

February 10, 2025

6:30 pm

TCHS

The meeting was called to order by Derrick Nobles, and a prayer by Wesley Woods followed.

- Taking attendance at meetings to help with membership

Previous minutes were read and approved by Wesley Woods and seconded by Kevin Hill. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

-Brooke Davis was not in attendance, so we looked at the report from the booster website.

--Wendy NeeSmith asked about where the drink machines are located. One is located in the gym at the high school-Coke has different accounts and they are trying to get it into one account.

-we received \$7,327.72 from AD

-We received Todd Padgett's money of \$5,000 from the corporate sponsorship from the fall.

-we owe AD \$16,000 for the Spring sports

-outstanding invoices for coke

-will meet next week with Coke to try to get the accounts solidated

-all-star game was paid already-back before the first of the year

-\$24,000 going out to Thriftway for the balance due

-Thriftway-talk to them about getting a monthly bill instead of a big invoice at the end

-Wendy NeeSmith asked about the stripe account It is for those who contribute monthly to the boosters

-booster spark is connected with stripe

-any membership will show up as stripe

-you can pull up membership through the website

-GALA-people can buy their ticket through the website

-Coach Allen wants us to pay for the rooms for state wrestling-this is the reasoning for the coaches to submit budgets so we know ahead of time

Committee Report:

Concession

- Jay Mosley was not in attendance to give the concession report
- Derrick said that 7 events were coming up for concession work. Jay is depositing around \$2,000 in the account each week for concessions
- Ideas were talked about for concessions after the football season
- not sure how much money is made after football season
- coming up with a solution for the concessions after football season

Communications

- Wesley states that information is out there
- Need to try to get an email list so info can be sent out that way also
- Ways to get more people involved
- Wendy NeeSmith and Yolanda Hernandez helping out with social media
- Incorporate more recognition in sponsorship through social media

Membership

- The chairman was absent-Bobby George-willing to help out and get a committee together to help with the membership
- would like to go through the website to help membership
- need to get information on the website
- get more people involved

Coaches report:

- would like to see more coaches attend the meetings
- Colin Milligan was selected to participate in district Honor Band-GMED (Georgia Music Educators District -16 school systems participate)
- The concert band is getting ready for the festival season-one competition in March at West Laurens

-Bullard and Milligan reported about the band-spring training in April for those coming up to the high school band next year-those applying for leadership will go over and help with fundamentals

Old Business:

- Waiting on the approval of the non-profit 501(c)(3)
- \$600 fee for the 501

New Business:

- Raffle tickets were discussed-will sell 300 tickets-tickets will be \$100 each-winnings: 3 winners: 1-\$5,000 -- 2-\$2,500 – 3 \$2,500-drawing will be held at the Toombs/Vidalia Baseball Game April 18th
- Need to have a better way to draw the names (big box suggested)
- Brooke Davis will be in charge of handing out tickets and keeping up with who has which numbers

No additional announcements

Open Forum:

- Mr. Milligan discussed that coaches put all things needed and may need in their budget-they need to plan for going all the way through playoffs (travel, uniform, food, etc.)-budgets need to be turned in to AD-Buddy Martin
- Depending on how much we take in, we will decide how to distribute next year-3 checks fall, winter, spring???
- Boosters will help all sports, especially those who don't draw a gate
- Derrick James did a great raffle-text message fundraiser-80/20
- Promote fundraisers on the website to help out their programs-not sure how to tie it in-will look into it
- If you have a team that does a lot of fundraising, they may not need as much from the boosters

- The goal is to raise enough money so the sports programs won't have to fundraise
- GALA was mentioned at the end of the school year to help the boosters. Trying to get a big speaker to bring in the people to raise money
- Coach Martin gives a brief speech about his year
- Will have a silent auction and live auction at the GALA
- Changing our corporate sponsor level by working on different levels/packages
- Will go after the big sponsors to see what we can do-Paul Thigpen, DOT foods, Woody Folsom
- Most sponsors have to donate to all 4 schools: Toombs, Vidalia, Vidalia Heritage, Robert Toombs
- We need to ask more businesses about sponsorships-some have never been asked
- We need connections to the hospital about giving money
- Would like to go outside the county to see if other companies would like to donate
- Try to get an alumni to help bring in people who may know others who can help out
- We are having to do a raffle to keep the money rolling to get to the end of the year

The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2025, at 6:30 pm

A motion was made to adjourn by Kevin Hill and seconded by Wendy NeeSmith

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Those in attendance

Derrick Nobles

Wesley Woods

Leslie McLendon

Brooke Davis (absent)

Noah Bullard

Lee Milligan

Wendy NeeSmith

Yolanda Hernandez

Kevin Hill