



# Ashley Ridge High School

## Band Boosters

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### Band Booster Parent Information Meeting 10/12/2023

**Welcome:** Mrs. Danielle Tonzola called the meeting to order at 6:33pm PM and welcomed everyone. Motion to call meeting to order by Kristin Blasko and seconded by Karen Simpson.

**Minutes:** Danielle asked for a review of the minutes from September 12th that were available online. Motion to approve minutes by Kristen Blasko and seconded by Karen Simpson.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carita Hatmaker discussed the financials for September

- A copy of financials was available for all in attendance
- Reviewed September Financials. Approximately \$19,000 in expenses and around \$41,000 in revenue. \$6500 in collections from the district, \$15,000 in concessions, \$4975 from popcorn fundraiser, \$3250 from new sponsorships. Expenses included concessions, competition food, props, and other operating expenses.
- Positive balance of around \$21,600 and on the correct track for the year.

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

- Butter Braids – 10/30/23-11/10/23, delivery week of Dec 4. Order forms are available now and will be handed out tonight and by Mrs. Henjes during class. Online ordering is available.
- Poinsettia Update – The company we have used in the past is no longer doing fundraising programs. We have a new greenhouse in Blythewood SC, finishing up details, order forms will be out asap. 3 sizes (6, 8, 10 inch) and 3 colors (white, red, pink) plus some novelty ones as well. Prices are slightly higher than in the past. \$15 small, \$25 medium, \$30 large. Students will get their name in a raffle for every 2 that they sell. Winner will get a \$25 gift card.
- Spirit Nights –
  - 10/18/23 – Raising Canes Dorchester Rd, 4pm-close, 15% , no code, just mention the ARHS Band when ordering
  - 11/7/23, Poogan's Nexton, 20% comes back to band, reservations recommended, 3pm-9pm
  - Dec 12 – Spirit Night at Sol Southwest Kitchen Summerville, 10% (entire bill)
- Carrie thanked all volunteers for continued support. We could not do everything without all the generous help.
- Discussed fundraising and concessions committee chairs to help her in coordinating.
- Question regarding potential football playoff games. If AR wins against Summerville we will likely have a Home playoff game at AR on 11/3. Potential need for concessions and possibly the band if this occurs.

**Guard Liaison:** Presented by Karen Simpson

- Ridge Hoodies – due in 10/19/23 and will be given out after practice. Carita reminded parents that the payment option online for sweatshirts is only for paying and is not where you order



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them. Same for gloves. These have already been ordered, but parents can pay online. Gloves are also available on Amazon.

- Winter Guard – Auditions will be held Nov 13-16. More details will be sent out in the next few weeks in regard to times, parent meeting date, etc. Band students are encouraged to try out as well.
- Question from Carrie about 8<sup>th</sup> grade students trying out for guard. Yes, middle school students are able to catch a bus from the middle school and try out for winter guard and encouraged to try out.
- New uniforms will be coming next year due to unforeseen delays.

**President:** Danielle Tonzola presented and reviewed the following information

- Volunteer Credits: Reminder of fair share credits for volunteer hours
  - 6 hours - \$25 credit
  - 12 hours - \$50 credit
  - 15+ hours - \$75 credit
- Volunteer Opportunities:
  - 10/13 – Concessions-\*\*will be busy and we need lots of help!
  - 10/14 – Irmo Competition- \*\*any help with loading/unloading and props is needed, some students will leave immediately after the show for Homecoming dance.
  - 10/20 – Senior Band Reception, Concessions-\*\*need more volunteers so parents of seniors can watch the show during half time
  - 10/26—JV Concessions-\*\*Sign up Genius
  - 10/27 – Varsity Concessions-\*\*Sign up Genius, Last football game, needs candy for Trunk or Treat this night too
  - 11/2—Pack snacks for State Competition
  - 11/4 – State Competition - Colleton County, Early show time of 10am and potentially staying for finals, will need more volunteers
- Open Committee Chairs, Danielle reviewed the duties and needs we have for committee chairs
  - Concessions –
    - This committee is responsible for setting up the concession stands, stocking & organizing, running registers, cooking, and the end of season concessions stands clean out.
    - Committee Chair, in conjunction with Ways & Means VP, will coordinate volunteers and assign duties for each football game, help count and track inventory, and complete any additional duties discussed with and assigned by the Ways & Means VP. Concessions chair will report to the Ways & Means VP.
- Fundraising –
  - This committee is responsible for setting up and organizing all fundraiser events, both individual and full band. This includes contacting vendors and location owners, ensuring supplies for events are provided where needed, and organizing and distributing fundraiser items once they have been received.



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- Committee Chair will coordinate volunteers and assign duties for each event and product distribution, set up advertising for events, create information flyers for individual fundraisers and complete any additional duties discussed with and assigned by the Ways & Means VP. Fundraising chair will report to the Ways and Means VP.
- Marie asked if anyone present would like to volunteer as a chair. A few parents indicated they would be interested in helping but not take on a full role as committee chair. Carrie provided her contact information to interested parents
- Meal for Irmo – Firehouse Subs. If this is not something your child will eat, please make sure they bring food with them. Bring extra food if 1 serving is not sufficient for your child.
- Concert Band Attire—ARHSBands.org->Parents->Parent Resources->Concert Band Attire, find information on the band website for guidelines and online ordering. Pants come unhemmed so order in time to allow for alterations if needed. Using the measuring guide on their website.
- <https://tuxedowholesaler.com/>
- Judges have complimented AR Bands on their cheering section in the stands for competitions. Keep up the good work!
- Senior Banners are here and need to be put on the fence using zip ties. Karen volunteered to help install them Friday Oct 13<sup>th</sup> before the game.
- Future Fox night for the BAND is 10/20. This is different than the rest of the school that will hold their future fox night on 10/27
- Parent inquired about the Dorchester Showcase. It will not be held this year. Mrs. Henjes will have a parent/community preview before state, 3:30pm on 10/28 Saturday clinic
- Competitions are rain or shine. Come prepared.

Directors Update: Mrs. Henjes was on the field with the band and unable to make any announcement at this meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Kristen Blasko, seconded by Carita Hatmaker, all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.

## Upcoming Events

- Oct 13<sup>th</sup> AR Home game vs Berkeley, Homecoming
- Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Palmetto Esprit de Corps (Irmo)
- Oct 20<sup>th</sup> AR Home game vs Summerville, Band Senior Night & Future Fox Night-Teacher work day
- Oct 26<sup>th</sup> JV Home Game Stall
- Oct 27<sup>th</sup> Trunk or Treat
- Oct 27<sup>th</sup> AR Home game vs Stall, Full performance at half time
- Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Saturday Clinic 9am-3:30pm
- Nov 4<sup>th</sup> State Competition (Walterboro)
- Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Booster Parent Meeting 6pm (no band practice this day)