

Warrior Band Boosters General Meeting Minutes

Date: November 14, 2012

Location: JHS Band Room

Meeting called to order: 7:10 pm

Booster President Stephanie Schulz called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 17, 2012, Band Booster meeting were made available previous to this meeting via email and on the band's web site. David Summers made a motion, seconded by Kate Tierney, to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Finance Report – Rose Lynch, Treasurer

Rose provided a budget summary report for review. We have a positive cash balance, and we are on track in almost every area.

Fundraising

- Concessions: We are down compared to last year, but this year we had a rain out and one less game. We will be doing concessions for lacrosse games in the spring. We need to decide on the dates. Our concessions team will also be working the Winter Guard Prelims that we are hosting on March 16, 2013.
- Christmas Trees: We've sold approximately \$42,000 in items to date.
- Busch Gardens: The budget is fine regarding tickets and hotel payments.
- Props: This is probably the worst area in the budget. We're hoping to make up some with savings from the Spirit Miscellaneous line item.
- We have about \$2,000 in our account that is not slated to be paid out at this time.
- Accounts receivables (does not include tree sales):
 - Spirit of Jupiter members: \$30,000
 - Concert Band only members: \$6,000

Committee Budgets

It is very important that committees stay within the budget established for specific events. Our finances are tight, and we cannot afford excess expenses. The event budgets are set up front and include what is planned to be purchased for an event. Additional purchase should not be made without approval from the Booster board, or they might not be reimbursed.

The school requires that any purchase over \$200 first have a purchase order.

Dine for Cash

- We have not heard from Duffy's West regarding our Dine for Cash promotion. Stephanie will contact them.
- Rita's has sent us one check. We plan on having them at the Winter Guard Prelims event.

Volunteer Coordinator – Stephanie Schulz

We do still have several volunteer positions available.

- **Marketing Team:** We are looking for a group of people to create and put up lawn signs near the high school to advertise concerts, deliver flyers to area assisted living facilities to promote the concerts, as well as any other activity that would promote the band and band events.
- **Concert Program Coordinator:** We would like to sell advertising for our 3-4 concert programs. There are many schools that do this that we could look to for ideas. It is too close to our winter concert to start this project for this school year; we are looking for someone to head this up for the next school year.
- **Chaperones:** Sign up sheets are available tonight
 - Band Picture Day: Thursday, November 29th
 - JTAA Holiday Parade (Spirit of Jupiter): Sunday, December 9th

If you are interested in any of these, please contact Stephanie Schulz at sschulz@bellsouth.net.

Fundraising – Michelle Kellogg

- **Fun Pasta:** Michelle passed around a brochure for this pasta of many different shapes, including holiday pasta and collegiate pasta! We will kick off this fundraiser on Monday, November 19th. This will be short, as we need a quick turnaround time to get the product delivered before the holiday break. There are sales incentives/prizes if we sell \$1,000 in product.
- **Mixed Bags** is expected to arrive on Monday, November 19th. Michelle may need help that day sorting the product by seller and distributing the product to the students.
- The **Enjoy the City Coupon Books** fundraiser ends Monday, November 19th. Please return any unsold sample books by that date so your Fair Share account is not charged. It was suggested that we sell coupon books again in the spring at a discount.
- Honda Classic's **Birdies for Children** fundraiser will not officially start until January. We will have a sales table at the Winter Concert, where we will sell these tickets, as well as coupon books, mugs, etc.

Christmas Trees – Pam Crider

- Our sales are higher than last year - thank you! We have 600 orders. Pam has ordered extra trees and wreaths, but please contact her for sizes and availability.
- Volunteers are needed on Saturday, December 1st for tree distribution.
- Volunteers, teachers, and those with big tree orders can pick up their trees on Friday, November 30th after school.
- Students can also volunteer, and they will earn community service hours.

GL Scrip Gift Cards – David Summers

- The plan is to mail the order out on Monday, November 19th. Sales were in the range of \$3,300-3,500 for 8 people. The cards should come in about two weeks after the order is placed.

Uniforms - Linda Cassulo & Sue Badgley-Longchamps

Students should be getting their concert uniforms together for band pictures on November 29th. We sold many used uniform pieces at the jacket fitting last night.

Almost all Wind Ensemble students have been fitted with jackets. Girls in Wind Ensemble may choose to wear a tuxedo skirt or tuxedo pants. Please note that dress pants are not acceptable; pants must be

tuxedo pants (with the stripe down the leg).

Spirit: FMBC Trip Update

- All students and any adults who would like to participate in the Friday night dinner need to drop off their \$5 cash payment in the marked money collection box in the band room. So far, less than half of the students have paid for their dinner. We will be having hot dogs, pulled pork, sausage, etc.
- A student packing list is available tonight.
- If the band does not make the Top 5 to perform at Tropicana Field, parents will be responsible for purchasing their own ticket to the finals at \$20 each (cash only).
- We will need donations of peanut butter, marshmallow fluff, bread, fruit to prepare a snack for the kids on Friday night after rehearsal.
- Cathy Borgman has organized a police escort on Friday morning for the buses on their way out of town.
- Hotel: Girls will be staying on the 6th floor; boys will be staying on the 7th floor. Chaperones and parents will be on those floors and others. Check-in is at 3:00. Josh is the manager who has been helping us. Breakfast on both mornings is included if you booked your reservation through the band.
- Please remember to give the kids enough cash for lunch and dinner on Saturday and Sunday.

Winter Guard Show: March 16

We will hold an interest meeting in January for those who would like to help with this event. We will need a LOT of help!! We should make a lot of money at this event. It is a big show!

Constructive Criticism: Middle School Night

Water - We need to make sure we have water ready after the rehearsal as the students are lining up to go to the field. Many of the middle schoolers were very thirsty. We need separate water coolers for the meet and greet and take the water away only when the students leave the courtyard for the field.

Pizza - We also need to hold back 2-3 pizzas for latecomers.

Tables - We should consider moving the tables where we serve the pizza to a shaded location. There is no reason for the volunteers to be in the sun all afternoon.

Upcoming Activities

- Spirit Final Run Through - November 15th at 8:15 PM
- Winter Guard Interest Meeting - November 19th at 5:00 PM in the band room
- Winter Guard Auditions - November 27th and 29th at 5:00 PM in the band room
- Christmas Tree Pick Up - December 1st from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- Rock Band Performance - December 4th from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Corners Ocean Bar & Grill
- Jazz Ensemble Performance - December 5th at Max Planck Florida Institute's grand opening
- JTAA Holiday Parade - December 9th
- Project Graduation Meeting - December 10th at 6:00 PM
- Concert Rehearsal - December 12th at 5:00 PM in the auditorium
- Band Booster Meeting- December 12th at 7:00 PM in the band room
- Winter Band Concert - December 13th at 7:00 PM

JTAA Holiday Parade

The Spirit of Jupiter will wear their marching uniforms for the parade. There is a sign up sheet for volunteers available tonight. We are considering having a potluck picnic after the parade.

Publicity

David Summers submitted an article (and photo) about the Spirit of Jupiter to the Courier, as well as the Palm Beach Post/Neighborhood News section. David will also be advertising the upcoming concerts through various media outlets.

Announcements

- Congratulations to Patrick Bain, who made the All-State Orchestra on percussion.
- Congratulations to Trevor Sterling, who made the All-District Jazz Band on piano.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM on motion by David Summers and seconded by Michelle Kellogg.