

## **Jupiter High School Band Parent Meeting Minutes**

Date: December 16, 2015  
Location: JHS Drama Room  
Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm

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President Susan Taylor called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the November 14, 2015, Band Parent meeting were distributed previously by email. The minutes were approved on motion by Tommy Schulz and seconded by Debra Wasserman.

### **OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FINANCE REPORT** – Gina Phinney

##### Christmas Trees

Profit from Christmas trees has been posted to fundraising accounts. The band earned about 45% from sales. We sold \$41,880 in product, which is comparable to last year. We could have made more money but we had leftover inventory, and our costs for the products increased over last year.

No profit was credited for trees sold at or less than cost.

##### Spirit of Jupiter Fair Share

Fundraising statements were emailed so everyone should know how much they owe in outstanding fees. PLEASE pay your Fair Share in FULL now.

We brought in \$18,000 in Fair Share payments last month, but there is still \$32,000 outstanding.

##### Winter Concert

We raised \$1,779 in admissions (compared to \$1,630 at last year's Winter Concert). We made \$204 in the bake Sale.

##### Festival of Bands

Rose Lynch is still working on closing out this event. We think we will make a little profit. We are waiting for custodian invoices, but our revenue was \$12,600 and we estimate our expenses to be \$8,000-9,000.

##### Football Game Concessions

Rose Lynch did close out this fundraiser. Our net profit was \$9,075. The income estimate in our budget was \$7,500, so we raised \$1,500 than anticipated!

##### All-American Football Game

We have been asked to do concession at this football game on Saturday, January 2, 2016, from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM. David Cooper is chairing this event. We are trying to determine if we have enough volunteers to work the event.

All volunteers who work the event will earn an "hourly wage" towards their fundraising account. The wage will be determined by dividing the profit by the number of hours worked.

We do have to split the profits from concessions 50/50 with the group putting on the game.

Fundraising paperwork for the school should be completed before the end of the week.

##### Birdies for Children – Debbie Wiley

This is the easiest way to pay down band fees by credit card. For every \$20 donated, the donor gets a guess at the number of birdies shot during the tournament. The person who guesses the right number wins a new Honda vehicle. 100% of your donation goes towards your fundraising account, and the band receives an additional 10% of your donation for the general account.

##### Sponsors/Auditorium Seat Plaques

These are ongoing fundraisers. Try getting sponsors from local businesses, family members and friends. Every little bit reduces your out of pocket costs.

Auditorium seat plaques can be purchased anytime. Honor a student or loved one by buying a plaque with his/her name on it and mount it on the back of an auditorium seat.

## **BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Michael Larkin

### **New Volunteer Position: Contract/Staff Liaison**

We need someone to be the primary contact between the band and staff members. This person will make sure that the contracts for paid instructors are in place and that the instructors get paid in a timely manner. This person will also monitor the budgets set for staff salaries and make sure salaries do not exceed budgets and are paid out of the right accounts. This person will also work with staff to place any orders through the band, such as for staff shirts, FMBC hotel rooms, etc.

We would like someone to start in January so he/she can be trained and mentored by Tracy Mallette before the end of the school year when her daughter graduates.

Please see Mr. Larkin if you are interested.

*Thank you to Yvonne Seeberan, who volunteered for this position following the meeting.*

### **Uniform Drive Team**

We have a design for a new uniform. The designer lives in Palm City and has been consulting with us for FREE. We need to raise the \$50,000+ that it will cost to purchase new uniforms.

Thank you to Jamie Lindquist and Dorothy Carr who have already volunteered to co-chair this effort. They are already brainstorming!

Can we sell the old uniforms? We would need documentation proving that the parent organization purchased them instead of the school district, otherwise they are considered school district property, which we cannot sell. Debbie will email previous band booster board members to see if they can provide any insight.

### **Band Trailer**

We are still at the beginning of this project.

### **Symphonic Band**

We have over 100 students in Symphonic Band! We will bring this large band to Concert MPA. To prepare, rehearsals 2-3 days per week will be the entire band, and the rest of the week will be split into brass and woodwinds.

It was determined that we do not have the instrumentation to bring two full Symphonic Bands to Concert MPA. In other words, we cannot cover all of the musical parts necessary with two separate bands.

### **Winter Programs**

Percussion is going very well. They were recently measured for uniforms.

We have only two seniors in the Guard groups this year! We would love to add a 3rd Winter Guard group next year.

### **Wind Symphony Brass**

The Wind Symphony brass *may* have a performance on April 4. The Weiss Winds, a professional ensemble started by the new band director at The Weiss School, is playing Star Wars music at The Loxahatchee Club on that date. The Wind Symphony brass would perform with this group to round out the instrumentation. We would not receive any funds for this performance, but it would be great exposure.

### **Spirit of Jupiter**

Mr. Larkin would like to bring the marching band to Bands of America (BOA), a national stage of marching band competition, possibly in the next two years. The BOA circuit has their Grand National Championship in Indianapolis, Indiana every year.

Our first step would be to participation in a Super Regional in Atlanta, Georgia in 2017. Many of the same judges we see in FMBC adjudicate BOA competitions. If the band does well in Atlanta, they could go on to Indianapolis.

We would still participate in FMBC competitions, but if we went to Indianapolis for Grand Nationals, we would not go to Tampa for FMBC State Championships.

The Atlanta competition is usually the weekend of Halloween, so we need to try to get our Festival of Bands moved away from that weekend. In addition, we would need to start summer rehearsals earlier to guarantee success at a BOA regional event.

### Spring Camps

The past couple of years we have had 6-7 weeknight rehearsals in the spring for marching band.

This year we are going to have 2-3 Saturday rehearsals and 1-3 weeknight rehearsals. This will allow us to start learning drill earlier - possibly at the June camp instead of the July camp. Auditions will be held in April instead of May.

That schedule will set us up to prepare for BOA the following year.

### Commercials

Does anyone know anything about getting commercials on TV? Mr. Larkin would like to get Spirit of Jupiter commercials on local television for exposure to people in the north county area. This would be paid advertising.

Tammy Mager said she would ask the plastic surgeons she works with, since they advertise a lot.

### WINTER GUARD - Sabine Watt

We have 25 students participating in JV Winter Guard and 18 students in Varsity Winter Guard. Sabine and Michelle Pariseleti are the Varsity Winter Guard Liaison, and Sabine will be assisting Debra Wasserman as the JV Winter Guard Liaison.

JV WG has already received the paperwork required to participate. The Fair Share for Varsity WG has not yet been determined.

There are additional costs beyond the Fair Share for both of these programs, some are for required items and items are optional. Items include shoes, body tights, make up, jackets, flag bags, etc. Sabine will notify parents regarding items to be purchased.

Sabine took measurements for all guard costumes, including shoes and body tights.

Many parents are used to attending Spirit of Jupiter practices. Instructors request that parents only attend the last 30 minutes or so of Winter Guard rehearsals, rather than watching the entire rehearsal.

Travel to competitions is by carpool. Drivers must be official chaperones and submit paperwork to the school district before driving students other than their own. We meet at Duffy's West and depart from there.

Only official chaperones will receive admission wristbands for competitions. At competitions, tickets can sometimes be purchased by credit card, but be prepared to pay cash.

For the Varsity WG Orlando trip, we may have extra rooms available at our hotel for parents.

All camps and rehearsals are at Jupiter High School.

Please email Sabine Watt at [sabinewatt9904@gmail.com](mailto:sabinewatt9904@gmail.com) with any questions.

### WINTER PERCUSSION

Most rehearsals are outside (except for the front ensemble). Parents are welcome to watch rehearsals.

Transportation to competitions is comparable to Winter Guard; official chaperones carpool students to the competition sites. Winter Percussion also has a U-Haul for their instruments and equipment.

**FOR ALL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, STUDENTS CAN DRIVE THEMSELVES BUT THEY CANNOT DRIVE OTHER STUDENTS PER SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY.**

### MARCHING BAND CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS - Debbie Wiley

We would like to offer championship rings from two different companies to Spirit of Jupiter families, but we are awaiting permission from Mr. Frank to do so.

Herff-Jones offers a less expensive ring (saving about \$100), but they cannot use the official FMBC logo on their ring.

Balfour is the company we used last year, and they can use the official FMBC logo.

## **CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM** - Winter Concert

- The concert did not feel like it lasted too long.
- The microphone was too close to the band so you could not hear the singers well.
- It worked well to have our guard members monitor the auditorium entry doors.
- No flash photography, even by our official photographers. It is distracting to the audience and to the band, and we do not want other audience members thinking it is OK.
- Ticket sellers need a specific list of any people who are to get free or reduced price tickets so there is no question at the concert.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

- 12/19: JV Winter Guard Camp/Rehearsal: 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm (NO VARSITY CAMP)
- 12/21-1/1: NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
- 1/2: All-American Football Game: CONCESSIONS ALL DAY
- 1/4: NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day
- 1/4: Winter Percussion Rehearsal: 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- 1/4: Varsity Winter Guard Rehearsal: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- 1/6: Winter Percussion Rehearsal: 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- 1/6: JV Winter Guard Rehearsal: 5:00 pm - 8:45 pm
- 1/7: Varsity Winter Guard Rehearsal: 5:00 pm - 8:45 pm
- 1/7: All-District Auditions @ Okeeheelee Middle School: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- 1/8: AMP Seminar @ DoubleTree Hotel in PBG: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- 1/9: AMP Seminar @ DoubleTree Hotel in PBG: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
- 1/9: Varsity Winter Guard Camp/Rehearsal: Time TBD
- 1/9: Winter Percussion Camp/Rehearsal: Time TBD
- 1/11: Winter Percussion Rehearsal: 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- 1/11: Varsity Winter Guard Rehearsal: 5:00 pm - 8:45 pm
- 1/13: Winter Percussion Rehearsal: 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- 1/13: JV Winter Guard Rehearsal: 5:00 pm - 8:45 pm
- 1/14: Varsity Winter Guard Rehearsal: 5:00 pm - 8:45 pm
- 1/16: JV Winter Guard Camp/Rehearsal: Time TBD
- 1/18: NO SCHOOL - MLK Birthday
- 1/23: SFWGA Premier North Event AT JHS

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned.