

*Minutes from the March 29, 2010
Band Parents Meeting*

Ann Beach opened in prayer:

Those in attendance were Barb Rollins, Ann Beach, Miriam Burton, Debbie McFall, Mary Beth Whitlaw, Caroline Gwinn, and Mary Gregory.

Barb Rollins thanked the band for providing food for grieving families. She asked about possible new students and asked that they contact her ASAP. Members were asked to please sign Google Docs for upcoming events especially the Capitol performance. Sign-up sheets were sent around at the meeting. A new look to the band room will be here shortly. New stands have arrived which are much sturdier. Thank you Roger and Barb Rollins for providing these. Please be in prayer for God's leadership as to a local, national, or international missions trip. Information about Summer Band Camps is available in the manila envelope. Sign ups for summer lessons has begun. The International Drum Corp is coming to Columbia on Sunday, June 20. Contact Barb Rollins if you are interested in going and to get ticket and travel information. Students are doing well with the new pedal for Smart Music Solo accompaniment. The concert songs "Americans We" and "Liberty Bell" are on Smart Music now. Next week's schedule is different: Monday and Tuesday is for ensembles to get together and practice. More information will be sent later. Check your e-mail. Missed lessons due to teacher's conflicts and travel will be worked out ASAP. Students should be practicing their scales everyday. Goals and requirements for each level of student were listed on the agenda. Contact Barb Rollins for this information. Some parts of the Noah Plan of Teaching: The Principle Approach will be implemented into the band soon. Upcoming band events were reviewed. Please sign Google Docs.

Ann Beach informed the parents that the officers are still working on a point system to encourage more involvement in band fundraisers and activities. The cost for all band activities is about \$5,000 a year. A questionnaire was distributed to get feedback about implementing a point system.

Mary Gregory is organizing the music lending library for Solo and Ensemble on April 30 and May 1. She is also organizing band student pages to help show beginners to their rooms. Let her know if and when you can help.

Miriam Burton gave us the Treasure's report. As of March 29, 2010, we have \$2049.91 in the account.

Officers were reminded of the meeting on April 16 at 4:00pm.

Concerns about beginning students and their parents not feeling apart of the bigger band were expressed. Possible solutions such as the following were discussed:

- 1. Having a parent meeting just for beginners and explain what they could expect in the first year and how they can get involved with the band.*
- 2. Assigning an older student to help the beginning student at lessons.*
- 3. Pairing seasoned parents with new parents to help answer questions and help the new family become involved with the band activities.*

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Beth Whitlaw

