

JTHS Band Parents Association Meeting Minutes-May 4, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mary Wendt at 7:38 pm in the band room.

Attendees: Ann DiPietro, Mary Wendt, Norma Cerny, Rich Barrieres, Betsy Ferguson, Donna Staccioli, Debbie Flynn, Josy Samite, Karen Maurer, Mary Varner, Rob Senney, Tanya Senney, Bibi Lakhicharran, Kathy Valva

Minutes from the March 30 meeting submitted by Mary Varner, Ann DiPietro motioned to accept the minutes and Debbie Flynn seconded, minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report at March 30 meeting reflected two statement periods, therefore no current statement from bank available per Ann DiPietro. Comments made from attendees- that scholarship funds should include Sweet Taste of Jefferson fundraiser. Ann DiPietro will generate profit statement and allocation of funds to BPA budget, scholarship committee will be made aware of final scholarship allocation for 2010-2011 school year, prior to candidate interviews.

Fundraising

-Sweet Taste of Jefferson- held Thursday, 4/14/11- Thank you to Karen Maurer, Joan Castrignano, Norma Amro, and Norma Cerny for your efforts to making the event a huge success. Karen Maurer to send thank you to AIM.

-Annual (flowers) Sale- held Wednesday, 5/4/11 - Thank you to Mary Varner and Rose Jackemiet for chairing the fundraiser and to the efforts of Diane Lett, MaryBeth Faust, Gail Norris, and Norma Amro unloading the delivery truck and sorting the orders

-Car Wash - Saturday, 5/14/11 OR rain date Sunday 5/15/11- At this point volunteer sign ups will determine if the event is held. Rich Barrieres has okayed an area located in classroom given to the Band Parents to notify kids of upcoming BPA events and hang a sign up sheet. This will be in addition to membership emails for volunteers, chaperones, snacks, and water bottles. If cannot participate in car wash please donate water and snacks. Signs will be made to suggest donation of \$5-10 for car wash.

-Can Shake- (summer) approval & chairperson pending- Josy Samite will secure date at Path mark and A&P potentially for July. Mary Wendt will submit forms to HS for fundraiser approval.

Elections for Executive Board Mary Wendt thanked Ann DiPietro and Debbie Flynn for service this year. Special appreciation noted to Ann DiPietro for efforts in preparing budget at mid point this school year. Mary Wendt will continue as President and Mary Varner will continue as Secretary for 2011- 2012 school year. Tanya Senney accepted nomination of Vice President and Bibi Lakhicharran accepted nomination of Treasurer. All incumbent and nominated officers are unopposed and elected. New officer positions effective 7/1/11. Mary Wendt welcomed the incoming officers.

Scholarship Committee report On 4/27/11 the committee met to review applications, 12 of 13 applicants are eligible candidates. Interviews are scheduled on 5/12/11 and the Award presentation is scheduled 6/9/11.

Dinner Dance report Ticket forms have been approved and distributed. BPA- flower sale fundraiser, Band- sponsorship program, and Band- rock concert ticket purchase/seniors only are available to defray cost of \$32 ticket price (to cover complimentary tickets and DJ). Varsity blankets ordered in March from ABC.

Ongoing Business

Board of Education policy- In accordance with their new policy and mandated bylaw template, booster club's long term and short term goals and corresponding budget as to how the goals will be met is to be submitted to the principal for the upcoming year. Rich Barrieres was asked about the director's fund goals. He would like BPA to pay for piano tuning, bookshelves, and guest conductor.

Non-profit organization- Following the acceptance of this evening's by law review and approval coupled with the change in executive board (7/1/11) process will begin. At the very least \$700 in fees are expected and could be additional fees.

By-law revision review and vote- Due to going forward with the non-profit incorporation in conjunction with new BOE policy and their mandated bylaw template, our current bylaws have been amended to be in accordance with the IRS code, BOE policy, & BOE bylaw template. Karen Maurer made a motion to accept the changes to the bylaws and Kathy Valva seconded, motion carried.

New Business

Concert- Wednesday, 5/18/11 - Email to membership to be sent requesting snack items, water bottles, volunteers to assist collection of door donations and bake sale table. Snacks and water usually are donated, but it is frustrating that some people have to miss parts of the concert because the lack of volunteers. Suggestion made to cover the snack table & bring money in. Kathy Valva and Sharon VanDyke volunteered to be at the door and MS band students will work to the snack table. As a result of this volunteer discussion, Karen Maurer suggested that a new position, Volunteer Committee Coordinator be created to assist in volunteer recruitment. This position will not be a member of the executive board; however will report to the Vice President. Sharon Van Dyke made a motion to create the new position and Tanya Senney seconded, motion carried. Josy Samite volunteered for this position.

Marching Band Open House- Tuesday, 5/31/11- Mary Wendt will speak at event about the BPA, membership cover letter, form and MB terms will be amended for distribution. Membership dues will remain the same. Sign up forms will be circulated to obtain new member emails. Hospitality was discussed, Sharon Van Dyke will purchase sheet cake, and Mary Wendt will pick up supplies and drink mixes.

Membership policy- JTHS Athletic Booster Club provides scholarships, varsity blankets, and dinner dance to senior athletes, this alleviates the responsibility of individual sports booster groups (who raise funds for small scholarships and help support their programs). We are functioning as both. The ABC requires that for the student to be eligible for scholarship, parents must be members every year and work at their fundraisers every year. This is not an effort to penalize the student's whose parents are not members and do not participate, but to enhance the award of a scholarship to the student's whose parents are members and participate in generating funds. Primary emphasis of the scholarship is the dedication and accomplishments to the sport the student played. This is not part of their by laws, but part of the scholarship application, parent membership and participation is recorded, by an executive board officer. Scholarships seem to be a driving force of membership of the BPA only during the student's senior year. This is with the exception of a group of very dedicated parents who are "active members" though out all of their student's band years. In an effort to have more "active members" in our organization this is the direction for the future of the BPA. No longer people becoming members only their student's senior year by simply paying the membership fee before the scholarship deadline, rather they become an active part of raising funds for the BPA including scholarship funds during all of their student's band years. Karen Maurer recommended that the deadline for parent's membership of a senior to be eligible for a scholarship be moved from the 1st day of the 3rd marking period to the 1st day of the 2nd marking period. Kathy Valva made a motion to make this change to the bylaws/scholarship section and Bibi Lakhicharran seconded, motion carried.

Meeting Dates: 6/1/11 and executive board budget meeting (current and new officers) on 6/15/11. These dates may be changed to exec brd on 6/1/11 and 6/15/11 general mtg.

Adjournment: 9:17 pm