

Peachtree Ridge Band Boosters Association
General Membership Meeting
August 25, 2005

The General Membership Meeting of the Peachtree Ridge Band Boosters Association was held on August 25, 2005. Steve Kosmala called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Minutes from the July meeting were approved. The treasurer's report showed a current balance of \$33,506.94. Angela reported that the main income was from dues payments. \$5000.00 had been deposited for Rock-A-Thon. Main expenses came from miscellaneous band camp expenditures and uniform expenditures.

Jeff reported that camp was very successful despite late nights and early mornings. He reported that the students enjoyed many good games and activities along with band practice. 14 chaperones and 12 instructors helped run the camp. Jeff is in the process of collecting feedback to see if changes need to be made for next year's away camp.

Tim reported that 34 people helped with pit at the first game. He stated that they will continue to add more equipment and will need more help. Anyone interested in helping should meet at the rehearsal field at 6:15 PM before the next game.

Skip reported that construction of props is going well, and thanked all those that had helped. Pages of the book are painted. He will need help with soldering materials for the applause-o-meter.

Donna and Joe reported that permission forms for R-A-T need to be turned in next week. Each student should fill out a goal amount – an average of \$208/student is needed to make the budget. Students participating in the first car wash earned \$25 toward their Rock-A-Thon goal. Thanks to Karen R. for organizing the car wash. The next car wash will be held on August 27th. Donna reported that Riverside Pizza and Waffle House will be providing food for R-A-T. More prizes are needed to give out throughout the evening. She reminded parents that some companies will match funds raised.

Ms. Anderson introduced the new football coach, Blair Armstrong. Coach Armstrong emphasized that he is in favor of a "Friday Night Experience" including all that are involved in Friday night activities.

Ms. Anderson reported that the Gwinnett Exhibition will be on Sept. 26th. She reported that band members would stay after school, then go by bus to Norcross High for the exhibition. She also asked that parents not park in the fire lane when picking up students – the administration will be addressing those that continue to park in the fire lane.

Competition dates are as follows: October 1 – Brookwood, October 8 – Lassiter, and October 29 – Fayette Co.

Steve introduced Robert Fobes from the Grayson Highway Aaron Rents. Mr. Fobes presented a donation of \$1000.00 from the company. He received a standing ovation for their generous corporate donation.

Steve reported that he had a list of the 25 top corporate donors, and that we would need people that are willing to help write grants to apply for donations.

Steve reported on the progress of the uniform debt retirement. A payment of \$15,000 is due in May, 2006. \$13,000 has already been set aside toward that payment.

Lisa Taylor reported that the Duluth Fall Festival will be held on Sept. 24th and 25th. The band will be selling drinks and band bread. Drink assignments will come at a later date.

Steve reported on a proposed budget amendment. The change reflects an increase in income due to an increased number of students in the band. Camp expenses were amended due to a different number of students attending. Skip motioned that the amendment be approved, and Janice seconded the motion. The budget amendment was approved.

Jenny reported that we have 138 members of marching band and 60+ members in concert band. She stated that some concert uniforms were still out and needed to be returned.

Debra reported that a car wash will be held on Sat., Aug. 27th at Tires Plus in Duluth. There will also be a drink and bake sale.

Karen has band camp DVD's for sale. Karen Ball distributed pictures for chaperones from away band camp.

Juanita reported that first aid training has been scheduled for Sept. 1st and Sept. 13th. Chaperone training will also take place at 7:00 PM on Sept. 1st.

Toni reported that Colorguard shirts are on order forms. Magnets are also available for sale. Items ordered in August can be picked up Sept. 1st in the hall outside the band room. Orders for fall items should be made by Sept. 15th. Information is on the website. It was reported that our logo has been copyrighted.

Steve reported that the band will not be participating in a Gladiators Game or the Suwanee Days Parade due to calendar conflicts. He also reported that donations can be accepted for students with financial aid to confidentially help students with financial needs. Steve defined the goals of the band organization, emphasizing that we need to always look at what is best for the students and keep the integrity of the program. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Sue Elliott
Secretary