

Jupiter High School Band Parent Meeting Minutes

Date: April 6, 2016
Location: JHS Band Room
Meeting called to order: 7:10 pm

President Susan Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

The minutes from the March 16, 2016, Band Parent meeting were distributed previously by email. The minutes were approved on motion by David Cooper and seconded by Debra Wasserman.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Susan Taylor, President
Debra Wasserman, Co-Vice President
Wendy Anderson, Co-Vice President
Tammy Palette, Treasurer
Rosalie Jablonski, Asst. Treasurer
Debbie Wiley, Secretary

OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT – Gina Phinney

Financial statements should be out within two weeks. These will include profits from Roger Dean Stadium Spring Training concessions, Tritan Tumblers and the SFWGA Championships event.

We grossed \$17,000 at SFWGA Championships. Our net was approximately \$7,500. This does include saving money to pay for a new funnel cake fryer for concessions.

FUNDRAISING

Tritan Tumblers – Cynthia Carrino

We will have additional sales at the Band Interest Meeting. Approximately \$10 goes into your account for every tumbler sold.

Fishing Tournament – Pat McIvor

All money raised will go into the band program. The tournament is scheduled for May 15.

Pat has arranged for a charter boat to take out students who do not have access to a boat for a discounted price.

Volunteers are needed. Pat will send out a SignUpGenius link via Debbie Wiley.

We also need help getting donations for raffle prizes and the silent auction. They have prizes valued at \$5,700 so far.

If you have business contacts, please get them in touch with Pat.

Online registration will be available tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

JPAF – Sharon Warwick

Scholarship applications are available for middle school and high school students. The deadline for submission is April 16.

To raise money for scholarships, JPAF is holding an event at Guanabanas on Thursday, April 14 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM with raffles and a silent auction. There will be a special drink that evening called

“Go Blow Your Horn,” and 100% of the proceeds its sales will go to JPAF. An additional 20% of all Mako Vodka drinks will go to JPAF. Flyers are available from Sharon.

To donate any auction or raffle items, please contact Sharon.

BAND BANQUET

The banquet is Friday, April 29 at 5:30 PM at Abacoa Golf Club. Students with an outstanding obligation are not permitted to attend until the obligation is cleared. Students who have not returned a shako cannot attend the banquet until the shako is returned.

The invitation will be sent by email once a price is determined.

DCI JUPITER

We are just starting to get this organized. We need MANY volunteers to set up, clean up, and work the event. We need 50 named volunteers for DCI by May 1. We will need additional volunteers to help with concessions and parking. Plan to take the day off of work!

The event starts at 7:30 PM on Monday, July 11. Some set up will be done the night before; the rest starts at noon on Monday.

CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM: SFWGA Championships

- We need to secure more reliable volunteers. It was a LONG weekend when you don't have as many volunteers helping.
- We need two volunteers in Medical/First Aid on the Winter Guard day. It was very busy in there.
- We need two volunteers on the back door because it is a double door.
- We need a dedicated clean up crew for the Military Trail parking lot at the end of the night. There were many “after parties” in the parking lot after the event that left a lot of trash.
- Trash cans need to be emptied after the Saturday event and before the Sunday event starts.
- We need cars removed from the Daniel's Way lot immediately after the event. Mr. Moore had to wait on cars to be moved before he could leave for the night.
- We need to work out something with the church (or any other group sharing the facility before the start of the event) so they don't park in the area assigned to equipment parking. That forced us to use the Daniel's Way lot as overflow parking.
- We need an adult in the gym as a liaison for the guard crew during the entire event. The kids were getting mixed messages regarding what they were supposed to do.
- We need to hire more custodians. They missed a lot of things because they were too tired to do everything we needed them to do. They need to work more and shorter shifts.
- We should have concessions signage in the concessions lines so people can decide what they want while waiting in line.
- We should try to get more food donated and not buy as much from Cheney Bros.
- Don't buy soy-based veggie burgers. We should use the black bean burgers only. Many people were happy that we offered that option.
- We should not have ANY vendors that offer food. We had a big problem with the vendor who sold juice/smoothies; they wanted to sell many other items. This may have taken away profit from us for Kona Ice or beverage sales.
- There was a woman from Stoneman Douglas selling pins at our event without purchasing a vendor spot. How can we control that in the future? Maybe we can have something in the information that we send out to participating schools?
- We need an adult in charge of parking. Some kids who were in the parking lot did not know what to do. We need to provide clear directions to our volunteers.

GRADUATION - Debbie Wiley

Due to the fact that there is a middle school event in Orlando, we could not secure buses to take us to Fun Depot after Graduation?

One idea is to go to the bowling alley (via school bus) after returning to school. The majority of kids present at the meeting were not interested in that option.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

4/14: Jazz Ensemble Spring Swing @ Good Shepherd Episcopal Church: 7:00 PM CONCERT

4/16: Jupiter Middle School Band Pancake Breakfast: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

4/19: Band Interest Meeting: 6:00 PM

4/23: Spirit of Jupiter Camp #1: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

4/27: Percussion Ensemble Concert: 7:00 PM

4/29: Band Banquet @ Abacoa Golf Club: 5:30 PM

5/2: Spirit of Jupiter Leadership Camp: 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM

5/3: Spirit of Jupiter Leadership Interviews & Drum Major Auditions: 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

5/9: Finale Concert Rehearsal (ALL BANDS): 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

5/10: Finale Concert (ALL BANDS): 7:00 PM

5/14: Spirit of Jupiter Camp #2: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT/SHOW ANNOUNCEMENT - Mr. Larkin

Middle School Recruiting

Mr. Larkin has posters for feeder middle schools. He needs volunteers who will make sure they will be hung in the schools. Band Interest meeting posters should be hung in the band rooms. Color Guard posters should go in heavily trafficked areas.

Wind Symphony

A rehearsal schedule for State MPA was distributed. We will have evening rehearsals to prepare. Our State MPA performance is Thursday, April 28 at 7:10 PM at Vero Beach High School.

Loxahatchee Club Performance

This was a great experience for the kids. The band had one rehearsal then did a phenomenal concert. The club would like to do more with our band.

Recruiting Update

Mr. Larkin will go to all three middle schools next week to talk to incoming freshmen and listen to the kids play to help place them in the proper class next year. We have LOTS of kids signing up for band, maybe 60-70 kids.

Our Spirit of Jupiter numbers are looking good. We have 44-45 interested in Color Guard, many of whom are returning from the Winter Guard season. We have a great buzz going!

Jupiter Middle School Pancake Breakfast

Students interested in Leadership should plan to attend to help recruit.

Senior Cords

Senior cords are available for \$18. Please bring a check or exact change. The cords are in Mr. Larkin's office.

DCI Jupiter

Our new mayor, Todd Wodraska rearranged his vacation schedule to attend this event. He would like to help with the planning. The Town is very interested in being a part of this.

Do NOT buy a ticket if you plan to volunteer as you will get in for free. You will have a designated job/location and will not have a seat, but you will get admittance.

We have VIP packages, sponsorship opportunities and premium parking upgrades available. VIP packages include a parking pass, pre-show dinner, and special seats.

If you know of anyone who would like to be a sponsor, please contact Mr. Larkin.

SHOW ANNOUNCEMENT

We are starting marching band season earlier this year (April 23) because FMBC is a week earlier this year. We also want to start learning the show at the June camp.

The show design team includes Jack Pursiful, Shannon Berkstresser and Cisco Hance.

We are very excited that Frank Sullivan will be writing our music. We have been on a waiting list for two years to work with him. He is the best in the business! He has written for some of the best band programs in the country, and he is the brass consultant for Carolina Crown. You can listen to his work at InspireMusic.com. Frank would also like to be a part of the process to help design the show.

Most of our staff members are returning, including Mr. Moore, Dan Salmasian, Dan Roberts, Shannon Berkstresser, Michael Fairbrother, Josh Brenneis, Matt Rusnack, and Cisco Hance. Ben Hylton will also be joining us as a show designer.

The theme for this year's show is: Alice Through the Looking Glass

There will be LOTS OF MIRRORS. It will be a darker show. Perhaps an escape from a mental institution? A FRANTIC opening. Times moves backwards and the show ends backwards.

There is a 2011 Tarpon Springs show available on YouTube that will give you an idea of the feel of the show.

The meeting was adjourned.