

**Blackman High School Band Booster Meeting**  
**August 14, 2018 @ 7:00pm**

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7:03pm Our meeting was called to order by Mark Farnsworth followed up by Kevin May

**7:03 pm WELCOME by Joey Barkley ~ with a reminder to NOT park back by the band room for any reason. The tower side lot is where all parents/students should park.**

**7:05pm Wendy Brown spoke and reviewed the process of our accounts. "We file a monthly budget to the front office so that we are kept accountable for the use of our funds." Our current accounts are through Pinnacle Bank and include a Checking account with a current balance (as of 9 August 2018) of \$74,786.72. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> account is a Savings account established for the future purchase of new uniforms down the road when the need arises. This was started 2 years ago with the idea that every year \$10,000 would be deposited into that account, so the current balance is \$20,000. A detailed Treasurer Report is located on the back of everyone's meeting notes. If you have any questions see Wendy Brown.**

**7:07pm Introductions: President(s) ~ Joey & Christina Barkley, VP ~ Michelle McDaniel, Secretary ~ Amy Cobb, Treasurer ~ Wendy Brown, Bookkeeper (not present) ~ Bonnie Ervin, Members at Large (appointed positions so there are more eyes on what's going on) ~ Mark Farnsworth, Tara Jones, Connie Schweikert & Lisa Buchanan (not present).**

**7:10pm Updates on Committees/SHOUT OUTS ~ THANK YOU for all of your help with summer fundraisers, band camp, getting everything started for the year. LOTS of preparation happens over the summer and throughout band camp!! Special SHOUT OUTS to Dana Fessler (not present) for the countless hours she spends on our uniform management! She doesn't even have a child in the band, yet pours so much time into our kids! Next, a SHOUT OUT to Petra Sorrow who heard of a need in the band room and without any prompting went out and filled that need..... x2! THANK YOU for the 2 NEW vacuums that you purchased!!!! Our last individual SHOUT OUT goes to Mark Farnsworth for taking over and seeing through the refurbishing of the directors tower and sideline stage!**

**7:13pm Mark spoke about the process of this time consuming project. He thanked the many people that rallied around him on 2 Saturdays this summer to help make this happen. The 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. they worked for 7 hours, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. for 3 hours and the stage took 9 hours! (Christina chimed in: "Not to count the additional hours that he would come up for an hour or 2 after work a lot of days to tinker and finalize things.")**

**7:17pm CB back up to speak about COMMUNICATION..... The best way to know what's going on in the band is to check the website Regularly! [www.blackmanband.com](http://www.blackmanband.com) We also have a Twitter account (@blackmanband) & a Facebook Page (which is run by the Band Booster Exec. Team) and is meant more for a POSITIVE platform to share all of the good that our band kids are doing! Please don't ask specific questions on there that should be taken directly to one of the directors via their emails. Thank you for all of the involvement from our parents, it takes a village to run this program!**

**7:21pm Joey Barkley back to the podium ~ Concert Band**

- We encourage all students to take Private Lessons. Teachers have been by and we are signing up students NOW.
- Mid State music will be out soon. We encourage all members to audition. \*A parent questioned if it's required ~ NOT REQUIRED, BUT Encouraged.
- Class objective pages are out for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter; class auditions are Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> during class. \*Parent question "What are the auditions for?" ~ Chair placement per Mrs. Monson.
- Dress Rehearsal September 17<sup>th</sup> 3:45-6 (for Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band + Percussion) in the band room
- Dress Rehearsal September 24<sup>th</sup> 3:45-5 (for Concert Band + Percussion) in the band room
- Dress Rehearsal #2 ~ Tuesday September 25<sup>th</sup> 3:45-6 in auditorium for ALL band members.
- Fall Concert: Thursday September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm (NO FOOTBALL BAND REHEARSAL after school); Concert attire is the same as Mid-State concert dress requirements. See band handbook for details. \*Parent question, "Does the Guard attend this concert?" ~ NO

**7:26pm Football Band**

- Aug 17<sup>th</sup> @ Hendersonville
- September 7<sup>th</sup> @ Smyrna; band will meet at Smyrna HS
- September 14<sup>th</sup> @ HOME vs. Siegal
- September 21<sup>st</sup> @ Oakland; band will meet at Oakland HS
- October 12<sup>th</sup> @ HOME vs Cookeville (Homecoming)
- October 19<sup>th</sup> @ HOME vs. Stewarts Creek (8<sup>th</sup> grade night)
- October 26<sup>th</sup> @ HOME vs. Riverdale (Senior Night)
- Possibility of playoffs

**7:33 pm ~ Fundraisers**

- **Calendar Sale ~ every student sells 4 calendars (\$5/each) & 1 magnet (\$5) ~ total of \$25**  
**\*\*If you want to order any portrait packages of your child(ren) you will pay Loveless Photography directly.**
- **TITANS!!!! Every Family works AT LEAST ONE event. Sign up through Wendy Brown ([wendy.brown@mtsu.edu](mailto:wendy.brown@mtsu.edu))**
- **KROGER CARDS \*Everyone needs to register AGAIN for the new school year starting September 1<sup>st</sup>. In the past, we were receiving roughly \$1,000/month, now we barely get anything!**
- **Amazon ~ Blaze Band Partners**
- **Restaurant Spirit Nights ~ Our next will be on September 25<sup>th</sup> at Zaxby's on Fortress Blvd. Flyers will be available at the September meeting and sent home with students the day of.**

**7:39pm ~ Next Meeting we will have a table set up with leftover shirts from past years for sale \$5/each. CASH or CHECK only.**

**7:40pm ~ Members Questions & Comments – “Will we be doing March – A – Thon?” ~ NO**

**7:42pm ~ Mr. Wright spoke to inform everyone that a weekly email will start going out from the directors. If you are not receiving those, let them know and your email will be added.**

**CHECK OUT THE WEBPAGE!! [www.blackmanband.com](http://www.blackmanband.com)**

**Next Booster Meeting ~ Tuesday September 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm \*\*Due to there being an event that night, the date may change. Please refer to the band website for updates.**

**7:44pm ~ Motion to Adjourn the meeting by Lori Reed, seconded by Rodney Hewitt**