

Warrior Band Boosters General Meeting Minutes

Date: January 16, 2013
Location: JHS Band Room
Meeting called to order: 7:05 pm
Attendance: Approximately 30

Booster President Stephanie Schulz welcomed everyone back from the break. We have a couple of busy months ahead.

The minutes from the December 12, 2012, Booster meeting were approved on motion from Tommy Schulz, seconded by Kate Tierney.

Gene Remillet (Vice President of Operations), Kathy Porter (President), and Laura Sorci (Vice President of Finance) from the South Florida Winter Guard Association were in attendance to present information about hosting the SFWGA Championship Prelims at JHS on March 16th. Notes from that presentation are available on the JHS Band web site.

Starting next Thursday, January 24th, we will have weekly planning meetings at 7:30 PM in the band room. All those who can help with the event are invited to attend.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Rose Lynch

Our account balance is approximately \$8,700.

Spirit Fees

We are still owed \$18,000 in Spirit of Jupiter fees; over 40 students were added to the school's obligation list before the break. Parents are asked to review the balance statements that were emailed before the break. Those students who owe a large portion of the fee received statements by postal mail. Students on the obligation list do not receive report cards, cannot go to prom, cannot go to the band banquet, cannot march during graduation, etc. It was undetermined if students on the obligation list can receive band awards.

We have already collected \$10,000 in Spirit fees for the next school year.

Winter Guard Fees

We have collected approximately \$2,800 in fees for Winter Guard, but there is about \$3,000 outstanding.

Credit Card Payments

These are not working as well as we hoped. We must rely on the school treasurer to set up individual payments, which is very time consuming, and the computer system is not always working as expected. It is much more efficient to send a check.

Late Fees

Someone asked if we could charge late fees for Spirit payments. We cannot do that this year, as our payment plan did not specify the use of late fees for this year, but it is something we can consider for the future.

We are planning to charge a late fee for marching uniforms that are not turned in on time. (A turn in date/time has not been set yet.)

Excess Funds

Any excess funds raised by a student roll into the band's general fund when the student graduates. Funds can only be transferred to a sibling. (If there is a gap of time between siblings attending JHS, the Booster organization needs to know ahead of time in order to transfer funds.)

However, we do want seniors and their parents to continue to raise funds for the band (through Christmas tree sales, etc.) and encourage those who have paid their Fair Share in full to fundraise for a student in need.

Reimbursement of Expenses

1. Mr. Larkin must approve all expenses BEFORE any money is spent. He needs to know the approximate cost and what the expense is for. Please contact band treasurer Rose Lynch with this information too.
2. An original receipt is required for reimbursement. The school treasurer will not reimburse sales tax except for fundraising expenses.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES – Bonnie Welsh

Jupiter Jubilee

Jupiter Jubilee will be held at the Jupiter Community Center on Saturday, February 2nd. As we did last year, the band will have a booth selling drinks. We will need help setting up the night before, selling drinks the day of the event, and cleaning up after the event. Bonnie brought a sign up sheet for volunteers to sign up for shifts as follows:

8:00 AM – 10:30 AM
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
12:30 PM – 3:30 PM
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

We cannot sell hot dogs at our booth, but we might be able to sell candy. Kids can earn community service hours, and parents can earn time towards their volunteer credit. Anyone can participate!

Lacrosse Concessions

The band is trying to negotiate with the athletic department to do concessions for JHS Lacrosse games. The JHS Lacrosse team is nationally ranked, as are other area teams, so games will be well attended. JV games start at 5:00 PM and varsity games start at 7:00 PM on the same day.

As details become available, we will send out an email with volunteer opportunities. Volunteers can earn hours towards their Fair Share credit.

Roger Dean Spring Training Concessions

The band will do concessions for Spring Training games during Spring Break week again this year. Dates available are Monday, March 25th, Thursday, March 27th and Friday, March 28th. Those who work will earn money towards their (or their student's) Fair Share.

All workers must attend a mandatory training session during the first couple of weeks of February. Training session dates will be emailed when available.

Students 16 and older can work in the concession stands. Fifteen-year old students can work at the Dippin' Dots cart if the stadium offers it to us.

Birdies for Children

This fundraiser has already started, and it is an easy way to raise money towards your Fair Share. Donations to Birdies for Children raise 110% of the donation for the JHS Band. 100% of donations

raised for your student go towards your student's Fair Share. The additional 10% donated by The Honda Classic goes to the JHS general band fund.

In addition, all donations of \$20 or more earn one or more chances to win a new Honda.

Donation forms will be made available online and in the band room. The deadline for this fundraiser is February 25th.

Almost \$100,000 has been raised to date by a variety of charity organizations.

SCRIPS FUNDRAISER – Lisa Summers

David & Lisa would like feedback as to when the next Scrips deadline should be.

Adrienne Avallone agreed to shadow David & Lisa and take this fundraiser over next year.

A comment was made that the 90/10 split for this fundraiser was a deterrent for participation. The Board can revisit this.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Michael Larkin

Solo & Ensemble – February 8 & 9

The accompanist list has been posted on the locker room doors. Everyone must do a final run through for Mr. Larkin. The piano accompanist fee should include two rehearsals plus the performance at the Solo & Ensemble festival, and it is payable directly to the accompanist.

Jazz MPAs – February 6 or 7

The Jazz Ensemble is preparing for MPAs. The Swing & Jazz Preservation Society is again using the MPAs as the first round for their annual Palm Beach County High School Swing Band Competition. Unfortunately, round two is the same day as our concert, so we will not be able to participate if we are selected.

Jazz Combo

The Jazz Combo is performing around town – they are really good!

Concert Band MPAs – March 7 & 8

It is not definite yet, but it is likely that the Wind Ensemble will perform on March 7th and the Symphonic Band will perform on March 8th.

Recruiting Flyer/Brochure

Mr. Larkin needs help from a parent getting this brochure printed. He would prefer that it be color, double-sided and on glossy paper. These brochures will be distributed to middle school students. We need 350-400 copies.

- Bonnie Welsh suggested using Office Depot or Staples when they have coupons.
- Lisa Summers might be able to do this at work as a donation.
- Rose Lynch could do these at work for 12 cents per flyer.

Drum Line

The drum line is meeting on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 with all interested students ages 7th grade and up. They had their first meeting last night with five new kids, and they had a great time! They will be meeting until Winter Guard season ends, and there is no charge to attend. Students who are not zoned for Jupiter High School can attend.

CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM – Holiday Concert

- Ticket sales went very well.
- We need to look into advertising at nursing homes and assisted living facilities for the February 28th concert. Bill Mallette will look into advertising.
- Mrs. Borgman will post a flyer at the doctor's office where she works.
- Flyers will be available at Jupiter Jubilee.
- We should also look into advertising on WJTW.
- Mr. Larkin should require the guard class to attend so there are enough students to help with ticket sales, program distribution, and the concession sales.
- Having the side door to the auditorium open and close during a performance is a big distraction. The door should be locked or we should have it monitored by a volunteer so people cannot enter/exit during a performance. We could review concert etiquette with the audience during the concert or in the program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Jupiter Performing Arts Fund's Music Gala will be held Saturday, January 26th from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the Lighthouse ArtCenter in Tequesta. Tickets are available on their web site at www.jpaf.org.
- Band photographer Bonnie McCarthy has started a photography business, Rosy Lotus Photography. She is offering discounted prices for portrait packages and other products to band members. For orders using photos from the band's Flickr page, Bonnie will donate 10% back to the JHS Band. For more information, visit Bonnie's web site at www.RosyLotus.com or her Facebook page RosyLotusPhoto.
- Video Contest: Mr. Larkin announced the Music Is Life contest sponsored by the National Educational Music Company (NEMC). The grand prize is \$10,000. Winners are determined by public vote of posted videos in February. If someone could put together a 3-minute video, we could submit an entry for the JHS band. The video can showcase any and all of the ensembles in the JHS Band program. Entries will be accepted through January 31st. Please contact Mr. Larkin if you can help.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM on motion by Bill Mallette and seconded by Tommy Schulz.