

# **GWHS BAND & GUARD BOOSTER MEETING & ELECTIONS**

## **MAY 12, 2025**

### **1. Call to order: 6:19 pm**

- a. Meeting held in person & via ZOOM

### **2. Old Business:**

- a. Had a mattress fundraiser information meeting, followed by a parent meeting
  - i. Signs & Flyers were available to take home to promote the sale.
  - ii. Nomination-Election Committee read the newly constructed bylaws.
    - 1. There were no questions or corrections to be made.
    - 2. Motioned to adopt bylaws as presented, all in favor, no opposed.

### **3. New Business:**

- a. **Elections** - Anna Torres, Election Committee Chair
  - i. Introductions of the Election Committee
  - ii. Read parts of the Bylaws –
    - a. Article III: Officers & their Election
      - i. Elected officers shall serve a 1-year term.
      - ii. Nominees for offices or any other elected officer, shall not be related by blood or marriage or reside in the same household.
      - iii. Holding office shall be limited to those who have been active with boosters for at least 180 days before nominations, except for members of transfer students who must have been active for at least 30 days before nominations.
      - iv. Officers shall assume their duties at the first Executive Board meeting in May. Except for today's election, duties will begin tomorrow (5/13/25).
      - v. If an office remains unfilled after election, it shall be considered vacant and is to be filled by the board elect.
  - iii. Review proposed 25-26 slate of nominees:
    - 1. Officers
      - a. For President, Marty Crouse is nominated.

- b. For Vice President, Ashely Maze is nominated.
- c. For Treasurer, Genie Calderon is nominated.
- d. For Secretary, Anna Torres is nominated.
- e. For Parliamentarian, Livy Esquivel, Andrew Tobias, & Cat Garcia are nominated.

2. Chairs:

- a. For Historian, Elvira Navarro, Crystal Novelo, & Jennifer Alvarez are nominated.
- b. For Hospitality, Gigi Crouse & Linda Pineda are nominated.
- c. For Fundraising, Cat Garcia is nominated.
- d. For Uniforms & Grooming, Linda Pineda is nominated.
- e. For Props Coordinator, Ronnie Pineda is nominated.

3. Anna: "Are there any other nominations from the floor at this time? Hearing no nominations from the floor, we will now begin the election."

iv. Conduct election of officers

- 1. Ballots were provided for those who attended the meeting in person. Attendees on zoom were given an e-document and submitted their ballot in a ZOOM message to Mr. Salazar.
  - a. Marty Crouse & Anna Torres, members of the Election Committee, will review the ballots, tally the votes, and the 25-26 Officers & Chairs will be announced at the end of the meeting.
    - i. One e-ballot was submitted.

**b. Updates from Mr. Salazar:**

i. Fundraisers:

- 1. Mattress Sale brought in a total of \$6000- \$5000 went to the band program & \$1000 went to pay out students for referrals.
  - a. Great outcome & little effort was needed on our side. Will continue to have this fundraiser so long as it remains successful & sticks to the mission statement.
- 2. VAPA Lion's Club breakfast – students were able to sell tickets to raise money for the 6 Flags trip.
  - a. Band & guard were the HIGHEST earning program! \$1075
  - b. This would be a great annual event/fundraiser

- ii. Mr. Salazar has been looking into having a lock-in type activity, but Admin is currently hesitant to approve. Will provide further details and updates if/when necessary.

- iii. **May 17<sup>th</sup> car show gig downtown for jazz band is cancelled.**
  - iv. About 15 students participated in a district-wide concert.
  - v. Students are preparing for Spring Concert & Graduation.
    - 1. **Spring Concert** -starts at 7 pm, \$5 entrance fee, at LJ Williams.  
**Call time is 6:20, and the dress code is concert black.**
      - a. About an hour-long concert
      - b. Mr. Salazar will create a link to purchase e-tickets
      - c. Concessions – sell remaining snacks and drinks
        - i. Will sell at the Beginning, intermission, & possibly a little bit at the end.
        - ii. Need 2-3 volunteers for concessions & tickets
          - 1. Genie Calderon, Cat Garcia volunteered
          - 2. See if guard/orchestra students can help
  - vi. **Refer to Band App for newly posted Spring rehearsal dates, band camp information, tentative marching season/Fall schedule, etc.**
    - 1. Contact Mr. Salazar with any questions/concerns.
    - 2. A show has been picked & will be announced at the banquet.  
 The show was written by someone who has had some recent winning shows!
  - 3. Band Camp**
    - a. The last two weeks before school starts
    - b. Briefly discussed selling concessions to students at band camp during a break. Decided to revisit the idea.
    - c. Threw out the idea of selling concessions and or having food vendor(s) at the Band Camp Concert.
  - 4. Cologuard**
    - a. It was asked if we have an instructor for the upcoming season.
      - i. Mr. Salazar said Monica & Steph are stepping down. We are ok leading into summer but looking to fill the instructor position.
        - 1. Requirements: Someone who can be here for both the marching season & winter is preferred. Contact Mr. Salazar with any questions.
- c. **BUDGET DRAFT** presented by Mr. Salazar:
  - i. Current balance: \$14,000
  - ii. Projected Income:

1. Car Wash \$500
2. 2 x fill the drum \$6,000
3. Pizza factory \$1,000
4. CSBC \$20,000
5. Sponsorships \$3,000
6. Band goal \$3,000 (which includes \$100 student fee)
7. More fundraisers are to be organized following booster elections.

iii. Projected Expenses

1. Field show music, drill and choreograph \$10,000
2. Guard uniforms \$1,500-2,000
3. Fall season shirts \$2000
  - a. Steven Torres brought up the question of, “Have you thought about increasing the band fee to include the cost of shirts instead of the band program paying for them? Or have parents pay for the shirts outside of the band fee to save money for the program?”
4. Competition registration fees \$1,900
5. CSBC upfront costs \$2,500
6. Fall show props \$1,000
7. Food (lunch & snack) for 100 students for 6 competitions – \$2,500

a. Cost does not reflect any donations that we receive.

iv. There will still be roughly \$20,000 remaining after these expenses.

v. Side note: the last showcase brought in about \$2,200.

vi. Mr. Salazar would like to hold on to stipends at this time to use as he sees best fit for the program.

d. **We need 5 volunteers THIS Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>! Tire props & unusable floors need to be taken to the city’s “Dump on Us” event. Coordinate with Mr. Whitfield.**

1. Can take up to 4 tires per person
2. Must live in Visalia to participate in the “Dump on Us” – start is 7:30am. City yard - 335 N. Cain St, between Goshen & Main St.

e. **Band Banquet: Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6pm – GWHS Gym**

- i. Student awards have already been taken care of by Mr. Salazar
- ii. Will have use of the main gym, a projector, tables/seating.
- iii. Committee: Anna Torres, Linda Pineda, Gigi Crouse, Genie Calderon
- iv. **Food:**

1. Band Boosters will provide the main entrée – street tacos
  - a. Meat & tortillas have been donated!
2. Mr. Salazar will make a student sign-up list for sides, drinks, and desserts.
- v. A few small groups of students will perform at the banquet
- vi. 2 social media students will be putting together a slideshow

**f. Election Results**

i. Officers

1. President: Marty Crouse  
VP: Ashley Maze  
Secretary: Anna Torres  
Treasurer: Genie Calderon  
Parliamentarian: Livy Esquivel

ii. Chairs

1. Historian: Elvira Navarro  
Hospitality: Gigi Crouse  
Fundraising: Cat Garcia  
Uniforms & Grooming: Linda Pineda  
Props Coordinator: Ronnie Pineda

**4. Next meeting: Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm**

**5. Adjourn: 7:32 pm**