

Jupiter High School Band Parent Meeting Minutes

Date: April 19, 2017
Location: JHS Auditorium
Meeting called to order: 7:10 pm

President Susan Taylor called the meeting to order.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the March 15, 2017, Band Parent meeting were approved on motion from Guy burns and seconded by Harvey White.

OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT – Rosalie Jablonski

Statements were emailed today. Volunteer credits were posted but Yankee Candle profit was not. Roger Dean Spring Break concession profits were not posted; we think the hourly rate will be about \$7.85 per hour.

Fair Share deposits for 2017-2018 have not been posted. They will be posted after Charms is closed out for the 2016-2017 school year.

FUNDRAISING – Debra Wasserman

SunFest: We still have two slots open to work SunFest.

Coupon Books: We will start sales in August; Christina Rivera will chair this fundraiser.

Otis Spunkmeyer Cookies: This will replace our cheesecake fundraiser, but this catalog also includes cheesecakes and many other products similar to the old cheesecake fundraiser.

Mixed Bag Designs: Heather Bournes will chair this again.

Honey: We will try this fundraiser in the spring. We need a volunteer to run this one.

Christmas Trees: Tammy Mager will chair this again with assistance from Audrey Albright.

Someone suggested we sell poinsettias at Christmas tree pick up. The JHS horticulture group may already sell these.

"Writing Campaign" = Adopt-A-Student: This will kick-off in the summer. It is similar to sponsorships, but we will provide a letter students can send to friends and family to encourage them to financially support the student.

Carnival: Date TBD – we will have vendors and food trucks.

Roger Dean Concessions: We have been asked to help with games over the summer. Tom Cauffield has offered to take this over from Pam Abruscatti.

Walmart Grant: We did receive a \$2,500 grant from Walmart to use for uniforms! These grants are very difficult to receive!

Pizza on Exam Days: Dr. Iannitti has offered us the opportunity to sell pizza on exam days to students. If we have someone to chair this, we can do it!

Chipotle: We raised \$462 at our Chipotle Dine for Cash fundraiser.

JUPITER PERFORMING ARTS FUND (JPAF) – Sharon Warwick

The next JPAF fundraiser will be tomorrow night (April 20) at Harry & the Native with a silent auction, raffle and live music.

One of the auction items is a 4-day college application boot camp held in July that includes one-on-one consultation with David Best.

BAND DIRECTOR REPORT – Mr. Gekoskie

Absence Form: We have a new absence form we are using for rehearsals and performances. Please make sure you use this for all absences and tardies.

Spirit of Jupiter: The next rehearsal is this Saturday, April 22. It looks like spots for musicians will be competitive based on the numbers of interested students. Rehearsal attendance and paid fair share will be considered when offering spots. If you have difficulty meeting the proposed fair share payment schedule, please contact Mr. Gekoskie or Rosalie Jablonski to set up a payment plan.

Color Guard: We currently have 28 color guard members in marching band; we would like to have more than 30.

We have hired a new Color Guard Coordinator! She is from Castle High School in Castle, IN. She is also a guidance counselor.

New this year: Color Guard members will purchase a make-up kit through a bulk discount.

Wind Ensemble Class: We will not be able to offer this class next year; not enough students signed up for it.

Bands of America

Many may not know this, but Mr. Gekoskie helped Mr. Larkin by consulting for the Spirit of Jupiter marching band for the Harlequin show. It was always Mr. Larkin's wish and plan to bring the band to a BOA regional in the near future.

Mr. Gekoskie has gone to BOA several times with other bands, and it is a great experience for the kids. They will get a national perspective and learn from some of the best in the pageantry arts. It's also good for the group to be evaluated by different judges.

About 35 bands perform at the regional, and the top ten make it to finals.

FMBC score sheets are based on BOA score sheets, so we are already working on the things BOA would like to see. BOA class is based on school size for grades 10-12. BOA is in October, so we will get feedback that we can implement in time for FMBC.

BOA judging is far ahead of any state competition in the country, and they offer solutions to fix problems. We are not attending BOA for the trophies but for the education and experience.

We MUST have a good show design to be able to succeed and get good scores. At the same time, scoring is a little political too, so the bigger names helping design the show give you the benefit of the doubt in scoring.

It's time to go to the next level; these kids are already performing at a national level.

Parents: It is best to get hotel reservations in advance. We may offer a bus to parents if there is the interest.

Our band performs in the 3rd block out of four, which is a good position. If we don't make it to finals, we will stay and watch the finals.

Festival of Bands: Mr. Gekoskie sent a “save the date” to the entire state for our Festival. Our judging panel is set, and we are getting very good feedback from the slate.

DCI Jupiter: We are hosting DCI again on July 10, and we will need MANY volunteers! Many sections of the stadium are already sold out.

- Fran Kick Leadership Seminar: Fran Kick is a motivational speaker who will be speaking to our students in the morning and we are hosting a seminar in the afternoon to the public for \$20 a ticket.
- Boston Crusaders will be at JHS rehearsing in the morning.
- There will be six corps performing at DCI.

State MPA: Next Tuesday, April 24 at 7:30 pm

Trailer: We are still looking for a trailer.

CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM - SFWGA Championships

- We need more help - not just at this event but the entire year.
- We need more Bake Sale donations.
- Having the Winter Percussion Championships the same weekend did not help us; it reduced the number of adult and student volunteers and donations.
- The silent auction was good.
- No confetti permitted ever again per Ms. Suzanne Smith.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 22 – SOJ Audition Camp

April 24 – Wind Symphony State MPA Rehearsal

April 25 – Wind symphony State MPA Rehearsal

April 26 – Deadline for RSVP for Band Banquet

April 28 – Band Banquet

May 1 – Leadership Camp

May 2 – Leadership Interviews

May 10 – Finale Concert Rehearsal

May 11 – Finale Concert

May 13 – SOJ Camp # 2 & New Spirit Parent Q & A

May 15 – Spirit Rehearsal

May 16 – Culver’s Fundraiser

May 17 – Band Parent Meeting