzola

- By-Laws Vote
  - Asked for any questions regarding the proposed changes and copies of all changes were available to all in attendance.
  - Motion to approve by Deanna Kraichely and seconded by Bronwen Manning. All were in favor and the by-law revisions passed.
- Danielle noted she would not be running for President or a board position but would be available to help next year as the by-laws require.

### **VP Report:** Presented by Andrew Farmer

- Nominations for all board positions for the 2024-2025 school year are now open. Nominations can be made until March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please email these nomination to Andrew or Danielle.
- Marie indicated she will not be filling a position on the board next year.



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- Andrew mentioned the by-laws require that we elect a board and expressed concerns over not having anyone that will be returning next year, and the future of the Boosters as a whole. Would it be dissolved? And what would happen to the money in the account?
- Bronwen Manning nominated herself for secretary.
- Deanna Kraichely expressed concern about not having anyone return to the board.
- Danielle said she enjoyed the time spent with the band, getting to know students, and said it was fulfilling to be part of.
- Will need Committee Chairs and someone to help sew (Janet will not be here next year, her son is a senior).
- Andrew mentioned we may need to have another meeting to get nominations. He shared information regarding volunteer hours for the season so far. 1300 hrs put in by approximately 20 parents. This number did not include board members or students. The program requires a high fair share amount, additional expenses for shorts, water jugs, sweatshirts, etc. Also requests a ton of volunteer time from parents and there is not much incentive for parents to come and put in volunteer time. Discussed having parents be required to help with at least one event over the season to lessen the burden on the parents that continually show up. Also mentioned alternatives to the cap on what is earned towards fair share from volunteer hours. Need to find better ways to incentivize parents.
- All present agreed that we may need to change wording of “hardship” request. “Scholarship” was suggested as an alternative. This topic will be revisited.
- Marie mentioned having a Booster Club public page to advertise and promote the band and a separate parent group for parents to engage and easily find information. All agreed both pages/groups would need moderating to prevent them from becoming places for parents to complain. This is another way to reach parents that might not be reading the emails. Also provides a space for parents to feel like they are part of the band family and hopefully they will engage more with volunteering
- Nominations will be open until March 22<sup>nd</sup>, can be emailed to Andrew, Danielle or Mrs. Henjes.

### **Director’s Updates:** Mrs. Henjes presented

- Meredith expressed thanks and appreciation for the board’s work and collaboration this past year and hopes that will continue in the future. Meredith will make some calls to a few parents that might be interested in board positions. There are a few guard parents that other board members have spoken to about filling the guard liaison roll.
- CPA times have been moved up and are now 30 minutes sooner than previously scheduled. Concert band will perform at 4pm, Wind Ensemble will perform at 6:10pm. Still need parents to chaperone and help make sure students are behaving in their seats at CPA. Marie will meet the band after work around 3pm at WAHS. Karen will get bananas for a snack and Carita is donating slim jims. Additional snacks are in the storage closet and should be enough for each student to have a few items. Let them choose. Water is also in the closet.
- CPA – Will need 3-4 volunteers for each group (Concert Band & Wind Ensemble). Need to be available from 2pm-8:30pm and can ride the bus with the band or follow in their vehicles. Will need heavy snacks as there will be no time for a meal.



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- Andrew mentioned the red trailer was cleaned out but needs work. The black trailer also needs to be checked for leaks since the last large storm system that came through. Has had a history of leaks.
- Andrew asked Mrs. Henjes to repost the Triangles for sale so we can move them out of storage and free up space. Still in great condition and the PVC flag holders are a hit with guard. Discussed price to add those if needed in order to make a sale. Very inexpensive.
- Shako carts have been built but need the black galvanized pipes for shako boxes. Need 24 6ft pieces and have not been able to find a store that has enough without driving all over town.
- Drum major auditions will be sometime in April but no set date yet.
- Guard auditions need to be added to the calendar.

## Upcoming Events

- 3/16/24 – Winter Guard Competition, River Bluff High School
- 3/18/24 – CPA, West Ashley High School
- 3/21/24 – Winter Guard Showcase
- 3/22/24—Deadline for board member nominations
- 3/25-3/29 – Spring break
- 4/6/24 – JV Championships
- 4/7/24 – V Championships
- 4/11/24 – Parent Meeting 5:30pm Band Room
- 4/13/24 – Car Show Fundraiser 11am-3pm 200 Old Trolley Rd
- 4/24/24 – BBQ Dinner Fundraiser 6:30pm ARHS Cafeteria
- 4/29-5/2 – Fall Guard auditions
- 5/10/24 – Tentative date for Band Banquet (awards)
- 5/13-5/16 – Spring Band Camp

Motion to adjourn made by Stephanie Farmer, seconded by Bronwen Manning, all voted in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.