

Warrior Band Boosters General Meeting Minutes

Date: August 20, 2015
Location: Mr. Powell's Classroom
Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm

President Susan Taylor called the meeting to order. She introduced all board members in attendance: Vice President Kate Tierney, Vice President Debra Wasserman, Assistant Treasurer Gina Phinney, and Secretary Debbie Wiley.

The minutes from the May 21, 2015, Booster meeting were distributed at the meeting. The minutes were approved on motion by Debra Wasserman and seconded by Tammy Mager.

OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT – Gina Phinney

We are starting off the year well. We have \$64,700 in our account, compared to \$57,600 last year. We think this is due to the \$25 incentive to have accounts paid in full by August 21.

The closing of last year's seniors put \$1,600 in the general band account.

However, we have 55% of our families who are not current with their accounts (\$500 balance). Financial reports were sent out this week to marching band families so everyone knows where they stand.

Financial statements for non-marching band students will be sent out next month.

FORMS – Debbie Wiley

Please turn in your forms on time. All students in a band class (except Color Guard) must turn in a class syllabus by Friday, August 21 for a grade.

Additional forms are required for non-marching band students, and they handed out the first day of school and distributed by email. These forms are due Monday, August 24 for a grade.

All marching band student forms are due Monday, August 24 for a grade. Status of these forms can be found in Charms.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Thank you to those who volunteered at and brought in donations for the August band camp.

We welcome you to come early when picking up your kids from marching band rehearsals. There is usually a run through at the end of each rehearsal around 8:20-8:25.

These immediate volunteer needs were reviewed at the meeting:

- **Fundraising Co-Chair(s)** - Helps chair one or more fundraisers already planned for the year; Seeks additional fundraising opportunities. Pick a fundraiser and chair it with a friend! Specific fundraisers that need chair people:
 - Dine for Cash
 - Honda Classic Birdies for Children
 - Jupiter Jubilee
 - Mixed Bag Designs
 - Silent Auctions
- **Athletic Booster Liaison** - Attends monthly JHS Athletic Booster meetings and represents the band's interests; Brings back any information or requests to the Band Director and Parent Organization Board as needed.
- **SAC (School Advisory Council) Liaison** - Attends monthly SAC meetings and represents the band's interests; Brings back any information or requests to the Band Director and Parent Organization Board as needed.
- **Concert Uniform Team** - Assists with fitting, distributing and collecting concert uniform attire.

- **Marching Band Uniform Team** - Assists with fitting, distributing and collecting marching band uniform attire; Works with vendor companies to order uniform pieces (Vipers, gloves, show shirts, etc.). We are especially in need of newer parents willing to be trained to take over this job next year.
- **Assistant Concert Coordinator** - Helps the Concert Coordinator organize volunteers to sell tickets, run the bake sale, etc. at band concerts. The intent of this position is that the Assistant Concert Coordinator will become *the* Concert Coordinator the following year.
- **Prop Construction Team** - Helps design and build props for the JHS co-curricular activities: Spirit of Jupiter Marching Band, Winter Guard, and Winter Percussion.
- **Spirit Volunteer Assistant Coordinator** - Solicits and trains volunteers for marching band by shadowing the current Spirit Volunteer Coordinator. The intent of this position is that the Assistant Volunteer Coordinator will become *the* Volunteer Coordinator the following year.
- **Alumni Coordinator** - Reaches out to JHS Band alumni to solicit contact information and inform them of upcoming events.
- **Recruiting Coordinator** - Organizes JHS Band recruiting events (held at middle school pancake breakfasts, Middle School Night, etc.) by setting up a recruiting table, preparing recruiting information, soliciting volunteers, etc.
- **Homecoming Float Coordinator** - Works with band parents and non-marching band students to create a float for the Band for the JHS Homecoming parade.

Concessions – Tim Kellogg & Tom Schulz

We also have concessions going on at tonight's game. It was supposed to be an away game, but it was changed earlier this week. We like to have a lot of volunteers at football game concessions so that our marching band parents have an opportunity to watch the halftime show at some of the games.

Tim and Tom are trying to step back this year after several years of running concessions. David Cooper and George Taylor are training to take over concessions.

During home football games, we like to run concessions on both the home and visitor sides. On each side, we need 4-6 people inside working concessions and 6 people cooking.

We are trying to get a fryer for funnel cakes and fried Oreos.

Props

We have scaffolding ready to start making the "box" for the marching band show.

We will need a lot of help when it is time to build the props. It is fun! We will need help attaching panels to the scaffolding and painting the panels. ALL parents are welcome to help with this; you do not need to have a student in marching band to help. Watch your emails for volunteer opportunities.

We also need help moving props during football games and competitions. Volunteer who would like to do this must commit to working at least four competitions and one or two football games. It is very important that we have consistency in moving the props so that the show runs as smoothly as possible.

Football Games - Sharon Warwick

We need help before all football games, starting around 5:00 pm. Volunteers:

- fill coolers and water bottles with water for the students to drink in the stands;
- mark off the bleachers to save seats for the band; and
- clean up the stands after the game.

LeeAnne Rivera and Tammy Mager volunteered to help at football games after the meeting.

FUNDRAISING

Save Around Coupon Books

Coupon books are on sale now through August 28. See Michelle Kellogg or Susan Taylor to get coupon books. (Michelle has books tonight.) The easiest time to pick up coupon books is after marching band rehearsals on Mondays and Thursdays.

We are running an incentive program: sell 10 books and get one "old" coupon book, get an additional "old" coupon book for each additional new five books sold.

Michelle Kellogg has arranged for sales of coupon books at the Jupiter Farms Publix on Sunday, August 30. Sign up for a shift on SignUpGenius at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0849a5a82eabfd0-save>. For now, we are asking that individuals sign up for one shift only. If we cannot fill the shifts, we will allow sign ups for more than one shift.

We would like to sell books at other locations. If you have any ideas, please contact Michelle Kellogg at seeshellkell@bellsouth.net. The Publix at US 1 and Indiantown Road was suggested.

Cheesecake Sales

Cheesecake sales start August 26 and end September 8. The cheesecake representative will present sales information and offer a sample to students in class on August 26.

This is a traditional catalog sale. The rep will distribute order forms. Orders should be turned in with payment on or before the deadline.

Items are delivered frozen on a day to be determined. Orders must be picked up that day; we do not have freezer space to store orders that are not picked up.

UNIFORMS

Purchase concert uniforms NOW to prepare for band pictures in October or November. Uniform requirements are listed in the Band Handbook and on our band web site on the [Uniforms page](#).

NOTE: Girls in Symphonic Band who aspire to be in Wind Symphony should consider the tux shirt and pants/skirt uniform option to save money on concert uniforms.

For marching band students, if you did not purchase Vipers in the bulk order, you must purchase them NOW so they arrive by the first football game.

All uniform information is available on our [Uniforms page](#) on our [web site](#).

JUPITER FESTIVAL OF BANDS – Judy Tripp

We are hosting our first marching band competition on Saturday, October 31, and we will need a LOT of help that day! Our organizers have met over the summer, and nearly all of our leadership positions have been filled.

We do need help publicizing this event. If you can help, please contact Judy Tripp at judithtrippllc@att.net.

Volunteers

Our marching band students will not be able to help much since they will be rehearsing and performing that day.

All marching band families are required to provide an adult to work at least one shift at the festival. We will have shifts available on SignUpGenius soon. Watch your emails!

Right now we have five bands slated for the event, but we are now the only competition in the southeast that weekend, so we are hopeful additional bands will sign up.

Donations – Crystal Titus

Crystal has been working with Pam Abruscatti to get donations for the festival. The more donations we have, the more money we will make. The majority of our profit comes from concessions. Crystal has been able to get ketchup, honey mustard and Gatorade donated so far.

Suggestions for additional donations: Walmart, Sam's Club, and Chick-Fil-A.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Mr. Larkin

Mr. Larkin introduced our new Assistant Band Director, Mr. Christopher Moore. Mr. Moore comes to us from West Virginia after a nationwide search for very specific qualifications for this position.

Marching band students are working on their stands tunes tonight. Mr. Frank asked that the parking lot be available for parking for the football game tonight, so students are rehearsing inside.

The bands are off to a great start! We have over 200 students currently enrolled in a band class this year, though schedules are still fluctuating.

We had some construction over the summer, and we have a new music library and a new percussion storage room! At Mr. Frank's direction, the new shop teacher is going to build out shelving for us in the percussion storage room so we can maximize the space. Our number one goal is to get that room cleaned out so it can be used for percussion only.

Sabine Watt asked if it would be possible to get shelving in the Color Guard rooms as well? Mr. Larkin said he would ask.

The Finale Concert date and rehearsal have been MOVED to May 9 (rehearsal) and May 10 (concert) due to a conflict with the Spotlight on Young Musicians concert at the Kravis Center. That concert will feature the All-District Honor Band, and we will have a few students who have a conflict.

Regarding the Festival of Bands, we are not expecting many more bands to register. FMBC suggests doing a show even if only a few bands attend to establish the school as a competition host site. It was noted that our competition is the only one in the SE region listed on the FMBC web site. *Mr. Larkin found out after the meeting that Miami Coral Park had to cancel their competition that was to be held on October 31.*

The Marching MPA rain makeup date is also October 31. In the event the October 24 MPA is rained out, the FBA district chair has said that bands who want to attend our competition will be scheduled for MPA so that bands can attend both events.

We are still looking for some sort of gimmick to get bands to attend our show and return in following years. We do know that we need to feed the band directors WELL, and we need to appear to be VERY organized.

Mr. Larkin was asked if there was a number of bands that would be too many for us to handle, but the answer is no – we will accept registrations for as many as we get. However, it would be good to have a manageable number.

We do not have a Winter Guard date scheduled yet, but we have submitted applications for two different shows. Events have not been awarded yet.

Mr. Larkin would eventually like to host a Solo & Ensemble or Concert Band MPA event, but those are typically awarded to more centrally located schools.

We are in need of contacts to billboard companies. We would like to turn used billboards into tarps for the marching band show.

JPAF – Sharon Warwick

JPAF is the Jupiter Performing Arts Fund. It was created by former JHS band parents to help financially support music programs in Jupiter public schools. The group is expanding their mission to include drama, chorus and guard, provided they get enough volunteers from those groups.

JPAF's next fundraiser is the 2015 Jupiter Outbreak: Escaping the Zombies fun run on Saturday, October 24 at Jonathan Dickinson State Park. This is an obstacle course run that is not timed. All racers get flags at the start of the race, and "zombies" attempt to take the flags during the race. Runners who finish will receive a medal – a "survivor" medal if the runner still has flags or a "zombie" medal if all flags have been captured.

JHS Drama students will portray the zombies.

Volunteers are needed to help with registration, water stations, etc. Race registration opens up next week on Active.com. The registration fee increases by \$10 after October 1.

If you are interested in helping, talk to Sharon Warwick or email JPAF President Sheril Jalm at president@jpaf.org.

CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM

- Parent Preview – It was special to be on the turf field and nice that the parents could sit and watch in the stands. The event did start earlier than the stated schedule, so some parents missed part of the "show."
- Skit Night – This was the best skit night in a long time!

- August Band Camp – This camp is the most difficult to run as we are low on volunteers due to the return to work of school district employees. Please be aware that we use a LOT of fruit at these camps, and it is very important that we receive ample donations to help feed the kids.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm on motion by Susan Taylor and seconded by Kate Tierney.