

JTHS Band Parents Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2012

Meeting called to order by Mary Wendt at 7:10 pm

Attendees: Mary Wendt, Bibi Lakhicharran, Ann DiPietro, Kathy DeBell, Mary Beth Faust, Loretta Gonnella, Debra Flynn, Rob Senney, Mary Varner, Karen Maurer, Sharon VanDyke. Minutes from last meeting (March 7, 2012) submitted by Mary Wendt and reviewed by attendees. Motion to accept the meeting minutes made by MaryBeth Faust and Ann DiPietro seconded, minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report for February 29, 2012 submitted by Bibi Lakhicharran. Concern was expressed by the general membership regarding payment to NJMEA for several students attending All State Band, and reimbursement for a student's All State Orchestra. It was explained that the payment was requested by Mr. Barrieres to utilize his Director funds. The executive board discussed this issue prior to releasing funds, All State funds was part of the budget submitted to Karl Mundi in August. It was expressed by general membership that even the Director's Funds "benefit the group as a whole, not a select few." Even despite an explanation that Director Funds are to be at the Director's discretion, general membership feels that when the director's funds become short because of All State students that it will cause strain on other parts of the budget to benefit the entire band program. It was decided this issue would be tabled for the Director's goals request for 2012-2013, at May 2 general membership meeting.

Fundraising

Zumba Night-We were unable to find a date this school year that will work for the instructor and us. Will try again for February or March 2013.

Sweet Taste of Jefferson- 4/26/12 We have only a few volunteers to solicit businesses for donations of dessert and door prizes. Loretta G. sent around volunteer sign up form. Parent participation is down significantly for this event. We may need to ask parents to donate baked goods. There are only four ads purchased at this time, Karen M. will ask Mr. B if placemats can be copied at the school. Mary W. will ask Mr. B to send invitations to the families. Admission will be \$7.00, \$5.00 for seniors and students. Tickets will be sold at the door only.

Car Wash-4/28/12 or rain date 4/29/12 Tanya S. and Bibi L. will send information through email. Car Wash will be 4 hours, broken up into 2-hour shifts. The permission slip and waiver have been approved. Child must have a signed permission slip and waiver to participate. The firehouse is booked, we will need student volunteers, and parent chaperones. There will be no snacks, water only.

Annual Sale -5/10/12 delivery date, 4/20/12 pre paid order deadline. We have approval on the forms. Mary V. will call the school 4/5 to make sure facility use form has been approved. Mary V will send the letter and order form to the membership 4/5. As a better sale incentive, ten percent of entire individual student order will be available to defray the dinner dance ticket.

Committees

Dinner Dance -Contract has been signed and deposit sent in, DJ Earl has been booked for our event. June 1, 2012 from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm at Bowling Green Pavilion. Tickets are \$30 each. Forms have been approved; will be sent out in the beginning of May. As mentioned above annual sale to defray ticket and Mr. B is running sponsorship program in an effort to defray the cost of the individual student ticket. This consists of the student's family purchasing or selling ad space for the Spring concert program. The student will receive 90% of the proceeds toward the dinner dance ticket.

Scholarship - Application due date has been extended to midnight 4/18/12 due to 4/13 date falling over Spring vacation. Deb Flynn will pick up the applications in Guidance. Guidance will facilitate the interviews (room and scheduling). Interviews will be held the weeks of 4/30 and 5/7. The committee will meet April 24 in the band room to review applications. If anyone on the committee cannot attend, they can bring the applications home for review.

Non Profit Status an extension will be used to submit the corporation's IRS form 990 (federal taxes), and IRS form 1023 (501 [c] 3). This should be mid May submission, cost will be approximately \$500, it will take several months to be approved.

New Business

Nominations Mary W. has approached several band parents, who have all declined position of Secretary and President. At this point, no one has come forward for these positions either (please see discussion listed below).

Organization's Future In looking at the total number of students involved in the band program (97), with possible parents of those students being approximately 150 people, the support of those parents toward this organization is not evenly distributed, to say the least. The bulk of fundraising efforts has fallen to the executive board and a few other dedicated parents and some alumni parents too. Fundraisers continue to be cancelled due to lack of participation. Simply said, less funds are available for the program, cuts will have to be made. Furthermore, if nobody shows any interest in filling the soon to be vacated positions, at the next meeting on May 2, a motion to dissolve the organization will be made. Mary W. will bring this issue to Mr. B.

Marching Band Open House will be held on May 15.

Meeting Dates: 5/2/12, 6/6/11

Events: Jazz Festival trip to North Warren HS 4/18/12

Sweet Taste of Jefferson 4/26/12

Band Fundraiser "Talent Expo" 5/4/12

Band Spring Concert 5/17/12

Marching Band Open House 5/15/12

Scholarship Awards 6/13/12

Car Wash 4/29 or rain date 4/30/12

Annual Sale 5/10/12

Marching Band Trip to Orlando, Florida 5/24-5/29/12

Dinner Dance 6/1/12

Graduation 6/22/12

Adjournment: 8:15 pm