

GCGPC Minutes Fall 2016

Executive Director Rebecca Belveal called the meeting to order at 2:10.

Schools/Units Represented were Choctawhatchee HS, Daphne HS, Escambia HS, Foley HS, Gulf Breeze HS, Harrison County Schools, Jay HS, Jay Independent, Milton HS, Pace HS, Robertsdale HS, Saraland HS, Tate HS, West Florida HS, Xcelsior Independent.

1. The Minutes of the December 2015 Meeting and the Spring 2016 Meeting were emailed to the membership. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mark Foster and seconded by Mike Philley. Minutes were approved. Treasurer Rachel Belvel reported that the ####.00 is in the account. Units credits amount to ####.00 which leaves ####.00 for the Circuit. Mark Foster motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Leo Finuliar seconded. Motion approved. (actual dollar amounts will be emailed top members – we did not want to post dollar amounts on the public website).

The Board will look into setting up a Paypal account. Any charges to use Paypal to pay Circuit fees will be collected in addition to your unit fee.

2. Schedule of Contests:

Jan 28 – Field Day at Jay HS

Feb 4 Robertsdale HS

Feb 11 Choctawhatchee

Feb 18 Pace HS

(Feb 25 is WGI Regional at Tate HS)

March 4 Saraland HS

March 11 Escambia HS

March 18 Daphne HS(Hattiesburg & Atlanta WGI Perc Regionals)

April 1 Championships at Tate High School.

For the **field day** at Jay – we will look to have a couple local judges to come in for comments, each group will get a block of time to warm up/perform, instructors can also talk to each other. This will give the students an opportunity to watch and support each other. If we do not have enough sign up for the field day we will not host. This will NOT count as one of the required 3 circuit shows to participate in Championships.

3. **Scholastic Marching Percussion AA Class addition.** The circuit will require 9 or more to have two classes. If a group scores above the block score they will automatically be promoted from AA to A. Scholastic A would be considered National A. Scholastic AA would be a “circuit” A. Still keep the directors involved in decision of what class to be in. If the placement is lopsided we will address this at that time.

Motion was made by Mark Foster and seconded by Tory Donahoo. The Circuit will create a Marching Scholastic AA class in Percussion when 9 or more units sign up for the contest season. We would consider the A as National A and the AA would be Circuit A. Both Classes would use the same Class A sheet provided by WGI. A **promotion score will be determined annually by the Board.** Groups may sign up in either class with the caveat that if we do not reach the 9 group threshold all will be placed in the A class. **Passed.**

4. The same criteria in item #3 will be used for setting **Scholastic A and AA in guard.** Motion Mike Philly and seconded by Jerry Holzwarth. Motion approved. **Passed.**
5. On the subject for the protocol for the use of music/rally cheers/Dr. Beat in the warmup areas. Instructors should be aware of their proximity to performance venues. Mike Philley said that Tate hoped to address this issue by setting designated warm up areas.
6. If a unit wishes to add to a contest after the season has started they must do so by the Sunday prior to the contest you want to add to. **Passed.**
7. Hall of Fame. A Committee will be set today to review and decide upon procedures. Committee members are Nathan Alvarez, Mark Foster, Dwight Hollingsworth, Dee Dee Shank and Brice Milton.
8. Alliance Media – one more year. After this year we can move forward. We need the membership to let us know what Alliance Media needs to do to improve the DVD and sales.
9. Each unit will be required to provide their arranging/copyrights for their music choices. We will use the WGI forms as well as contact to Craig in the Louisiana Circuit for additional guidance. We will add to the signup info. The Circuit Secretary and Contest Director will need to have a copy of these documents at all competitions. **Passed.**
10. Judge housing will be provided for those who lives further than 50mile radius from show. **Passed.**
11. The membership in attendance agreed that Audio/Video conferencing would be to difficult to set up because of lack of wifi availability.
12. The circuit would like to provide an Internship for Social Media. Maybe two separate positions. One for Percussion and one for Guard. Reach out to area Universities/High Schools to see if someone would be interested.

13. The Officers of the Circuit no longer receive compensation for their time. We will contact Fred Feeny to ask about D&O insurance.

14. The survey from Terry – 21 folks responded.

15. Remind 101 – for improving communication for schedule changes or anything else needed at contests or other times. Percussion group will be separate from Guard.

16. Election of Officers:

Executive Director: Marsha Foster

Vice Ex. Director: Terry Sanders

Executive Secretary: Nathan Alvarez

Executive Treasurer: Rachel Belveal

Color Guard Rep: Leo Finuliar

Percussion Rep: Garrett Lambert

17. Old/New Business: Mark Foster thanked Rebecca Belveal for her service to the Circuit. We could rotate place of meetings. Next meeting December 11 2:00pm at Daphne HS, Spring Meeting on May 7, 2017 at Pace HS.

Meeting Adjourned 3:52pm