

**AUBURN ALUMNI BAND BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022
7:30 P.M. CST
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Deborah Dickerson – President
Mary Monk-Tutor – Vice President
Rob Cothran – Treasurer
Taylor Nails – Secretary
Traci Ash
Tamara Grizzle
Gillian Johnston
Christiania Jordan
Sidney Keywood
Richard Martin
Paul McCracken
Alison Slade
Paul Wright
Scott Wright

Those not in attendance:

Gerritt Keaton – Immediate Past President
Betsy Logan
Jeffrey Rowser

READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

Deborah Dickerson motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 13, 2022.
Paul McCracken second.

All voted to approve the minutes. None opposed. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

TREASURER'S REPORT – ROB COTHRAN

*Picked up more checks from the PO Box

*Current Endowment and Financial Report will be scanned to hand out at reunion.

*Refund will be made to Sidney Keywood for \$10 shipping charge for online reunion meal payment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

*There was a Facebook announcement and email requesting people to apply to be on the board about a week ago.

*Deadline to apply to be a board member and put your name in the running for Vice President is **Friday, September 16, 2022.**

*The committee will meet and choose their slate on **Sunday, September 18, 2022.**

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PROMOTIONAL ITEMS COMMITTEE – TRACI ASH

*Stadium Bags and Keychains from Image Group

-Stadium Bags: ordered 100, 16 reserved, 13 prepaid

-Keychains: ordered 150, 44 reserved, 33 prepaid

Those items shipped out on Monday, September 12 and will be to the band office by Friday, September 16.

*Gillian Johnston will pick up items shipped to the band office so orders can be packaged.

*Pre-ordered merchandise such as polos, tanks, and women's and men's jackets had a total sale of 79 pieces.

*Navy T-shirts: ordered 200 in various sizes, 116 reserved, 66 prepaid

-Several need to be shipped. Small orders of just t-shirts or keychains have been charged \$10 for shipping to fit into a small priority mail box.

-If larger items needed to be shipped (e.g. tumblers, mugs), shipping would need to be paid once the cost of shipping is figured out and customers have agreed to that since that is a bulkier box to ship.

*Gray T-shirts: ordered 100 in various sizes, 56 reserved, 34 prepaid

*On-hand merchandise: Gerritt Keaton will get together with Jill Warbington.

*Band-A Stickers: ordered 150

*White Hats and White Visors: asked Sarah Ferguson to order 75 each.

-Hoping to get these before reunion so they can be pre-packaged with orders.

*Grand total of all items ordered: \$8,520

Collected: A little more than \$6,193 with a few fees taken out to people paying on PayPal and sending money for goods and services.

*Traci Ash and Rob Cothran have been working on getting items added to our Square account, but not making it public until close to Reunion so that there is no confusion.

*Since Dr. Vinson started the Alumni Band Reunion in the 1980's, the board is going to gift him and Mrs. Vinson a commemorative t-shirt to say thank you for getting it started. Possibly give a shirt to Dr. Spurlin and Sarah Ferguson for all the work they do to help keep us running.

-The shirt costs \$11.80 each.

-Decision of who to give shirts to needed to be voted on by the board since the gift is using money from the board.

-Deborah Dickerson motioned to vote to give t-shirts to only Dr. and Mrs. Vinson.

-Paul McCracken second.

-All approved. None opposed. Motion passed.

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REUNION PLANNING COMMITTEE – DEBORAH DICKERSON

*Email sent out earlier today concerning the Alumni Band seating during the game.

-Half of the band in the lower bowl and half in the upper deck.

*Richard Martin shared instrumentation breakdown of the 243 signed up for reunion:

32 Flute/Piccolo
23 Clarinet
17 Alto Sax
1 Tenor Sax
48 Trumpet
9 Horn
4 Baritone
10 Tuba
2 Other
7 Front Ensemble
4 Snare
5 Tenors
0 Bass Drum
1 Cymbal
24 Trombone
29 Flagline
19 Majorette
4 Dance

*Schedule is still being worked on. Sarah Ferguson thinks Auxiliary registrations will need to start at 5:15 a.m. and everyone else at 5:45 a.m.

*We will need to figure out seating ahead of time because we will not have much time at rehearsal to divide.

*Some thoughts provided were to go ahead and let the membership know the seating situation, people will be able to make up their minds what they want to do ahead of time. We will send something out on Facebook, Instagram, and email asking those who feel they must be in the lower bowl, they need to let us know. We need their instrument type to help with instrumentation.

*Another option mentioned to help with seating was a Google form.

*We want everyone in the upper deck and lower bowl to be able to switch after half-time so they have the opportunity to play in the stands. Those in the upper deck will not get to play because those with larger instruments such as percussion and/or tuba will not be able to bring instruments to the upper deck, thus no balanced instrumentation for playing. There will be a tarp in a tunnel for percussion and tubas in the upper deck to leave their instruments.

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*Deborah asked Sarah Ferguson about meals. We will have a boxed breakfast from Chappy's with a breakfast sandwich, hashbrown casserole, and fruit.

*Rob needs access to the Google Doc for registration so he can update boxed breakfasts paid for by check.

*Deborah mentioned talking to the Athletic Department about reunion.

-Rob noted that, while it is a pain this year, we should also remember that in the past, alumni have had to pay for their ticket to the game just to participate in Alumni Band. The University has been giving us these tickets for free for the past decade.

*Something else band staff may consider is where auxiliaries will split for seating since they aren't playing instruments. It should still be considered that some auxiliaries may not be able to make it to the upper deck.

*More discussion on making sure we have a balanced band for playing in the stands and although it is not ideal, it may be best for auxiliaries who are able to, sit in the upper deck since they're not playing. However, consider there are some instrumentalists who may not want to play and maybe an auxiliary would want to perform in the stands.

*We need to first ask for volunteers to sit in the upper deck.

RECEPTION FRIDAY NIGHT – RICHARD MARTIN

*Kick off the evening on Friday night at 7:00 p.m. CT and the event will run from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. CT.

*The best location is the band field because of traffic, parking, and the homecoming parade.

*Have some finger foods. Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma will work with us on how they can contribute to the food and drinks.

*Entertainment will be cornhole, music, old show videos streaming, silent auction

-A few items have been donated to the silent auction, but we don't want to have too many options and we are targeting somewhere between five and ten items.

*Moira Alsobrook from the Alumni Association informed Mary that they will donate things to give away such as shakers and other Auburn paraphernalia that is typically at the Alumni Tent.

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*With the design help of Scott Wright, we are looking to have a new 4x8 vinyl banner to hang at reunion and at the reception to use as a backdrop for pictures, etc. The cost is just under \$200 which includes everything.

-Board voting to purchase banner:

-Motion by Paul McCracken to vote for purchase of the banner. Second by Deborah Dickerson.

- Ten in favor. None opposed. Four Abstained. Motion to purchase banner passes.

*Mary will send timelines for Friday and Saturday to the board for their responsibilities as well as sign-ups for needed help.

*We will investigate having the band field open after halftime for people to rest during the game if they decide to leave.

*We will defer conversation of joining the Auburn Alumni Association to a different meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

*Deborah and Mary will be attending a seminar by the National Association of Alumni Bands on recruiting recent grads.

*Mary mentioned streaming the reunion live on Facebook or Instagram, but we think that the wireless connection will not be strong enough to do so.

*Next meeting will be a Reunion Wrap-Up meeting on **Tuesday, October 25 at 7:30 ET/6:30 CT.**

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING – DEBORAH DICKERSON
8:58 P.M. ET/7:58 P.M. CT