

Thomas Jefferson Band Patrons, Inc.
Meeting Minutes (REVISED 9/13/16)
August 2, 2016

I. Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm in the Thomas Jefferson High School Cafeteria. Started with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the introduction of the board members for this school year.

II. Band Director's Report

Mr. Mirabella provided a high level overview of the Disney Trip this spring (March 28th thru April 2nd).

- Target cost per band member is \$1700; may fluctuate due to uncontrolled factors such as fuel. Covers the cost of transportation, meals and tickets. Final costs/student TBD. Encourage everyone to fundraise.
- Will spend 1 day at Universal Studios, 2 days at Magic Kingdom, ½ day Hollywood Studios, and ½ day at Animal Kingdom. The kids will be participating in music workshops: jazz band Thursday, marching band and auxiliaries Friday. Saturday will be the parade; confirmation from Walt Disney World on which parade we will participate (night or afternoon).
- Go on Disney Trip every 2 years; the planning of the trips is based on the last trip taken (assessment of when and where).
- Size of band determines what Disney Parade the kids perform in. Submitted 1st and 2nd choice parades.
- Intent to attend Disney Trip form due Sept. 22nd; trip is not mandatory.

Band camp is going great. This year there are sectional instructors to work with the kids.

Reiterated the importance of our two big fundraisers that help offset the cost of expenses for band camp, performances, Disney trip, etc.; Band Festival and Spaghetti Dinner.

Fruit Sale – Offered an incentive for those who sale “cases” of fruit. Name will be entered into a drawing to win \$300 to be allocated into your child’s GSA. Number of chances to enter is based on the number of cases they sell.

III. Auxiliary Report - no report – instructors not present

IV. Approval of the May 2, 2016 meeting minutes - deferred to next meeting due to time constraint

V. Board Report:

- a. Pictures – August 10th with a call time of 5 pm. The upper grades will be there to help the new members dress. Anticipate being done around 8:30 pm. Staging 2 cameras to help expedite taking the pictures. Seniors and parents will start around 6:30 followed by Juniors, Sophomores, Freshman and finished with special requests (i.e. Siblings). Forms are to be completed prior to arrival. Band Patrons provide a button for each student.
- b. Letterman Jackets – Fittings will be held August 11th at 3:30 pm in cafeteria; conducted by Leway. Deposit of \$75 required with check made out to Leway. NO CASH.
- c. Pleasant Hills Community Day – Call time TBD. Report to the top parking lot of the Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church. Wear band t-shirt and shorts. No parking at the church; drop off only. Students are to be picked up at Mowry Park after they perform the National Anthem.
- d. Kennywood – Call time TBD on August 20th. Potential parade practice that Friday from 10 to noon depending on how Mr. Mirabella feels the kids progress during band camp. Band Patrons will provide each student with \$10 of Kennywood coins. Group discount ticket orders are due Friday August 5th. Checks only; no cash.
- e. One Call – Please be sure to turn in communication forms. The information you provide is what is used to add you into our One Call communications system. When you receive the alert please opt in to receive important information such as call times, when students are arriving back at the school from events, emergency information, etc. This will especially be important for the students who are going to

Disney. If you are already enrolled there is no need for you to opt in again. If you are not receiving our emails, please be sure to check your junk/spam folders first and then let Kris Herazo know so she can research.

- f. Chaperones – Joe Evanchak introduced himself as the chairperson for this year. If you are interested in signing up to be a chaperone, please visit the TJ Band website’s chaperone page for the listing of clearances required and need to be a member of the TJ Band Patrons in good standing (paid). Once you have met the specifications, you can use the Sign Up Genius link on the webpage to sign up for which events you will be available to chaperone. Depending on the number of chaperones needed, determined by Mr. Mirabella, Joe will send an email/text to those who have been selected to chaperone for that week’s event. Any questions you can reach out directly to Joe.
- g. Fundraisers – We have many opportunities for the kids to fundraise the money needed to attend the band trip to Disney. It is important that you do not conduct a fundraiser on your own. All fundraiser has to be a fundraiser that is through the Band Patrons. If you have a suggestion or would like to chair a fundraiser for the band, please see Mary Grassi. All fundraiser orders are due with payments and are to be placed in the “bins” in the band room. Be sure to place order and one check made out to TJ Band Patrons in an envelope with the name of the fundraiser and your student’s name. Do not put them in loose or send cash.
1. Pepperoni Rolls – start 8/11 and due 8/30 with delivery 9/8. Receive 50% profit.
 2. Hoagie - Pepperoni roll sale with hoagie sales.
 3. Enjoy Books – will be starting soon. Earn \$10 per book.
 4. Wreaths – upcoming fundraiser. Suggestion was made to show pictures and info on the two color bow options.
 5. Fruit Sale – need a chairperson.
 6. Steeler Games – Cynthia Randolph is chairperson and spoke about this fundraiser. There are 16 games to sign up for; will be at Pitt Games too. Last training is scheduled for 8/3. Everyone is to sign up for the games by 8/4. If something comes up and you can’t make it to a game, need to know 10 days prior to the game because we are committing to Aramark the number of workers coming. Last year earned approximately \$100/game. Offering incentives to work the games on Christmas and Thanksgiving to approximately \$185/game; could go higher if Aramark still needs volunteers.
 7. Script Sales – Sean Plasynski is the chairperson and spoke about this fundraiser. Purchase store gift cards and you receive a percentage to your GSA.

VI. Band Camp – Sandra McClain addressed the attendees regarding special dietary needs will be handled with discretion. Need volunteers to work the lunches for the 2nd week of band camp.

VII. Band Festival – Committee sign ups were made available. Still need a chairperson for this event.

Additional business topics and reminders were not addressed due to constraints.

President Herazo called for a motion to adjourn; motion made by Mary Grassi 2nd by Joe Evanchak.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Evanchak
Band Patron Secretary