

## Warrior Band Boosters General Meeting Minutes

Date: August 31, 2011

Location: JHS Band Room

Meeting called to order: 7:05 pm

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Toni called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Paula Ehmer –

Show shirts, chaperone shirts, wind suits – The online store is now live, parents can order/pay directly and have the items sent to their home. The logo will be embroidered locally, she is finalizing these details.

Show shirts – the i feel show shirts are delayed due to a problem with the vendor. Paula is working to resolve this/find new vendor.

For competitions, the current year's show shirt is required (i feel). For bus rides: it was determined that wind suits will now be optional; students may opt to wear dark or black jeans, current show shirt, sneakers/closed toe shoes. This decision was just made recently due to concerns regarding the cost of the wind suits (warm-ups), she will send a new email out listing these guidelines.

For football games, any show shirt is fine.

Concert season - girls can wear either a tuxedo shirt and black pants, or the black dress. Boys must wear tuxedo shirt and black pants. Cummerbund and bow tie are loaned to students before concert. Do not wear Viper band shoes with concert attire, please find nice, black shoes. Girls may wear black open-toed shoes if desired. The JHS Band Handbook has the link to Formal Fashions, as well as the specific dress/shirt/pants needed (same styles as last year).

Concert season, Wind Ensemble - a tuxedo jacket is also required.

Toni Wheeler –

Introduced 2011-2012 board members.

Volunteers – Toni explained that all parents that would like to volunteer will need to get signed up on the VIPs system. This can be done in the main office, it normally takes 1-2 weeks for clearance, so important to do this as soon as possible. It is also important for volunteers to log their hours, as it benefits the school.

Charms – Toni asked that anyone not currently receiving band emails to please check with Debbie Wiley.

JupiterBands.com - band website, updated frequently and contains a lot of information; current calendar can be found there.

Bonnie Welsh and Michelle Kellogg – fundraising co-chairs, discussed many opportunities to raise money.

Elite discount cards – 2 styles (JHS Band, JHS Warriors). Cards cost \$20, valid until October 2012. \$10 per card will be applied to student's fair share account. Card includes discounts and free items/services from 19 local vendors.

Mixed Bags – promotion begins now, ends on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Each order generates 40% profit; 90% of profit goes to student's fair share and 10% goes to the general band fund.

Pampered Chef – promotion dates are from September 5<sup>th</sup> to September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The representative for Pampered Chef will donate a percentage of sales, if band totals are more than \$600. When placing order, make sure to identify yourself as part of the JHS Band.

Cheesecakes – same company as last year, promotions dates are September 26 to October 11th. Stephanie Shulz and Pam Crider will assist with coordination and orders for the cheesecakes.

South Florida Fair – advance ticket sales - a website will be set up, just for the JHS Band. This will benefit the general band fund, 10% of ticket sales.

March-A-Thon (Spirit band) - being scheduled for Homecoming. Pledges can be either a flat donation, or pledge an amount per step (example: 4,000 steps or 2 miles).

Homecoming Parade - Band is looking into ideas for a float, also needs to borrow a flatbed truck. One idea suggested so far is a Scrabble board, with words tied to theme of 'i feel'.

Football games - each home game, there will be a table set up across from the concessions window, there will be 'band bling' available for purchase, such as T-shirts, buttons.

Christmas Trees – to be coordinated by Pam Crider. Orders taken during October, final order sent first week of November. Trees arrive in early December, cut and immediately trucked down from Nova Scotia. Last year, sales totaled \$40,000.

Coupon books - kickoff likely to be in January, books must be purchased by band up front. More details will be available later.

Possible future fundraisers - poker night(s), or wine/cheese tastings.

Roger Dean Stadium, spring training concessions - not currently being scheduled. This fundraising opportunity requires strong commitment, long hours, some weekdays, may be difficult to schedule volunteers.

Sponsorships - the question was raised regarding whether or not a band parent can use a tax deduction if they sponsor their child? Suggestion made to check with accountant or tax attorney on this question.

Auditorium chairs - this opportunity is on-going, and still available, information on band website.

#### David and Lisa Summers –

SCRIPs – fundraising option, by purchasing gift cards in advance for businesses that you already frequent. Many vendors in many different categories, a percentage of the purchase price is credited to student's fair share; many are in the 8% to 9% range, but some vendors are as high as 15 or 16%. Percentage can be changed by vendor occasionally.

Process: check the SCRIPs website, fill out the order form (found on [jupiterbands.com](http://jupiterbands.com)), put the order form and check in the SCRIPs box outside Mr. Larkin's office. Lisa will collect orders from the box on the order deadline, place order, then will deliver the cards to the band parent once they come in. Turnaround time is usually 1-2 weeks. First deadline will be September 13<sup>th</sup>.

David Summers demonstrated the SCRIPs website, and passed around a printout of some the vendors and their percentages.

Leslie Rosenfield, Concessions - Leslie introduced herself, asked for volunteers to help with stocking the drinks on Thursday mornings, and help is always welcomed during the home football games.

#### Michael Larkin, Director of Bands –

Mr. Larkin mentioned that he has been working with Randy Sonntag in developing a history of the JHS Band. Mr. Sonntag was involved with the JHS band many years ago and is providing valuable information.

Mr. Larkin thanked the parent volunteers for their help, mentioned recent article that shows a correlation between fine arts programs and success with FCAT scores.

Spirit band rehearsal changes:

Saturday Sept. 3rd – cancelled

Friday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> - cancelled

Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – cancelled

Friday Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – added to schedule, 5pm-8:30pm

Saturday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – added to schedule, 2pm-9pm

Tuesday and Thursday Rehearsals - these rehearsals will now end at 8:30pm, beginning with the practice on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>.

Allstate Auditions, Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> - 13 band members will be participating, good representation for band.

Football games - there is a need for prop volunteers to assist with getting structure on and off the field at halftime. May be able to use an ATV, waiting for school approval. FYI – all football games are now scheduled to begin at 7pm.

Facebook - there will be a page set up so that any Spirit band members that may need help with their homework can post and contact each other for assistance. Also, some band members already meet after school in the band room to work together on homework; however, Mr. Larkin may sometimes not be there and the room will be locked. The public library can then be used.

Stephanie Schulz -

Stephanie emphasized that all volunteers must be signed up through the VIPs program or she will not be able to use them as volunteers. She encouraged parents to sign up as soon as possible, either in the main office, or in the band room. The code for JHS is 0081.

Volunteers are covered by the school district's workers compensation policy, per Carol Smykowski.

Saturday Rehearsals for Spirit – donations of fruit are needed, check with Stephanie for items needed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.