

Warrior Band Boosters General Meeting Minutes

Date: February 15, 2012

Location: JHS Band Room

Meeting called to order: 7:10 pm

Toni Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Fundraising Updates:

Bonnie Welsh provided a brief update on fundraising efforts –

Jupiter Jubilee - A success! The band raised approximately \$800 and a good time was had by all! We look forward to participating again next year.

Roger Dean MLB Spring Training - Concessions - Although most time slots are filled, there are still a few opportunities open, and anyone interested in volunteering and earning money towards Fair Share are encouraged to sign up! This could be a very lucrative fundraiser, well worth the hard work!

Coupon Books - There are still outstanding balances due which need to be paid or the unsold books returned ASAP!

Volunteer Needs:

Stephanie Shulz asked for additional parent volunteers for the upcoming MPAs at Wellington High School on March 6th. Stephanie needs volunteers for both the Symphonic Band and the Wind Ensemble, please let her know if you can help!

Kristy Kreiger -

There will be a concert in the park again this year, date to be determined. Kristy asked for any ideas? Discussion followed with suggestions such as keeping the program smaller, with not every band playing; inviting a local celebrity to attend such as Mr. Destito or Mr. Sontag; perhaps the Winter Guard could perform?

Toni Wheeler –

Mr. Larkin has finalized the dates for the band camps and they will be released soon. Discussion lead to decision that the incoming board will begin the planning once they have been installed.

Toni announced that the Jazz Band would be performing at Midtown on PGA on March 15th and she encouraged everyone to come out and watch them play!

Band website updates: Diane has done a good job of handling our website for quite awhile, but she will pass this along to another volunteer. Jill Esposito volunteered to take this on, and Rose volunteered to be her backup if needed.

Karen Burns and Terri Blomberg will oversee the board elections in March.

Mr. Larkin –

The annual Spring Concert will be held May 9th. He would like to make this a bigger fundraiser and suggested adding a Silent Auction, Michelle Kellogg added that she has a list of donor leads that she can provide.

A suggestion was made that an additional board position might be needed; such as Volunteer Coordinator, Fundraising, or Uniforms. Discussion followed but no decision was reached at this time.

Karen brought up the need to recruit the freshman parents as volunteers, and find ways to make them feel welcome. Terri suggested that by mentioning upcoming concerts during marching season, it might help the concert students and parents to feel included.

Board elections – Karen suggested changes to the current process, such as using paper ballots and sending home one ballot per student so that all parents would have the opportunity to vote if they cannot attend the meeting. It was discussed that these ballots would need to be tracked to avoid duplicate votes per student, etc.

May 7th band Recruitment Meeting - Mr. Larkin brought this up and opened it up to discussion. Many ideas were introduced, including playing some of the games from past years because they were so popular, and also maybe holding music competitions?

Marching Band: Mr. Larkin has made some changes in this year's schedule, for instance there will be no band camp in the week immediately following the last day of school. Instead, there will be Tuesday and Thursday night practices from 6:00-8:30pm beginning May 6th. He explained his goal is to learn the music before the end of the school year. Some parents expressed concern that these band practices would be taking place during the period that the students are studying for final exams, Mr. Larkin said he would allow more flexibility in those cases. The first band camp will be four days, in the middle of July. The second band camp will be longer, six days, in August just before school starts.

Changes to next year's marching season: less rehearsals but more effective and Fair Share may be less. The Fair Share payments will be broken down in smaller payments, such as \$50, \$50, \$150, and spread throughout the summer. Mr. Larkin has come up with a less costly budget for next year, less staff will be hired, and he has found an excellent composer to work with the band for less money than last year.

Band Banquet, to be held May 19th - Jim (DJ) has confirmed, Paula Ehmer is waiting for other confirmations to come in; it is possible that the venue may need to be changed.

Association of Music Parents – Mr. Larkin suggested that any parent on Facebook please add this group as a friend, and also to check out their website!

Concessions: Mr. Larkin also mentioned that Tim Kellogg and Tom Shulz were ready to take over the concessions next year, they spoke up at the meeting and said they had some great ideas and were going to make concessions an even bigger money maker for the band!

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.