

Jupiter High School Band Parent Meeting Minutes

Date: January 20, 2016
Location: JHS Drama Room
Meeting called to order: 7:05 pm

President Susan Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

The minutes from the December 16, 2015, Band Parent meeting were distributed previously by email. The minutes were approved on motion by Debra Wasserman and seconded by Christina DeLong.

OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT – Gina Phinney

We collected \$5,800 since last month's meeting.

Spirit of Jupiter Fair Share

Statements were emailed to those who still owe marching band fees. About 25% of participants still owe \$27,000. Those students have been added to the school's obligation list.

Winter Groups

The first payment due has been added to fundraising accounts. Financial statements will be emailed by early next week.

Mixed Bags

Profits will be posted to fundraising accounts soon.

Solo & Ensemble

Checks have been deposited but have not been credited to fundraising accounts yet. Gina is waiting for a final participant list.

FORMS – Debbie Wiley

Please remind students that forms should only be turned in to the wire inbox designated for forms. The box is located on the shelf immediately to the left of the doors to the band room.

Giving forms to instructors or staff is NOT advised

All checks should be placed in the Fair Share box. Depositing cash is not advised. Contact a treasurer if you want to submit cash for band fees or fundraisers.

GRADUATION - Debbie Wiley

We are need of a truck driver for graduation day, May 20. Thank you to David Cooper for volunteering.

WINTER FUNDRAISERS

We would like to offer fundraisers in the next couple of months to help the winter groups and to assist those who still owe band fees. These fundraisers will be open to all band students.

- Mixed Bag Designs – Susan will ask Jessica Billy
- Tritan Tumblers – Cynthia Carrino
- Fundraiser #3 TBD – Yankee Candle? Coffee? – we need someone to head this one

Michelle Kellogg is also looking into doing Dine for Cash opportunities with area restaurants. So far, she is working with California Pizza Kitchen to pick a Friday or Sunday in February.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Michael Larkin

Our programs are doing very well.

We are currently working on Solo & Ensemble music in preparation for Solo & Ensemble Festival on February 5-6.

We have had a few schedule changes.

All-District Band is this weekend. Congratulations to Jonathan Baird and Chris Pallés for making the All-District 9th-10th grade band. Mr. Larkin will be at the All-District rehearsal/concert on Friday evening, but Mr. Moore will be here Friday night to help set up. Mr. Larkin will be at SFWGA Premiere North all day Saturday.

Jazz MPA is February 2 at Palm Beach Central High School.

For Concert Band MPA, we will be taking the Wind Symphony and one large Symphonic Band. Even though the Symphonic Band is split into two classes, we do not have the instrumentation to take two separate Symphonic Bands to MPA.

The Winter programs are doing great. The staff is very excited, and the kids are working very hard at rehearsals and in class. They have a great energy.

Weiss School European Trip Opportunity

Last summer, Mr. Larkin helped find a new band director for the Weiss School, and as a result of that, he has developed a sort of partnership with the school.

The Weiss School is planning a trip the summer of 2017 to Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic for their band to perform and visit musical sites in Prague, Salzburg and other cities. The school does not have enough students to do this trip, so they will open it up to public schools to form a sort of honor band. The cost of the trip would be \$2500 for the week.

Information sessions will be announced. Chaperones may also be needed.

ROGER DEAN SPRING TRAINING CONCESSIONS - Pam Abruscati

The band works concessions during Spring Training games at Roger Dean Stadium as a fundraiser, and it is FUN! We have two small stands for three games. We may be able to do a single stand at one other game.

- March 18 (tentative) – 1 small stand
- March 23/24/25 – 2 small stands

Adults and students should sign up for training sessions and games using the SignUpGenius link that will be emailed soon. We need at least eight people per stand, and we need several adults in order to sell/serve alcohol.

We have Stand 2 and Stand 4, neither of which have a grill. We are told that many groups request Stand 2 because there is a fast customer turnaround. When customers see that your lines are moving, they will get in line for your stand!

ALL participants must attend a training session. If you have an ID from a previous year, please bring it to training to save yourself time. Participants MUST be 16 years old by the time they work a game. For example, if a student turns 16 between now and March 23, the student can attend training and work the games.

Profits for the week will be converted to an hourly wage that is credited to fundraising accounts based on hours worked. We have single shifts; you must work the entire game from set up to clean up.

We provide ball caps for workers to wear so we all look alike per Roger Dean Stadium rules.

JV WINTER GUARD – Debra Wasserman

These kids are doing an amazing job. They are about half way through learning the show, but Michael Fairbrother is very happy with their progress.

Students will not have uniforms by Saturday. Michael Fairbrother will tell them what they need to wear for the performance.

Students MUST clean up after themselves. Students should leave the areas they use in better condition than when they found it. The custodians have not been happy.

We do have enough chaperones to help drive to competitions.

We do have some students who are still missing their paperwork.

Props will be finished and painted on January 30 at a time to be determined.

Bullying or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.

SFWGA PREMIERE NORTH AT JHS – Kate Tierney

Everything is in place, but we need more volunteers - both students and adults. We would appreciate anyone who could work two shifts!

Varsity and JV Winter Guard members can sign up for a 5pm to 9pm shift. Guard members will help set up on Friday night.

Winter Percussion members will help clean up on Saturday night.

GOLF CART VIDEO

Students are not permitted to drive school district-owned golf carts at any time. Any adult who wants permission to drive a golf cart must watch the school district's Golf Cart Instruction video and take corresponding test.

Those in attendance watched the video and took the test.

The video must be watched on a school district computer. If you did not attend this meeting but would like permission to drive a golf cart, contact Mr. Larkin to make arrangements to see the video and take the test.

MISCELLANEOUS

Harvey White pointed out that the students still have their shakos. We need to set up a date for them to return them, and we need to make room in the uniform room for storage.

It was suggested that we set our February band parent meeting as the return date.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 1/22: SET UP for SFWGA Premiere North
- 1/23: SFWGA Premiere North @ JHS
- 1/24: SFWGA Premiere North Clean up - 9am - 2pm
- 1/30: Varsity Winter Guard Competition @ Braddock HS
- 2/5-6: District & Solo Ensemble @ John I Leonard
- 2/6: JV/Varsity Winter Guard Competition @ Stoneman
- 2/13: Winter Percussion Competition @ Olympic HS
- 2/13: Varsity Winter Guard Competition @ West Broward HS
- 2/17: February Band Parent Meeting

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned on motion from Kate Tierney and seconded by Sabine Watt.