



# Ashley Ridge High School Band Boosters

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## **Band Booster Parent Information Meeting 8/17/2023**

**Welcome:** Mrs. Danielle Tonzola called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and welcomed everyone. Motion to call meeting to order by Karen Simpson and seconded by Kimberly Rudd.

**Minutes:** No minutes presented as they were from last year.

### **Welcome and introduce new band board members:**

President-Danielle Tonzola  
Vice President-Andy Farmer  
Vice President Ways & Means-Carrie Clark  
Treasurer-Carita Hatmaker  
Secretary-Marie McKillop  
Guard liaison-Karen Simpson

**New Information:** Presented by Danielle Tonzola.

- Introduction of new board members.
- Explanation of Cut-time (communication, fairshare balance, and credits from fundraisers). See a board member after the meeting if there are any questions.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carita Hatmaker discussed the budget.

- Review of budget, highlighted Revenue and expenses.
- Most revenue comes from concession sales, fairshare and fundraisers. Hoping to collect \$140,000 this year outside of Mrs. Henjes budget.
- Expenditures include but not limited to automobile costs, guest clinicians, concessions, repairs, office supplies, colorguard, payroll, show shirts, uniforms, snacks, miscellaneous expenses totaling about \$138,000.
- Motion to approve budget by Deanna Kraichely and seconded by Christopher Huttner
- Reviewed example of a Cuttime statement and how to read it. \$500 for High school students and \$400 for middle school. Fundraising and miscellaneous credits and payments will show on Cuttime. Cuttime is set up to show all history throughout high school and does not just show the current year history.
- Contact Carita Hatmaker if you ever have a question about your statement.
- Please submit checks to the lockbox in the band room and include the students name and what the payment is for. OR use the online payment method on the website. Please select the correct button for specific items you are paying for.

**VP: Presented by Andy Farmer**

- Welcomed and thanked parents for attending. Thanks volunteers for help with props on Saturday.



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- Reviewed sponsorship pamphlet, discussed donation levels and benefits associated with them. Any donation amount is okay even if it doesn't fall under a specified amount. QR code flyer available to give to businesses with the sponsorship information.
- 10% of any sponsorship donation goes to the student that brings in the sponsorship. These are tax deductible and a letter will be provided to all businesses that donate.

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

- Popcorn Fundraiser is under way. Order deadline is Sept 1<sup>st</sup> and they will be delivered Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. Family and friends out of the area can order online and have them shipped when they select the items at the bottom of the page. Students receive \$5 for every bag sold and a raffle ticket for a gift card for every 2 bags sold. 3 raffle prizes of \$25 gift cards available. Volunteers needed Sept 27<sup>th</sup> to help sort popcorn orders for pick up.
- Spirit night at Panera on 8/16 had a great turn out. We will receive 20% of sales but we do not have that final number yet. Next spirit night is Chipotle on Main St in Summerville Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 5-9pm. The band will receive 1/3 of the profit from sales that night.
- Yes, parents can sign up to work concessions even if they missed the training.
- Sign Up Genius for Concessions has been emailed by Mrs. Henjes. We need approximately 20 volunteers each night.

### **Guard Liaison:**

- Skirts for Guard will be given out by Mr. Gabel-Baird (GB)
- Gloves have been issued
- Tanks are at the printers and will be given out when they arrive
- Uniforms are washed a few times a year and we need help with washing them as they are very bulky. Uniforms are washed, dried and placed back in bags. Looking into having access to the school's washer/dryer so this can be done at the school.
- All uniforms have been issues, just a few students that will see Karen for fitting. New uniforms have been ordered but there are no updates on a delivery date yet. When they arrive, we will need to schedule another uniform fitting and sewing night.
- Summer uniforms are here and available for students after practice 8/17

### **Band Boosters 101**

- If you have a child in the band or guard, you are a band booster. No application necessary!
- If the "Marching Band" is referenced in any type of communication, that means the band AND the color guard. GB will specify if the guard is NOT needed and communicate that.
- View the calendar at [arhsbands.org/calendar](http://arhsbands.org/calendar)
- Communications – Majority will come from Mrs. Henjes in order to limit confusion and avoid inundating your inbox. If the boosters send out an email, it will come from [info@cuttime](mailto:info@cuttime)
- GB would prefer that guard and their parents sign up for BandApp for communication from him.
- Please keep all doors into the school closed due to safety and protocols with the district
- Summer Uniform:
  - Band = Ridge Band shirt, black AR Band athletic shorts, white sneakers (mostly white)



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- Guard = Black spirit tanks and black skirts (unless Mr. Gabel-Baird -GB- gives other instructions)

Reviewed upcoming events:

- DD2 Showdown – Friday, 8/18
- Concessions clean-up & stocking – Thursday, 8/24 6:00pm
- Varsity Home Game – Friday, 8/25
- Hardship requests due no later than 8/30
- Varsity Home Game – Friday, 9/8
- Parent Booster Meeting – Tuesday, 9/12 7:15
- JV Home Game – Thursday, 9/14

**Directors:** Mrs. Henjes presented the information.

- Good energy in the room and excellent attendance. Thanked parents for coming to support and be involved in the program.
- Rehearsals will always continue even if it rains. During periods of rain they will be inside. Coaches and directors are constantly checking weather and abiding strictly with safety protocols for student health. If conditions are too hot, they will be inside. All weather guidelines are followed to ensure students are always safe.
- Please sign up for Remind101 for communication updates from Mrs. Henjes. Messages to Remind are only seen by Mrs. Henjes and parents & students can reply to her messages.
- Reviewed 2 performances on 8/18/2023
  - Freshman Orientation- only 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Summer uniform
  - Dorchester Showdown call time 6:45, full band in Summer uniform. Will return to ARHS around 10pm. Itinerary has been emailed already.
- Weekly emails will come from Mrs. Henjes and will address 1 week at a time with other advanced notice items further down in the email if needed.
- Attendance was a big problem last year and made it very difficult to learn the show. This year is going better so far but reminder to parents and kids that their daily attendance is very important to the overall band
- Please communicate if your student will be absent. Fill out the form on the band website to notify of an upcoming absence. Always communicate.
- CSI photography goofed and will be coming back out for another Media Day for just the band. TBD
- GB reminded parents that fundraising and volunteer opportunities are important in helping to pay for the Fairshare and also helps the entire band at the same time
- Parking passes will be issued differently this year and will not have designated spaces but a general area to park
- Committees will meet for 5 minutes after the parent meeting
- 1<sup>st</sup> game is scheduled to play at ARHS and field is supposed to be finished.



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Motion to adjourn made by Stephanie Farmer, seconded by Tara Brown, all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Aug 14th Popcorn fundraiser begins!

Aug 14-15, 17th Full Band Practice (5:30pm-8:30pm)

Aug 17th Band Booster Meeting 7pm

Aug 18th Dorchester Showdown at Summerville HS (Full Band)

Aug 21st First day of school. After school practices will be Mon, Tues, and Thurs when school starts

Sept 7th Board meeting 7:15pm

Sept 12th Parent Meeting 6:30pm

Sept 16th Saturday Clinic 9am-3pm

Sept 30th Lowcountry Invitational (Wando)

Oct 7th Gus Moody (Summerville)

Oct 14th Espirit de Corps (Irmo)

Oct 21st or 28th DD2 Showcase

Oct 28th Saturday Clinic 9am-3pm

Nov 4th State Competition (Walterboro)