

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

Date: October 20, 2016

Location: JHS Band Room

Meeting called to order: 7:05 pm

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

### **MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes from the September 15, 2016, Band Parent meeting were distributed previously by email. The minutes were approved on motion by Pam Matthews and seconded by Wendy Anderson.

### **OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FINANCE REPORT** – Rosalie Jablonski

Cheesecake profit is \$5,093.

We have 45% of Spirit of Jupiter Fair Share outstanding.

We have another check due to the FMBC hotel next week.

The final Fair Share payment of \$200 is due on October 31 unless the student is participating in the Christmas tree fundraiser.

Concessions at the Homecoming game were a little low (\$1,882) due to the rain.

#### **FESTIVAL OF BANDS** – Wendy Anderson

The Festival is on October 29. We have 12 bands attending so far. We need at least 60 adult volunteers to run this event.

We will have a SignUpGenius to sign up to volunteer soon. Volunteers do not have to be registered in VIPS.

Donations are needed.

Jeff DeMario is handling media. The event is listed in the Jupiter Courier calendar of events. He is working on getting a camera crew to do a TV story on the band.

Wendy called the mayor to invite him to the event.

We will not have any kind of drawing like we did last year when we sold programs because we have no prize to offer. We do need a good group picture of the band for the program. We hope to get one Friday at the game or Saturday at MPA.

#### **BAND DIRECTOR REPORT** - Andy Gekoskie

- We have three weeks to Tampa! We are not adding anything new to the show the last week – we will just be cleaning everything up.
- We will have more information about the Disney trip in February in about a week.
- Al Chez, trumpet player from the David Letterman band, will be doing a clinic with the Jazz Ensemble on Friday, October 28. Al is one of our Festival judges and is coming in early to do the clinic.

- Mr. Gekoskie arranged all of our judges for the Festival. He personally knows them all, and they will be helping at Spirit rehearsals on Friday and Saturday.
- All band classes except Jazz Ensemble will be transferred to Mr. Gekoskie on Monday – the start of the second nine weeks. Mr. Moore will be doing Jazz Ensemble and choir classes. Emails and questions regarding Symphonic Band should go to Mr. Gekoskie only.
- The marching band show is “Red” or “Until the Sun Rises.” The story behind the show is that Red Riding Hood is leaving her grandmother’s house to go home. She thinks the wolves (instrumentalists) are a bad group, but they are really trying to keep her away from the dementors (color guard). The dementors are trying to get Red to join them, and at first she thinks she is one of them because they are all in red. Red realizes the wolves are her friends and she allows them to help her get home.

### **FMBC**

Be sure to attend the FMBC parent meeting on November 4 in the chorus room.

FMBC fees are due October 24.

### **CHRISTMAS TREES** – Tammy Mager

Please send in orders as soon as you have payment for them. This will help immensely with bookkeeping. DO NOT wait until the last minute to turn in your orders!

If you need names of customers, please contact Tammy Mager by email or text.

Volunteers are needed on December 2-3 for distribution. We are especially in need of dads to run chainsaws!

Kids will unload trees once they arrive on Friday during the school day. They should plan to wear old clothes, preferably long sleeved shirts and gloves.

### **CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM**

#### John I Leonard Competition

- Thank you to the parents who held down the trees in the wind!
- John I. Leonard concessions ran out of food, and this seems to happen every year.
- We should plan to purchase prepaid meals next year for our kids so they can eat something for dinner other than French fries. We may need to add to the Fair Share to cover this?

#### Middle School Night

- We need to ask Middle School band directors to tell their kids to hydrate and to eat a good lunch.
- We should provide water closer to the school entrance – while kids are waiting in line to go to the stadium – after they rehearse.
- Middle school band directors should consider allowing their kids to wear shorts instead of jeans.
- Did the students like the water bottles?
- We need to make sure we communicate with the middle schools in April/May with the Middle School Night date. It was disappointing that Duncan MS did not attend.
- Middle school band directors must tell their students that they cannot come on their own to the football game.

### Spirit Behavior at Competitions

- There is a concern that the Spirit students are not behaving professionally in the stands or during retreat at competitions.
- They are also not walking in lines and silently when traveling at the competitions. The front ensemble was moving properly. Can we have Guy Burns talk to leadership or provide instruction on how to move.
- There is too much PDA in uniform also.

### **ROGER DEAN CONCESSIONS** - Pam Abruscatti

We need a co-chair or assistant for Pam Abruscatti so she can teach someone how to organize this fundraiser next year.

Pam is in the process of sending in the paperwork. We anticipate getting games during Spring Break week and the weekends before and after. Worker training will be in February on dates to be announced.

Students 16 and older can work games.

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

10/22: MPA

10/25: Varsity Winter Guard Auditions

10/29: Festival of Bands

11/4: FMBC Parent Meeting

11/5: Park Vista Competition

11/8: Spirit Send Off

11/11-13: FMBC

11/17-18: Band Pictures

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm on motion by Karen Bell and seconded by Tammy Palette.