

Warrior Band Boosters General Meeting Minutes

Date: March 25, 2015
Location: JHS Chorus Room
Meeting called to order: 7:10 pm

President Stephanie Schulz called the meeting to order. She welcomed everyone in attendance and asked everyone to sign in. Stephanie asked everyone to enter their volunteer hours into VIPS on the computer in the band room. She noted that refreshments are available.

The minutes from the February 19, 2015, Booster meeting were distributed previously by email and posted on the band's web site. The minutes were approved on motion by Debra Wasserman and seconded by Tracy Plauche'.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Winter Guard

If you are not going to Dayton with the guard, you can still watch their performance via WGI webcast at a cost. Flyers are available and will be distributed via email.

Winter Guard is performing in SFWGA Championship Prelims this Saturday, March 28 at Seminole Ridge High School.

SFWGA Championships are Saturday, April 11 at Barbara Goleman High School. The group's performance time will be in the evening.

Winter Percussion: Final performance at SFWGA Championships this Saturday, March 28 at Seminole Ridge High School.

Winter Guard Send-off

JHS is hosting a send-off performance for the "A" Winter Guard on Saturday, April 4 at 8:30 pm in the JHS Auditorium. The "JV" Winter Guard and Winter Percussion groups will also perform.

Concert Band MPA: The Wind Symphony earned straight superior ratings at Concert Band Music Performance Assessments on March 11 at Wellington High School.

Jazz Ensemble/Jazz Combo

The Jazz Ensemble will perform at the Jupiter Middle School Band Pancake Breakfast / Silent Auction on Saturday, April 11.

The Jazz Combo will perform at the JHS 9th Grade Orientation on Thursday, March 26. The administration has the totem pole and a teepee on stage as decoration.

Spirit of Jupiter Marching Band Spring / Summer Dates:

Spring Rehearsals: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Monday, May 18

Thursday, May 21

Tuesday, May 26

Thursday May 28

Monday, June 1

Wednesday, June 3

Mandatory Summer Band Camps

June 8-11: 1pm - 9pm

July 13-16: 8am - 9pm

Aug 10-15: 8am - 9pm OR Aug 17-22: 8am - 9pm *

* August Band Camp is dependent on the start date of school. Plan on being in town August 10.

Leadership

Leadership applications are coming out soon. Candidates will be selected based on past performance, not what “will” be done in the future. Encourage your students to apply.

Mr. Larkin would like to expand the number of leadership positions. For example, he would like to add a social media job, where the student would update social media sites by attending events and posting pictures.

Potential Band Room Facility Changes

Mr. Frank escorted a person from the district to the band room during Symphonic Band (the largest class) to show the difficulty moving around the room during class as well as lack of storage. Ideally, Mr. Frank would like to bump out the back wall and extend the length of the band room. If the school district will not pay for that, another option is to knock out the interior walls between the connecting ensemble rooms to make more room for storage.

Mr. Frank is also bringing someone from the district in risk management to show safety hazards during symphonic band due to capacity. Fire code for the room is a capacity of 101 people, and we are approaching 200 students in band this year.

They are also planning on doing an acoustic study of the band room. Mr. Frank is very eager to help the band program.

State Solo & Ensemble: Tomorrow at Stoneman Douglas High School

New Percussion Instructor:

Mr. Michael Brothers is a percussionist who flies in for Maltz Theatre performances. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in percussion from Loyola University and a Master’s degree in percussion from Northwestern University. He has toured with many Broadway tours as a drumset player.

Mr. Brothers will be helping JHS Band with concert percussion and jazz ensemble. He can also repair percussion instruments. His biography is available on the band’s web site on the Staff page.

Marching Band Uniforms

Uniforms for next year will either be a new jacket like we had this year, or we will make a major purchase of new “permanent” uniforms. The goal is to have new default traditional uniforms, but if there is a jacket that will fit the theme of the show better, we can use those.

If we are not going to use the current jackets anymore, can we get any money from them? It was noted that when the current uniforms were purchased, the previous jackets were made into throw pillows for a fundraiser. We are also wondering if it is possible to sell the uniforms to another school.

It was noted that the current uniforms were purchased by the Booster organization, which was a separate financial organization, so technically the uniforms are not school district property.

JPAF – Sheril Jalm, JPAF President

Exciting things are happening in JPAF! They hope to increase their fundraising by partnering with other groups on events.

They also hope to increase our volunteer base by expanding JPAF’s scope to include color guard, chorus and drama. They are need of volunteers! Sheril has provided a list of specific needs to Mr. Larkin, and that list will

be distributed by email. JPAF hopes to get an additional five volunteers from Jupiter High as a result of this expansion.

In six years, JPAF has provided \$100,000 to area schools. They cannot continue without additional volunteer support. Their goal is to raise \$30,000 this year alone, and they are still in the process of raising these funds.

Upcoming JPAF Events

“Project Managers” are needed for all of these events:

June 12-14: 6K/12K Race. JPAF would like to get more volunteers, particularly students who will play music at different spots on the race course.

Early Fall 2015: Garage Sale, perhaps in Abacoa. JPAF would invite music stores and musicians to sell their wares. This event would support the New Life for Old Notes program.

Fall 2015: Zombie Race or Marathon to support the area music programs.

January 16, 2016: Annual Gala, tentatively featuring Ann Hampton Callaway

JPAF Reminders

Race Name/Logo Contest ends March 31

Scholarship Applications are due April 3

If you have any questions about JPAF or would like to volunteer, email president@jpaf.org.

OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT – Rose Lynch

We have approximately \$18,000 available in our account, but all of that is designated for next year. In other words, we are borrowing funds from next year to pay this year’s bills.

Spring (March) Concert Income:

Ticket Sales: \$1,400

Bake Sale: \$ 240

Silent Auction: \$ 363

Sales of Wooden Flowers have a net profit of \$643, mostly from sales at school during Valentine’s week. This number does not include sales from the SFWGA event.

It was noted that we could sell One Tribe sunglasses at the upcoming 9th Grade Orientation.

Payment/orders for senior band cords is due April 1.

Band Fee Payment Collection - Gina Phinney

Payments are starting to come in. Some funds were collected so students could purchase prom tickets.

We have \$31,000 in outstanding payments as follows:

Winter Guard/Percussion: \$ 9,000

Spirit of Jupiter: \$13,900

Students not in co-curricular: \$8,000

We have \$20,000 in funds that are pre-paid for next year, so the \$18,000 we actually have in our account right now does not even cover the funds designated for next year.

Gina has sent monthly notices electronically and has mailed letters to families with outstanding balances. Connie Harding also translated the financial statements to Spanish. Students with an outstanding balance have been placed on the school’s obligation list. Students on that list cannot purchase tickets to prom, rent lockers, attend the band banquet, receive band awards, and seniors cannot attend Project Graduation or other senior

activities.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – Debbie Wiley

March 26: Recruiting help needed at 9th Grade Orientation at JHS

April 4: Volunteers not needed at Winter Guard Send-off, but please attend!

April 10: Student volunteers needed at the Lighthouse Elementary/Beacon Cove Fun Fair

April 11: Recruiting help needed at JMS Band Pancake Breakfast / Silent Auction

FUNDRAISING: ROGER DEAN SPRING TRAINING CONCESSIONS - Pam Abruscatti

Stephanie introduced Pam and noted she did an outstanding job! Pam said she had a strong team of about 20 volunteers, and the kids did a great job.

The final numbers are not in yet, but Pam thinks they did pretty well. Over the five days of games, there was \$35,000 in sales. For the four games during spring training week, \$3,600 will go to the band. Roger Dean claims they have 45% in overhead and food, which seems high.

Roger Dean has requested workers from the band for some of the last spring training games. Workers can earn \$75 per game.

Pam is wondering what changes could be made for next year to increase the number of volunteers. Separate shifts on the same day?

Pam does need to collect all of the hats used by the volunteers so they can be used again next year.

FUNDRAISING: MIXED BAGS - Michelle Kellogg

The Mixed Bags order should arrive at school tomorrow. Michelle will determine when she can distribute the items and contact those who placed orders.

The order was delayed due to the port strike on the west coast. The company is giving us a \$25 gift card as compensation for the delay.

BANQUET - Michelle Kellogg

The Band Banquet will be held on Friday, May 1 at 5:30 pm at Abacoa Golf Club. The ticket price has not been determined yet because we just received a price from Abacoa,

We will need help decorating the day of the banquet. We will probably start around 3:00 pm.

Harvey White was asked if he would be donating a cake to the banquet again this year. It will depend on when he returns to work.

WINTER GUARD SEND-OFF

Both Winter Guards and the Winter Percussion will perform on April 4 at 8:30 pm in the JHS Gym. The entire event should take about 30 minutes. We will not have a Bake Sale due to the short length of the event and because we cannot have food in the gym. It was noted that we should have a donation box available at the event.

The "A" Guard is currently ranked 4th in the world after their 1st place finish at the WGI Southeastern U.S. Championships. The guard will perform on April 16 in the SFWGA Championships at Barbara Goleman HS.

WGI is offering a webcast for anyone who would like to watch the WGI World Championships live. Flyers were available at the meeting and will be sent out via email.

We will have copies of the Send-off flyer available to distribute at the 9th Grade Orientation. Debbie will send the flyer to the middle school band directors.

Pam is considering doing another run of Winter Guard t-shirts after the Dayton trip if we get enough orders. We need a minimum of 30 orders.

FUNDRAISING: SCRIP GIFT CARDS - Adrienne Avallone

The deadline is extended to Saturday, March 25.

To improve participation in this fundraiser, it was suggested to have a demonstration/explanation of how this fundraiser works at the beginning of the school year.

MONTHLY CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM

Middle School Recruitment

A portion of the marching band visited Jupiter Elementary, Limestone Creek Elementary, Independence Middle, and Jerry Thomas Elementary on March 13.

We are considering going to only elementary schools next year. The elementary school students were very enthusiastic about the visit, and this could encourage elementary school students to take band classes in middle school. We did have rifle demonstrations at the elementary schools, and we would like to be able to do an instrument "petting zoo" also.

We would like to go to Jupiter Farms Elementary next year.

Middle school students are already in band, and they have a few opportunities to see the band (Middle School Night, pancake breakfasts, etc.). The middle school students were not as responsive to the visit as the elementary school students.

Roger Dean Spring Training Concessions

We can start talking about this opportunity earlier in the year. We should also gather some figures to show the percentage of Fair Share that can be earned by this fundraiser depending on how many days volunteered.

Spring Concert

Videos of the concert were well received.

Placement of the silent auction table before the ticket table was good because attendees had to see the auction items.

We should continue to have a donation box at the ticket table.

FUNDRAISING: AUDITORIUM PLAQUES - Stephanie Schulz

Stephanie showed the three plaques ready to be installed in the auditorium. This is a great fundraiser!

Next year, this fundraiser will have a 90/10 split, so that 90% of the sale will go to the student's fundraising account and the remainder will go to the general band fund.

UNIFORMS - Harvey White

Marching Band uniform return will happen soon! Watch your email for details.

Harvey has made a connection with The Men's Wearhouse and is working with the manager there to get end of season bowties and cummerbunds donated to the band. He is hoping to get 50 sets. This will allow all students to have a bowtie and cummerbund before the concert instead of Symphonic Band students handing off their sets to Wind Symphony students mid-concert.

JPAF COCKTAIL RECEPTION - Sharon Warwick

See Sharon for an invitation to a Cocktail Reception for JPAF this Friday, March 27 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Absolute Music Studios.

ANNUAL BOARD ELECTION

We still need to fill the position of Treasurer. Rose Lynch will continue to help with the band by handling concessions monies, assisting with fundraising paperwork, and volunteering for positions that have nothing to do with accounting. Tracy Mallette volunteered to fill the position.

Nominations are as follows:

President: Susan Taylor

Vice President: Kate Tierney and Debra Wasserman

Treasurer: Tracy Mallette

Assistant Treasurer: Gina Phinney

Secretary: Debbie Wiley

With no additional nominations and no competition for officer positions, Harvey White made a motion to elect the slate of officers as read by a show of hands. Sharon Warwick seconded that motion. The slate of officers was passed by a show of hands.

Michelle Kellogg also noted that she would be stepping down as Fundraising Chair.

DRAWING

Congratulations to Pam Abruscatti, who won a gift certificate for bringing in a ream of paper tonight.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

March 26	9 th Grade Orientation at JHS
March 28	SFWGA Winter Percussion Championship Finals at Seminole Ridge HS SFWGA Winter Guard Championship Prelims at Seminole Ridge HS
April 4	Winter Guard Send-off in JHS Gym at 8:30 pm
April 11	Jupiter Middle School Band Pancake Breakfast / Silent Auction: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm SFWGA Winter Guard Championship Finals at Barbara Goleman HS
April 16-19	Winter Guard Trip to WGI World Championships in Dayton, Ohio

MISCELLANEOUS

Treasure Coast Symphony

Debra Wasserman announced concerts by the Treasure Coast Symphony on April 20 at Eissey Campus Theatre and April 27 at Church of the Good Shepherd in Tequesta.

JHS Relay for Life

Adrienne Avallone announced that there are several band students participating in the JHS Relay for Life. Donations to support the kids and this cause can be made through the event's web site.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm after a motion made by Pam Crider and seconded by Tom Schulz.