

Warrior Band Boosters General Meeting Minutes

Date: March 20, 2013
Location: JHS Band Room
Meeting called to order: 7:05 pm
Attendance: Approximately 20

Booster President Stephanie Schulz called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

The minutes from the February 20, 2013, Booster meeting were distributed prior to the meeting via email. The minutes were approved on motion from Susan Taylor, seconded by Kim Maihack.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Rose Lynch

Our account balance is approximately \$11,000. Approximately \$8,000 of that has been raised towards expenses for next year. We still have about \$22,000 to collect in Fair Share for Spirit of Jupiter and Winter Guard students. We have 36 students on the school's obligation list. Rose did mail out statements via the post office to those families; two letters were returned.

Middle School Recruiting

The bus used for middle school recruiting was an unbudgeted expense of \$1,000. It was suggested that we send a picture and article to the paper about this event. Lighthouse principal Leslie Boulte sent an email to Mrs. Alligood thanking the band for their appearance. Katie Thompson, music teacher at Lighthouse Elementary, also sent a long email to Mr. Larkin. Independence Middle School band director Mrs. Murray said she signed several course selection sheets for students signing up for band. We would definitely like to do this again next year.

Honda Classic Birdies for Children

Donations of \$830 were made to this charity, earning the general band fund a total of \$83. We should do this fundraiser again next year and promote it earlier in the year and at the football games.

Jupiter Jubilee

We made \$417 at this event. This is good PR for the band, and the kids have fun at this event. If we organize this a little earlier, we might be able to make more money by selling candy.

Fishing Event

About 550 people attended this event, and 310 dinners were sold at \$7.00 each. We took in about \$2,400 and had about \$1,200 in expenses, so we profited about \$1,200. This was very good practice for the Winter Guard Prelims event.

We will not be doing this event next year, as it will be held in Islamorada.

Winter Guard Prelims Event

We brought in about \$7,200 at this event; we projected \$8,400. We still have some expenses to pay, and we will get some funds reimbursed from the SFWGA. It is estimated we will clear \$1,700.

We cannot return the extra sodas and water that we purchased. If we store those inside (i.e. not in the shed), we can sell them at spring and fall football concessions. They should have a shelf life of more than one year. It was also suggested that we could sell the cases of water at cost to band parents to recoup the expense.

It was suggested that we put together a binder of “how to” do the Winter Guard Prelims event with ideas for improvement – what worked and what did not work – for use at next year’s event. Copies of invoices from this year should be included in the book so we know what we ordered.

It was noted that attendance at the event was lower than expected by the SFWGA. They guessed that fewer spectators attended because we are too far north or because it was the first year for us to hold this event. Word of mouth will get around that we did a good job, so hopefully attendance will be up next year.

We do need to apply to hold this event again next year, but officials led us to believe that we could have it if we want it.

Mr. Larkin noted that there were NO COMPLAINTS from the high school regarding the event!

Thank you to Kate Tierney and Buffie Hill, who did a fantastic job planning this event! Thank you also to everyone who helped!

Mrs. Alligood Gift

After the death of Mrs. Alligood’s husband, we discussed purchasing a gift card and/or making a donation to Hospice in honor of her husband. We have some cash for this gift from miscellaneous fundraisers we have done, such as the bake sale and marketplace at the concerts.

After some discussion, it was agreed by a show of hands that we would make a donation of \$200 to Hospice in Mr. Alligood’s name and give Mrs. Alligood a \$100 gift card. Rose Lynch will ask Mrs. Alligood’s secretary Annette what type of gift card would be best.

Custodians

The discussion of the gift to Mrs. Alligood raised the question if we have extra funds to give to Earle, the head custodian, since he has been so helpful to the band. It was suggested that Earle is adequately compensated for the time he spends on campus.

Assistant Treasurer

We are still looking for an Assistant Treasurer to act as a back up for and helper to Rose Lynch.

WINTER GUARD PRELIMS EVENT

We could not have held this event without everyone’s help! Bob Boike was here almost the entire day on Saturday, and his child does not attend JHS! T&T did a fantastic job!

We are looking forward to fried Oreos at our football concessions! Funnel cakes were difficult because they were made in deep pots; we need flat pots to prepare those efficiently. If we want to, we can do cheese fries, walking tacos and nachos at football concessions now.

We do have some leftover food. We could serve that at the Band Interest Meeting on Monday, May 6th.

If we would like to host this event again next year, we need to reapply in the fall. We will not find out if we “won” the event until December.

It was suggested that donations to the Winter Guard Prelims Event earn a discount towards the Winter Guard Fair Share.

SPRING MIXED BAGS FUNDRAISER – Michelle Kellogg

We will do a Mixed Bags fundraiser April 8-18 using their 70+ page spring catalog. This will be for current students only. The order will be submitted April 19th.

Michelle announced we will be needing a Fundraising Coordinator for next year.

BAND BANQUET

Planning meetings for the banquet will be announced. Michelle said that the columns and ivy would be needed for banquet decorations.

ROGER DEAN SPRING TRAINING CONCESSIONS

Hats have been purchased for those working concessions at Roger Dean. (The stadium requires that workers have matching hats.)

There were a lot of new people working concessions at our first game on March 13th. It was very fun and a lot of work. They did learn that they cooked too many hot dogs after the 5th inning. Thank you to Rose Siebeneck, who was the lead at that game.

We have returning workers for the remaining Spring Training games, so those should go smoothly. Bonnie will send out reminder emails to those who have signed up to work the games. All workers must bring their Roger Dean IDs and wear black pants/shorts. Workers can keep their hats if they desire, but their fundraising account will be charged \$7.00 to pay for the hat.

Roger Dean has a new app that allows attendees to order concessions from their seats. Bonnie says that the app is not as popular as the media would lead you to believe, and it did not appear to affect our sales at the traditional concession stands.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Michael Larkin

We had a special guest today – the Commander of the Air Force Band West talked to the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band about what it was like to go through military school. The Commander graduated from JHS in 1992. We will post pictures of the visit on Facebook.

Jupiter Middle School will hold a concert at JHS on May 22nd. We will need volunteers to man a recruiting table in the lobby and possible work a bake sale.

Jupiter Middle School is hosting a pancake breakfast/silent auction at JMS on April 13th. We did make a donation of several JHS band items to the auction. Rose Lynch is taking care of getting those items to JMS.

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.

Jupiter Middle School Concert – May 22

We plan to set up a recruiting table, and we will need volunteers for that. We could also have a bake sale in the lobby.

We are also making a donation to the JMS Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction. We are donating a variety of band items (t-shirt, mug, etc.), as well as 4 concert tickets to the May concert. Rose Lynch is will take care of getting these items to JMS.

Recruiting

If we have the same number of freshmen join marching band as joined this year, and we retain this year's members, we will have about 120 Spirit members! Similarly, our entire band program will have approximately 200 members.

A band program should have the same number of members as 10% of the total school student population.

Additional Events

Mr. Larkin would like to host the Middle School MPAs next year. They are scheduled for one week earlier, so there should be no conflict with Prom. This would be in the same time frame as the Winter Guard prelims, we could request a Winter Guard event earlier in the season, or we may host back to back events.

Fall Marching Show Research

Mr. Larkin would like to eventually host a fall marching competition. He would like to form a committee or have one person research this possibility by check out other marching shows to prepare to host an event in 2014. This is a much bigger project than the Winter Guard event.

Video Streaming App

Mr. Larkin has seen apps that steam live video from one phone to another. If we have an iPad, we could stream our concerts online. Viewers would simply click on a web site to watch the concert. A concern for privacy issues was raised, but the camera could be placed far enough away from the band that student faces would not be seen online.

JHS Band App

Mr. Larkin has seen bands that have their own apps that automatically send reminders, etc. Tommy Schulz can provide contact information to someone he knows that has created an app. Bonnie Welsh commented that the MARS Robotic group created an app last year.

Wind Ensemble

Please make sure your Wind Ensemble students are practicing! The music that was handed out for the next concert is very difficult.

DonorsChoose.org

If there is not project currently available on the web site, donations can still be accepted. Those donations will be turned into gift cards that Mr. Larkin can use for future projects. We are working on getting new drumline equipment, and eventually we will have a project to get a new drum major podium.

The Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties matches all donations, cutting the cost of equipment in half.

Winter Guard

The Winter Guard will be participating in the Southeastern Color Guard Championships this weekend in Orlando.

BOOSTER BOARD ELECTIONS

The slate of nominations for next year's Booster Board is as follows:

- President: Kate Tierney
- Vice President: Susan Taylor
- Treasurer: Rose Lynch
- Secretary: Debbie Wiley

We do not have a nomination for Assistant Treasurer.

Harvey White made a motion to vote on the slate of nominations as presented by hand instead of by ballot since all of the positions are uncontested. Rose Siebeneck seconded the motion, and it was approved. The nominees were elected to the respective Board positions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please make sure you have entered your volunteer hours in VIPS as soon as you can. The school needs to calculate the total number of volunteer hours soon.
- Jazz Combo at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. on March 20th from 6-8 p.m.
- JPAF Scholarship Applications are due by April 1st.
- JPAF "Girls Night Out" fundraiser is Thursday, April 18th at Jupiter Pointe Bar & Grill. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at jpaf.org or at the door.

ADJOURNMENT

Pam Crider made a motion to adjourn, and Tommy Schulz seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.