

## **Warrior Band Boosters General Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 15, 2014

Location: Band Room

Meeting called to order: 7:05 pm

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

The minutes from the December 4, 2013, Booster meeting were distributed prior to the meeting via email. The minutes were approved on motion from Sharon Warwick, seconded by Harvey White.

### **FINANCES** – Rose Lynch

We have \$26,000 in the bank now.

- Our Winter Concert sales totaled \$1,390. The ticket price reduction definitely affected our profit, but it did make the actual sales and reconciliation\* much easier. If we need to find a way to make more money, we could increase the ticket price for future concerts.
- We made sold about \$38,000 in Christmas trees, and about half of that went into student fundraising accounts.
- All major fundraisers have been posted to Charms. Recent volunteer hours and money paid for volunteer shirts have not been posted.

### **SPRING CONCERT** – March 6

Rose would like to go ahead and order whatever tables we need. Please let her know ASAP if we will have extra vendors or the need for any tables beyond those for ticket sales and the bake sale. We should consider doing some sort of Dine for Cash prior to the concert again instead of trying to host a dinner at JHS prior to the concert.

### **ROGER DEAN SPRING TRAINING CONCESSIONS** – Bonnie Welsh

Anyone interested in working concessions at Roger Dean Stadium during spring break week must attend a training session at Roger Dean Stadium, even if you worked concessions last year. Training sessions are held in the party deck, and they are scheduled for:

Thursday, January 30: 6:00 PM

Saturday, February 1: 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM

An additional Sunday training session will be scheduled.

We have two concession stands for five games during spring break week (Monday through Friday games). We need 18 volunteers per game. Profits are split between with workers. Last year, workers earned \$50-53 per day. Kids cannot serve beer, and students must be 18 in order to work the registers. All students must be 16 in order to work concessions.

### **JUPITER JUBILEE** – Bonnie Welsh

Jupiter Jubilee is an opportunity for students and parents to volunteer to raise money for the general band fund. We will be running a Coke stand and selling drinks. We hope to have enough volunteers to have two shifts. Last year, we had 29 volunteers.

### **HONDA CLASSIC BIRDIES FOR CHILDREN** – Bonnie Welsh

For every \$1.00 donated to the JHS Band through Birdies for Children, the band will actually receive \$1.10. The Honda Classic has sponsors that match donations received. The first \$1.00 goes to student fundraising accounts (if the donation is made in the name of a student), and the remaining \$0.10 goes to the general band fund.

For each \$20.00 donation, the donor can guess the total number of birdies made during the Honda Classic. The winner (with the exact guess) wins a new Honda vehicle.

Donations can be made through February 20.

### **WINTER FUNDRAISING** – Michelle Kellogg

Candy Sale: February 1-14 – Michelle will be signing out boxes of candy and taking money at Winter Guard rehearsals. Michelle will purchase candy from Costco or Restaurant Depot; she will purchase items that can be sold for \$1.00. Sour Skittles and Starburst were highly recommended.

We prefer that students submit CHECKS instead of cash for fundraising payments.

Jamie Lindquist asked if this fundraiser would be open to Winter Percussion. It can be open to WP; we would need a parent in WP to take charge of the fundraiser and be available at rehearsals to distribute candy and accept money from students. Jamie will discuss this with Michelle after the meeting.

Chrome Emblems: This fundraiser is on hold because Michelle is having trouble getting in touch with the vendor.

Honey Baked Hams: March

Other fundraisers open to winter groups:

- Honda Classic Birdies for Children (through February 20)
- Roger Dean Spring Training Game Concessions (March 17-21)
- Sponsorships (year round)
- Please Be Seated Auditorium Plaques (year round)

Winter Guard parents are also eligible for one 20-hour volunteer credit, separate from the Spirit of Jupiter volunteer credit.

### **UNIFORMS** – Harvey White

- The Spring Concert on March 6 is the next concert. Please make sure all students have white, wing-tipped tux shirts and tux pants (or skirts for girls).
- The Spirit of Jupiter will wear their uniforms one more time at the Middle School Recruiting event on March 14.
- Uniform return is tentatively scheduled the week after Spring Break. Uniforms should be returned in a dry cleaning bag with cleaning receipt attached. An email will be sent with more detailed instructions once return dates have been set.

### **JHS STADIUM PROJECT UPDATE** – Debbie Wiley

- There is a work session scheduled for this Saturday, January 18 at 10:00 AM at the field. All band students and parents are encouraged to attend; student will receive community service hours. We will be weeding and filling divots.

- We still need parent volunteers to attend the project's Capital Campaign Committee meetings. Meetings are held one Wednesday a month at Waterfront Properties. Please contact Debbie Wiley if you can help.
- Donations to the project can be made online via SchoolCashOnline. Search for stadium to find donation levels from \$25 to \$10,000. Names of all donors will be put on a permanent plaque on the concession stand. The school group that raises the most money and the group that raises the most money by student percentage
- The safety of the turf field was questioned. The JHS Athletic Booster president, Ernie Cox, explained at our last meeting 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. Debbie Wiley will contact Ernie Cox to find out if he has any data to support the reduced number of injuries on the turf being purchased.

### **CHARMS MOBILE APP** – Debbie Wiley

Charms Office Assistant offers a mobile app for iOS and Android called Charms Parent/Student Portal. After downloading the app and logging in the first time, you can view the status of your student's fundraising account, whether or not forms have been turned in, etc. Also, you do not need to log in each time you access the app!

### **SOLO & ENSEMBLE** – Mr. Larkin

Solo & Ensemble signature forms were distributed in class along with a packet explaining Solo & Ensemble. Participation is required for students because Mr. Larkin feels it is the most important thing students can do for themselves. Sign up sheets will be available so students can sign up for time to work individually with Mr. Larkin. Copies of piano music for accompanists should have already been turned in.

Wind Ensemble students are required to do solos. Symphonic Band students can do ensembles instead of solos if they like. In the future, Symphonic Band students will also be required to do solos. Percussion Ensemble students have been assigned snare drum, timpani and mallet pieces. All pieces should be prepared for Mr. Larkin and one will be performed at Solo & Ensemble. If Mr. Larkin assigned an ensemble to a student, a solo is not required.

Solo & Ensemble is on February 7-8. After the initial schedule is released, students should identify conflicts by contacting Mr. Larkin by email. He will try to resolve them if possible.

### **WINTER GROUPS** – Mr. Larkin

There is a JHS Stadium Field work day this Saturday, January 18 at 10:00am, and we would like as many students as possible to attend. Students interested in leadership positions should attend. Student leadership is a year round responsibility.

#### Winter Percussion

Instructor Cisco Hance asks that students arrive on time to rehearsals. Students should try to attend rehearsals even if they are not feeling well; they can sit on the sidelines so they do not get behind in learning the show. If students cannot attend or are going to be late, they should contact section leaders Anna Riso (pit) or Patrick Bain (battery).

A concern regarding communication was raised by a parent. Facebook is being used as the main means of communication by the instructors, and not all students are on Facebook. Mr. Larkin will speak with the instructors and come up with a solution.

Mr. Larkin asked that all band parents and students attend as many winter group events as possible and to cheer loudly! These are very fun events. South Florida is among the biggest venues in the world for Winter Guard and Winter Percussion, and JHS is fortunate enough to have some of the most talented instructors in South Florida.

Please pick up your students in a timely manner so the custodians can lock up. They are not allowed to leave campus until there are no students on school grounds.

We need parent liaisons for both Winter Percussion and Winter Guard to help coordinate travel, equipment trucks, fundraising, communication, and other logistical matters. Thank you to Buffie Hill for offering to be the Winter Guard Liaison.

Please note that students can drive themselves to competitions, but they are not allowed to transport other students per school district policy.

Please turn in forms for winter groups as soon as possible; they are overdue.

#### Winter Percussion: NEXT YEAR

We would love to take next year's Winter Percussion group to WGI World Championships in Dayton, Ohio. Our goal is to make a name for our programs at a world class level and eventually win a world championship.

#### Winter Guard Reminder

February practices will be held on Tuesdays instead of Mondays because of Wind Ensemble rehearsals.

#### **SFWGA CHAMPIONSHIP PRELIMS: March 15**

We need a planning committee; this event requires a LOT of volunteers. We are asking parents of all winter group students to volunteer a shift at the event - either on Friday, March 14 or Saturday, March 15. In particular, we need someone who is handy with wiring to set up the gym. Also, we are required by the SFWGA to put adults, not students, at all doors this year. Parents will receive hours towards the Volunteer Credit.

All students will be required to work a shift. Students will receive volunteer hours for their time.

These are the types of jobs we need in this committee:

- Vendor Coordinator - to talk to vendors at competitions and set some up for ours
- Hospitality Coordinator - to set up/serve the food in the judge's room; to select and pick up the food for the judges
- Facilities Coordinator - to coordinate our needs with Mr. Mellone - Buffie Hill will do this again this year
- Volunteer Coordinator - Kate Tierney and Stephanie Schulz will do this again this year
- Bake Sale Coordinator
- Floor Crew/Gym Coordinator
- First Aid - would David Summers be interested in doing this again this year?
- Concessions - Tim Kellogg and Tommy Schulz will coordinate this and get a freezer truck lined up for the event

We are also in need of donations to help make this event as profitable as possible. An email/letter will be sent home specifying which students are to bring in which donations.

We will hold meetings on Mondays at 6:00pm in the band room for anyone who can help plan this event.

### **BAND PARENT ORGANIZATION ELECTIONS**

Our annual elections will be held at our March 26 meeting. If you are interested in any of the board positions, please contact Kate Tierney at [katetch01@aol.com](mailto:katetch01@aol.com). The positions are:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer
- Secretary

Rose Lynch is also looking for additional treasurer help to (1) take over accounting for concessions and (2) take over fundraising accounting. We also need help heading many committees, especially fundraising.

### **CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM**

#### Holiday Concert

Having the ROTC students man the doors worked better than previous concerts, but people were still going in/out even with the ROTC students at the doors.

Donations for our intermission Bake Sale are dwindling.

The concert was beautiful!

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion from Harvey White, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.