

JTHS Band Parents Meeting Minutes **March 7, 2012**

Meeting called to order by Mary Wendt at 7:05 pm

Attendees Deb Flynn, Tanya Senney, Rob Senney, Rich Barrieres, Bibi Lackhicharran, Sharon VanDyke, Mary Wendt, Ann DiPietro, Loretta Gonnella, Kathy DeBell, MaryBeth Faust, Mary Varner, Karen Maurer. Minutes from last meeting (January 18, 2012) submitted by Mary Wendt, a motion to accept the meeting minutes was made by Tanya Senney, Deb Flynn seconded.

Treasurer's Report for January 2012 submitted by Bibi Lakhicharran

Membership update by Tanya Senney, currently there are 29 family memberships.

Fundraising

Zumba Night Event to have been held on 2/24/12; however, event cancelled due to lack of participation. Chairperson Mary Varner will secure date with the instructor. Dates listed below. Mary Wendt will inform administration of new date. Indemnification letter was approved by administration with last proposed date.

Sweet Taste of Jefferson Chairpersons Karen Maurer and Loretta Gonnella will meet to discuss details and respective chairing responsibilities. Committee/ many volunteers are needed (ask restaurants to donate desserts, ask local businesses for door prizes, set up or clean up, request advertisements for program {mail}, and shop for supplies). List of restaurants & area businesses, donation request letters, and shopping details will be provided. Tickets (prepared by MaryBeth Faust) will be sold at the door only, \$7, \$5 for students and seniors. MaryBeth will distribute complimentary tickets to administration and BOE members.

Car Wash Dates approved by JTFD#2, listed below. Of the chairpersons, (Rob Senney, Mehandra Lakhicharran, Mark VanDyke) one needs to be responsible for communication with the firehouse and township, emails to gain volunteers, chaperones, snacks, water, & supplies prepare schedule of volunteers, collect permission/ wavier & conduct agreement. No student will participate without a permission/wavier & conduct agreement signed by their parent or guardian. Student and parent volunteers are needed. These documents will be prepared and submitted to administration for approval by Mary Wendt.

Annual Sale Mary Varner and Ann DiPietro will chair, it was suggested to chair persons to breakdown responsibilities (emails to distribute order form, recruit volunteers, schedule volunteers, tally orders, order placement, money collection). Mary Wendt has received pricelist form the greenhouse. After the meeting, availability of items on the sale list will be determined. We welcome your input tonight. Discussed need for truck delivery earlier in the day to ensure accurate count of plants received and to allow ample time to prepare orders. Mary Varner will request at hs. Volunteers will be needed unload truck and sort orders. Delivery date: Thursday 5/10/12.

Green house needs order two weeks prior. This year in an effort to increase incentive for sales, \$1 credit toward the Dinner Dance will be given for every \$10 purchase or an overall 10% of all individual student sales will be taken off Dinner Dance ticket. Mary Wendt will draft order form based on tonight's decision, and submit to administration for approval. Rich Barrieres will distribute via email to all JTS staff.

Committees

Dinner Dance Chairperson Tanya Senney has booked Bowling Green Pavillion. The cost per attendee will be \$30. No student will attend without a permission/ wavier & conduct agreement signed by their parent or guardian along with their payment. These documents will be prepared and submitted to administration for approval by Mary Wendt. Mary Wendt will contact DJ Earl for that date.

Scholarship Chairperson Deb Flynn reported that a full five-person committee has been established, members are Bibi Lackhicharran, Tanya Senny, Karen Maurer, and Janine Day. Application is available in Guidance, on band parents' website, and has been emailed to membership. Application deadline is Friday 4/13/12. Interviews will be held in mid May and Guidance must know award recipients by 5/18/12.

Non Profit Status Mary Wendt met with Bibi Lackhicharran and Ann DiPietro to prepare financial records for 501 c 3 submission. Mary Wendt will begin enormous project of document preparation and writing for this submission. That said please see note listed below under participation.

Old Business

Can Shake Many thanks to Chairperson Donna Staccioli for organizing the event at the A&P, and to chaperone volunteers Tanya Senney and Bibi Lackhicharran. Unfortunately, the event was cancelled due to lack of participation.

Super Bowl Sub Sandwiches Thank you John Castrignano for providing food at cost, to alumni parents Cindy & Chris Brozuski for hosting the sub assembly at their home, those who assembled, delivered subs & to those who purchased. Due to the lack of a chairperson, Mary Wendt chaired the event, nearly \$300 was raised.

Mid winter concert Thank you to those who donated water and baked goods to the bake sale, nearly \$300 was raised between the sale and door donations.

New Business

Pre Nominations for Executive Board Vice President Tanya Senney and Bibi Lackhicharran are able to serve another term; they have both agreed to continue for the 2012-2013 term in their respective positions. Thank you! As per the By-Laws, President Mary Wendt and Secretary Mary Varner cannot serve another term in their positions, thus a President and Secretary are needed for the next term. Mary Wendt sent an email to membership in an effort to recruit volunteers for these positions, no volunteers stepped forward, opened up to attendees at the meeting, no comments were made. At the next meeting, 4/4/12 the nominations become official.

Participation There are 97 band students in the hs program. As mentioned earlier, the two past fundraisers were cancelled due to lack of participation and the sub sandwich fundraiser only took place as the president chaired yet another fundraiser, the final fundraiser she will chair. Therefore, she will only be handling administrative duties of presidency with minimal participation in the remaining fundraisers. She sincerely appreciates those volunteers that have offered to take on these responsibilities! Mary Wendt assured chairpersons that guidance would be given to them. *Chairpersons need to handle all organizational aspects of their event, and recruit volunteers to participate in the fundraiser, if there are not enough volunteers, events will simply be cancelled, thus yielding no funds for the band program!*

Competition Rich Barrieres was asked about the competition date for the upcoming year. Date given by TOB 9/22/12. Mary Wendt stated that the home competition is the largest fundraiser of the year, however it is also the most labor intensive, requiring participation of all band parents (despite their child's participation in marching band, as it's proceeds support the entire band program). It is the most expensive to host, requiring nearly \$2000 in funding for TOB (deposit and judges payment), \$1000 in start up cash, and many donations from area businesses. *Three thousand dollars is needed to generate a similar amount, at this point the budget is short. The continued lack of parent participation for ALL fundraisers is a major concern.*

Meeting Dates: 4/4/12, 5/2/12, 6/13/11 (conflict, may be rescheduled to *6/6/12)

Events: *Zumba Night 3/30/12 or 4/20/12 or 5/18/12 (3/30 has administration approval)

*Wind Ensemble Trip to Bergenfield, & NY Philharmonic, 3/18/12

*Jazz Trip to North Warren, 4/18/12

*HS Musical 3/23- 3/25/12

Sweet Taste of Jefferson 4/26/12

Band Fundraiser "Talent Expo" 5/4/12

Annual Sale (tentative) 5/10/12

Band Spring Concert 5/17/12

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

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

Marching Band Open House (TBD- May or June)

Dinner Dance (TBD May/June possible weeknight, or Friday *6/1/12)

*Scholarship Awards 6/13/12

Graduation 6/22/12

* New Listing or Date

Adjournment: 8:30pm