

Jupiter High School Band Parent Meeting Minutes

Date: November 16, 2016
Location: JHS Chorus Room
Meeting called to order: 7:15 pm

Vice President Debra Wasserman called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the October meeting were not available.

BAND DIRECTOR REPORT - Andy Gekoskie

It was a good weekend!

- All-District audition signups are due tomorrow.
- Band pictures are Thursday and Friday.
- Information for Solo & Ensemble is coming out soon. Every student in every band class must do a solo or an ensemble.
- The Wind Symphony camp will definitely be on January 18-20, 2017, with this schedule:

Wednesday, January 18: 6:00 - 8:30

Thursday, January 19: 5:00 - 9:00

Friday, January 20: 1:00 - 9:00 (with a TLE)

Dr. Robert Cameron from Duquesne University will be the guest clinician.

- Varsity Winter Guard auditions were held in early November, and the group was selected. JV Winter Guard auditions will be in early December.
- Winter Percussion auditions start Tuesday.
- We have the gym reserved for the SFWGA Premiere North event on January 28, 2017. This should be well-attended as the "better" guards from across the southeast will be attending. SFWGA is still looking for a bigger venue for Championships.
- It looks like we will get DCI Jupiter again this July! The school will work with us so that DCI is not charged as much as they were last year. JHS will treat the event like our home competition, so we will make more money from the event!

OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT – Rosalie Jablonski

Statements will be emailed tomorrow. Please pay your Fair Share!

JPAF - Sheril Jalm

JPAF will have a fundraising event on January 12 at Guanabanas. There will be a silent auction, raffles during the event, and a specially priced drink benefitting JPAF. They are trying to find out if Guanabanas will allow school groups to perform.

JPAF is looking for auction items. If you can help, contact Sheril Jalm at president@jpaf.org or 561-843-0726.

JPAF is not doing the Gala this year. It was not as profitable as they had hoped. They are looking at restructuring it.

JPAF plans to do another Girls Night Out later in the year.

WINTER GUARD – Sabine Watt

- The Varsity team was named.
- We are hosting SFWGA Premiere North. We will need a lot of help! Please remember that all families with a student participating in a winter group are required to provide one adult volunteer to work one shift at this event!
- We plan to have a parent meeting. Varsity parents should definitely plan to attend to discuss the trip to Dayton for WGI Championships. The meeting will discuss the Fair Share, and we hope to have a notary available for the medical forms.
- We need help finding rehearsal facilities! The gym is not available as often as we need it.
- There is a BIG difference between marching season and winter season as far as parent involvement. Parents are needed during winter season, but they are not as “involved” as requested by staff members. It is easier to focus on the students during rehearsals if the parents are not in attendance.

CHRISTMAS TREES

- We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys at Christmas tree distribution on December 2-3. Toys will be donated through the JTAA Holiday Parade to Toys for Tots.
- You can still sell trees! We ordered 10% extra of the more popular sizes. Please contact Tammy Mager with your order to see if it can be filled.

BAND PICTURES

Please turn in the band picture order forms even if you do not plan to order pictures. If we collect 100 forms, we get a \$100 kickback to the band.

CONCERT COORDINATOR NEEDED

We need someone to help coordinate volunteers for the concerts. This includes getting volunteers to sell tickets, act as ushers, and decorate for the Winter concert.

YARD SALE - Debra Wasserman

We plan to have a multi-family Yard Sale the day of Christmas tree pick up. We would like to sell at least 10 spaces. Debra is trying to get Oceana Coffee to attend. Spaces would sell for \$20 each. Money would go to the general band fund.

We will have a Bake Sale at Christmas tree pick up too.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM

FMBC

- Trucks/props must stay at the same hotel as the kids so we have access to the contents when we are staying at the hotel.

- Having dinner at Ferg's worked out very well, and it was a good break for the kids.
- Having the security guard at the hotel was VERY good. We should plan to do that again.
- The Marriott Westshore was much better than the one at the airport.
- We should not plan on having five students to a room. It was too much trouble dealing with the hotel staff and potential fire hazard. Mr. Gekoskie suggested that if we use a travel agent next year we might be able to get a better rate at a Homewood Suites type of hotel where we could put 5-6 in a room. That would cut down on the cost of breakfast also, as it is usually included.
- The kids really liked Universal.
- Should the kids be in JHS t-shirts when in the theme park? We could do wristbands instead. There is a concern of bullying if they wear band shirts?
- Having the kids stay in groups of three or more is better than two or more.
- Is there any way we can get the lights in the Daniel's Way lot turned on when we return?? We need to put in the request before we leave (to Ms. Suzanne Smith?).

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

11/17-18: Band Pictures

11/22: Winter Percussion Auditions

12/3: Christmas Tree Pick -Up

12/11: Christmas Parade

12/15: Winter Band Concert at 7:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned.