

Warrior Band Boosters General Meeting Minutes

Date: December 4, 2013
Location: Band Room
Meeting called to order: 7:05 pm

Booster President Kate Tierney called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

The minutes from the November 20, 2013, Booster meeting were distributed prior to the meeting via email. The minutes were approved on motion from Sharon Warwick, seconded by Harvey White.

JHS STADIUM PROJECT – Ernie Cox, JHS Athletic Boosters President

Ernie congratulated the Spirit of Jupiter for their top five finish at state championships. Band accomplishments have been added to JHS Athletic Booster promotional literature for this project.

Ernie also thanked the band for being more involved with the Athletic Boosters this year. Banner money should be transferred to the band account next week. The “One Tribe” concept is catching on around school; we all need to work together!

Ernie was invited to our meeting to talk and answer questions about the JHS Stadium Project to replace the field with a turf surface. The information distributed at the meeting is attached to these minutes.

The school has spent a lot of time and money maintaining our grass field. The school has had to restrict use of the field because the grass does not survive with overuse, but we have many groups that would like to use the field. Jupiter High School has the smallest footprint of any school in the district. A turf field is the answer for the amount of use we have.

This is the first time the school has gone into the community to help fund a capital project. The Town of Jupiter committed a contribution a matching grant of \$400,000 to the field this past September. The school worked with JHS graduate and Town Council member Todd Woodraska to give the town access to the field with JHS does not need it. Our goal is to raise \$400,000 by the end of April so the field will be installed and ready to go by the fall season. Construction is scheduled to begin in June.

We are launching our fundraising campaign next week with articles in the Jupiter Courier and Palm Beach Post, as well as emails from Ernie and an automated phone call by Mr. Frank. The stadium can be named for five years by a major contributor (\$100,000+). We have many donation levels available on School Cash Online, and checks payable to Jupiter High School are also accepted. All donors will be listed on a permanent plaque on the concessions building.

All are invited to attend our Capital Campaign Committee meetings. The next meeting is Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00pm at Waterfront Properties. Ernie is trying to reach out to all groups that have an interest in using the field, including reaching out to individual JTAA members for donations.

Mr. Frank would like JHS to be able to compete with any public or private high school in the county – from facilities to academics.

Barbara Levy inquired about the safety of turf vs. grass as a field surface. Is there a concern there will be more injuries on a turf field? Ernie explained that turf products have evolved quite a bit since they were first introduced. The committee has researched the products available, and the one they are looking at using plays like grass. There is a shock pad that goes underneath the turf, and below that there is a mixture of sand and rubber, which helps to lower the temperature of the field a bit. This is the same field used by the Buffalo Bills and recently installed at Oxbridge Academy. It will get hotter than grass in the summertime, but the majority of the use of the field will not be during the summer.

The committee has not officially approached large corporations yet. Part of the campaign committee meetings is to determine who should contact which companies and at what level within the companies.

Before the decision to proceed with a turf field was made, Todd Woodraska consulted the field manager for the Miami Dolphins, who happens to live in Jupiter Farms. It is his opinion that we will never have a high quality grass field unless we have a budget like the Dolphins. The school spends \$75,000 per year to replace the grass field, and that lasts for only 80 events.

Thank you to Ernie for attending our meeting!

FINANCES – Rose Lynch

There is not much new in the past two weeks.

- We have \$16,000-17,000 in available funds, which will go towards bills we already have.
- We have \$31,000 in unpaid Spirit of Jupiter fees. Approximately \$8,000 of that is for students interested in winter groups.
- All fundraisers are closed (profit posted to fundraising accounts) except for Christmas trees.

PARADE

There are sign up sheets for parents who can help with the JTAA Holiday Parade this Sunday.

CONCERT – Lana Wiefels

- Mr. Powell said his drama class could help decorate the stage for the concert if we give him a specific date and time.
- We do need to get volunteers to help decorate, sell tickets, work the bake sale, etc.
- Lana will get letters from Debbie to try to get donations of decorations, plants, etc. from Home Depot and other stores..
- Bill Mallette has arranged for ROTC members to be ushers and man the auditorium doors to restrict entrance during a performance.

CHRISTMAS TREES – Pam Crider

- We do have a few extra items available: 7'-8' trees, garland and centerpieces.
- Parents can come on Friday from 3:00 to 5:00 to pick up items.
- We do need volunteers, especially dads with chainsaws on Saturday. Please sign up on the list on the piano to help.
- We will have a Toys for Tots collection box at Christmas tree pick up. Toys will be brought to the boat parade that night.
- We will be selling Christmas ornaments too.
- We expect the trees to be delivered between 8:30am and 9:00am on Friday morning. The students will help unload the truck.

JPAF - Kristy Krieger

Kristy is a former JHS Band mom who has joined JPAF to help raise money for Jupiter public school music programs and for scholarships for those students. JPAF also takes old instruments, refurbishes them, and donates them to local schools. They provide funds for artists in residence at schools.

Thank you for attending our Talk Like a Pirate event in September, where we raised \$5,000.

Our next and biggest event of the year is our annual Gala. This year it will be held at the Borland Center off PGA Boulevard. We have 500 tickets to sell to see Ann Hampton Callaway on January 25, 2014. Tickets are \$35. We also have Meet and Greet tickets available for \$75, and that includes early entrance to meet Ann plus food and drinks.

We will have a third event, either a Girls Night Out or a Battle of the Bands, where we hope to raise \$3,000-5,000.

UNIFORMS - Harvey White

Marching Band

- The Spirit of Jupiter will wear full uniforms minus shakos for the JTAA Holiday Parade.
- The last event of the year for uniforms will be middle school recruiting.
- A uniform return date will be announced. Uniforms must be dry cleaned before being returned, and the dry cleaning receipt should be attached to the uniform.

Concert Band

- All students should have black tux pants (or skirts for girls) and a white tux wing-tip shirt. (Symphonic Band girls can wear a floor length black dress purchased from Formal Fashions Inc.)
- Mr. White will distribute cummerbunds, bowties and Wind Ensemble jackets before the concert. All of these items should be turned in AFTER the concert; they should NOT go home.
- Tux jackets are not needed for Symphonic Band students.

CONCERT – Bill Mallette

- The ROTC will provide ushers to man the doors of the auditorium for us.
- The programs have been delivered, and flyers for the JPAF Gala will be inserted.
- Bill contacted five retirement centers, sent a letter to Town of Jupiter officials inviting them to the concert, and submitted information to TCPalm.com and WJTW. He will contact the Palm Beach Post tonight or tomorrow.
- Students need to be in the band room by 6:00pm.
- Rose ordered 10 tables for the courtyard; we will be selling tickets and other items, and we will need a bake sale table. The "bow guy" will be selling bows, and representatives from Project Graduation will be selling chicken dinner tickets.
- Bill asked about getting the concert flyer on Edline.
- We have discussed serving/selling dinner before the concert at the school. It was suggested that we partner with a restaurant so people could purchase a quick dinner off site. We think Angelo's would do this.

PROJECT GRADUATION – Bonnie Welsh

The east and west locations of Duffy's are partnering with JHS Project Graduation. Purchase food any Thursday in December, and a portion of your purchase goes towards Project Graduation. Flyers are available on Edline.

ROGER DEAN SPRING TRAINING CONCESSIONS FUNDRAISER – Bonnie Welsh

We are definitely working games during the week of Spring Break. All students (16 and over) and parents interested in working to raise money for your student's fundraising account MUST sign up for a training session at Roger Dean Stadium. Sign up with Bonnie Welsh ASAP.

HONDA CLASSIC BIRDIES FOR CHILDREN FUNDRAISER – Bonnie Welsh

For each donations made to Birdies for Children in the name of the JHS Band, the band will receive 110% of the donation! The Honda Classic has sponsors that match all donations made, so participating charities receive an extra 10%. For every \$20 donated, the donor receives a chance to win a new Honda vehicle by guessing the number of birdies shot during the tournament.

This is an easy way to increase your student's fundraising account!

PLEASE BE SEATED AUDITORIUM SEAT FUNDRAISER – Bonnie Welsh

This is another easy, year round fundraiser. Purchase a plaque to go on the back of a seat in the auditorium to honor or memorialize a friend or loved one.

SFWGA COLOR GUARD CHAMPIONSHIP PRELIMS – March 15

We will be organizing a committee for this event soon. We are looking for committee chairs for several jobs: Hospitality (order food, make posters), Concessions (Tim Kellogg & Tommy Schulz), Vendors, etc.

Watch your email for more information!

WINTER GROUPS

Parent volunteers are needed for all winter groups to help coordinate travel, move equipment and attend events.

We will have a parent meeting for those participating in winter groups. All band fees must be paid in full in order to participate in a winter group.

MONTHLY CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM

FMBC: Equipment Truck

The Pit section had a problem at finals; by the time the students finished loading the equipment in the trucks and students returned to the buses, the buses were gone. Students could not change or get money for dinner.

- It was suggested that all students go back to the buses immediately after a performance (at all competitions, including FMBC), so students can change clothes and/or get whatever they need off of the bus to sit in the stands.
- The Pit (and Battery) students need to learn how to load the truck more quickly. It was suggested that part of the leadership interview for Pit (and Battery) section leader include defining a loading process. The section leader(s) should be in charge of loading the truck, and the members of the section should give the section leader(s) respect so the job can get done quickly.

FMBC: Hotel

We need a "check out" process for chaperones and students to be sure nothing is left in the hotel rooms. This year, at least three full uniforms were left in rooms by students.

- Chaperones should go through rooms WITH the students, not after the students are already on the buses.
- It was also suggested that chaperones have a brief training session regarding what they need to do at FMBC.

We did receive compliments that the students were very well behaved at FMBC.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Calendars for the Winter Groups are available on the piano.
- Call time for Spirit of Jupiter tomorrow (for LTM performance for JHS Staff): 7:30am
- Call time for Spirit of Jupiter Sunday (for JTAA Holiday Parade): 12:15pm at Subway on Center Street. Students should bring home instruments on Friday.
- Student Volunteer Opportunity: Limestone Creek Elementary Family Carnival on Saturday, January 25 from 11:30am to 4:30pm. Contact Kate Tierney to volunteer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/5/13 - Spirit performance for teachers(call time 7:30 a.m. in uniform)
- 12/5/13 - Holiday Parade practice following performance
- 12/5/13 - Winter Brass auditions 6:00 p.m.
- 12/6/13 - Christmas tree delivery
- 12/7/13 - Christmas Trees!!!!9:00 am-1:00 p.m.
- 12/8/13 - JTAA Holiday Parade : Call time 12:00 p.m.
- 12/10/13 - Winter guard and percussion 5:00-8:45 p.m.
- 12/11/13 - Concert Band dress rehearsal
- 12/12/13 - Holiday Concert 7:00 p.m. \$5/ticket
- 12/17/13 and 12/19/13 - Winter Guard and percussion 5:00-8:45 p.m.
- 1/7/14 and 1/9/13 - winter guard and percussion 5:00-8:45 p.m.
- 1/11/14 - Roger Dean Concession Training 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.
- 1/14/14 and 1/16/14 - Winter Guard and Percussion 5:00-8:45 p.m.
- 1/15/14 - Band Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Lana Wiefels made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Sharon Warwick seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.