

## **Jupiter High School Band Booster Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 18, 2012

Location: JHS Band Room

Meeting called to order: 7:15 PM

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Toni Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

### **JUPITER PERFORMING ARTS FUND (JPAF)** – Bari Axelband

JPAF has been in existence for three years, and they've accomplished a lot of things. Bari brought a list of the group's accomplishments for all to see.

JPAF's most recent accomplishment is happening this week. JPAF (with help from a grant from Target) was able to bring Ron Blake to the Jupiter to work with the IMS, JMS and JHS jazz bands, all of which will perform at the 1st Jupiter Jazz Fest this Friday night at 7:30 in the JHS auditorium.

Bari encouraged everyone to support JPAF in two ways:

1. JPAF is always in need of volunteers! No time commitment is too big or too small! Another way to help is to provide contact information or leads that can help JPAF. They are in need of volunteers to man their booth at Jupiter Jubilee, to be held Saturday, February 4th.
2. Support JPAF by attending their events and passing along their invitations to friends. The "Mays at the Movies" event will be held Saturday, February 18th at 7:00 PM at the Lighthouse ArtCenter. Tickets are \$75 each and are limited. Tickets will be sold at the concert this Friday night and are also available online at [JPAF.org](http://JPAF.org). Video and photos from last year's event are also available on the web site on the "Out & About" page.

### **FUNDRAISING** – Bonnie Welsh

South Florida Fair Tickets: We sold \$1861 in tickets, not including online sales. Ten percent (\$186.10) goes to the general band account. This isn't bad for our first year!

Enjoy the City Coupon Books: Unsold coupon books are due back NOW.

Elite Discount Cards: Unsold cards were due to be returned in November, and many students have not returned them yet. We will have to charge student accounts \$10 per card so that we can pay the vendor. In the future if we choose to do this fundraiser, we will not use a vendor but will create our own card.

Jupiter Jubilee: The band will have a booth at the Jubilee, and we will be selling drinks as a fundraiser for the general band account. We will also be handing out brochures, and we need volunteers!

Spring Fundraiser: We are talking about doing a fundraiser for the general band account – something like a dinner combined with a concert and/or silent auction – to help make up the shortfall in the budget so we can end the year in the black. Bonnie will send out a questionnaire for ideas soon. The event would be held the weekend of April 20-22 or April 27-29.

Ideas discussed include:

- Combining the March and/or May concerts with a dinner
- Jazz/Swing Dance event - teach how to swing dance and the jazz ensemble plays swing music to dance to. We would need a contact for a swing dance teacher. (Atlantic Arts Academy was suggested.)
- Valentine's Day concert with dessert. It was agreed that Valentine's Day is too soon, but some sort of event with desserts could be planned for later in the spring.
- School-wide drawing for a big ticket item - sell tickets at school to all students
- Spaghetti dinner at Jupiter Community Center
- Carlin Park concert/dinner

We will need a separate meeting to finalize an idea and start making plans.

Spring Training Concession Booth: We have an opportunity to do concessions during spring training on three (3) days during Spring Break week. Those who participate will get credit towards your child's fair share. We need 12-18 people per game, and attendance at a training session is required. Bonnie thinks kids can participate, but they cannot serve beer or wine. She is getting a contract signed this week and will find out the details (and game dates/times) then.

#### Other

- It was noted that Winter Guard has had a candy fundraiser so far, and Bonnie is hoping to schedule another one. She is also looking into Honeybaked Ham fundraiser for guard.
- Mixed Bag Designs has a new spring catalog out - we could sell those or purchase items from their outlet to sell on our own.
- Bonnie is working on a fundraising comparison from last year to this year for the next meeting.
- Applebee's has a standing offer for us to do fundraising there - dinner with cash back to the band, a car wash, etc.
- Anyone who would like to chair a fundraiser, please contact Bonnie ([bfwelsh@hotmail.com](mailto:bfwelsh@hotmail.com)) or Michelle ([seeshellkell@bellsouth.net](mailto:seeshellkell@bellsouth.net)). For the next school year, we are also looking for liaisons for Concert Band and Winter Guard.

Christmas Trees: The quality of the Christmas trees received this year and last was discussed, and many agreed that this year's trees seemed to die quickly. This should be discussed with the vendor. It was also suggested that students send out thank you notes to their customers and inquire about the quality of their purchases.

#### **MEETING ATTENDANCE/VOLUNTEERS**

Some ideas were discussed to increase Band Booster Meeting attendance and the number of volunteers to help get band booster work done.

- The Medical academy (at JHS) requires all parents to donate a certain amount of time every school year - should we do the same for band?
- Many parents attended the first meeting of the year, but perhaps some of those were turned off because so much time was spent on fundraising. Should we have a separate meeting at the beginning of the year to focus on fundraising and/or to introduce new parents to what goes on in band? It could be held at the same time we have an event for new band students?
- Perhaps parents do not realize that Band Booster meetings are for all parents of all band students, not just marching band?

## **BAND NEWS** – Michael Larkin

Jupiter Jazz Fest: We are very lucky to be able to have that event here, thanks to JPAF! The event is receiving a lot of press coverage, including an interview with the Jupiter Courier and possibly coverage by channel 12.

Jazz MPA: We need one more male chaperone for this event on Thursday, February 2nd.

South Florida Swing & Jazz Preservation Society: The Jazz Ensemble will be participating in a "Battle of the Bands" event hosted by this group. All bands receive a donation for participating, and there are additional monetary prizes for semi-finalists and finalists.

Jazz Ensemble: We are receiving so many calls for opportunities to play that we cannot accept them all. The Jazz Ensemble is planning to play at MidTown's Music on the Plaza (in Palm Beach Gardens) again this year.

Solo & Ensemble: February 3-4 - All students are required to perform for Mr. Larkin for approval to attend Solo & Ensemble. There are sign up sheets on the band kitchen door.

Web Sites: Mr. Larkin shared two web sites tonight:

### **Groundswell**: [advocacy.nafme.org](http://advocacy.nafme.org)

This site is a hub for social-media based advocacy for the National Association for Music Education. Included on the site are ideas and tools to help you better advocate for music education, including sample letters for principals, etc. Mr. Larkin recommends the "Why Music?" video at [advocacy.nafme.org/video/why-music](http://advocacy.nafme.org/video/why-music)

### **The National Association of Music Parents**: [www.AMParents.org](http://www.AMParents.org)

This site is home to a grassroots national movement for music education to ensure that music and the arts remain an integral part of the education system in America. Mr. Larkin showed a video from the site's home page (Introducing AMP - Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser) - check it out to see some familiar faces!

This organization also has a Facebook page. Some of the best band organizations in the country have started or joined this group.

We are very fortunate in Jupiter! We have very good students and a very supportive administration, as well as support like JPAF.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Publicity - David Summers

Information about Friday's concert has been sent to many outlets.

Cheesecakes - Stephanie Schulz

There are a few items left for sale. If anyone is interested, contact Stephanie at [sschulz@bellsouth.net](mailto:sschulz@bellsouth.net).

Concert Bake Sale - Terri Saunders

Winter Guard is accepting donations for a bake sale to be held during intermission at this Friday's concert. Items must be store bought.

## **CALENDAR NOTES**

- Jupiter Jazz Fest with Ron Blake: Friday, January 20 @ 7:30 PM
- Band Booster Meeting (Board Nominations): Wednesday, February 15 @ 7:00 PM
- Spring Band Concert: Thursday, March 1
- Band Booster Meeting (Board Elections): Wednesday, March 14 @ 7:00 PM
- Spring Break: March 19-26
- Band Banquet: Saturday, May 5

A nominating committee will be formed and nominations will be accepted for Band Booster Board positions beginning at the February meeting. Any band parent may nominate his/herself or be nominated for any board position. The new board will be instated at the April meeting.

See [www.jupiterbands.com/Band/Calendar.html](http://www.jupiterbands.com/Band/Calendar.html) for the latest band calendar information.

Thank you for your attendance!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.