

Thomas Jefferson Band Patrons, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2017

Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM in the TJHS Chorus Room
Kris Herazo welcomed everyone and led the pledge of allegiance

Band Director's Report

- Mr. Mirabella wanted to remind Chaperones that when chaperoning, you are not to sit with the students and eat concession food.
- Super proud of the students at the Pittsburgh School's Festival; they got a taste of a different type of festival and they won the drum off.
- Cancelled our performance at the WPXI Holiday Parade; this is due to the conditions with no bathrooms and kids standing around for 3 hours before stepping off. Also we were supposed to have received money for our participation which we have never received. Until things change, the marching band will not participate.

Auxiliary Report

- Received positive feedback from the lighted flag poles and batons.

Approval of Band Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes: 1st – Carolyn Ingimarson and 2nd – Cynthia Randolph

Treasurer Report

- Income/Expense report through September 2017 was passed out.
- Passed out budget for 2017-2018 for approval.
 - When budget was passed out in May and then needed voted on in June there was not enough of a quorum to take a vote.
 - Proposed to change the By-Laws and Standing Rules to reflect the proposed budget for the next school year be presented in April and then voted on in May so we can have a quorum to take a vote.
 - Proposed an increase in the auxiliary budget given they saved money from last year to move into this year's budget to help pay for the lighted equipment.
 - Members questioned why we have a contingency line in the budget; it was explained it was for unexpected expenses that arise throughout the year (e.g. Pirate Game student tickets).
 - Members questioned the Kennywood budget; it was explained that we provided each student a meal stipend of \$10.
 - Motion to approve: 1st – Cynthia Randolph and 2nd Dawn Zacharias

Board Report

- **Band Festival**
 - Checks and expenses remain pending from the band festival
 - Cash brought in that night approximately \$17K; anticipating a profit around \$20K.
 - We did have unexpected expenses for concessions due to the lack of donations from the band families.
 - Four Pitt Band Students volunteered their time to help; needed due to lack of volunteers for concessions.
 - We did have some kids from other bands that needed medical assistance. All are ok.
 - We will be having a post festival meeting with the chairs for lessons learned and notes for recommendations for next year.
 - A claim was made that folks do not volunteer because of a perceived "click". There is not a "click" but rather what is seen is the same volunteers stepping up to the plate over and over again. When you volunteer you do get to know people.
 - It was questioned why those who volunteer at the festival have to still pay for their tickets and make the donations being asked for. It was explained that it is a fundraiser. It has never been an issue over the years because it's a donation that goes towards the kids.
- **Parent Volunteers** – It was recommended that we need to brainstorm ideas on how to incentivize and engage parents to participate. Ideas to be brought to next meeting.
- **Student Band Managers** – We are in dire need for student band managers next year with all current managers being seniors except for one.
- **Auxiliary** – Need to identify a way to engage 8th graders regarding trying out for majorettes or color guard.

- **Halloween Parade** – Eight graders were invited and to dress up with the rest of the band
- **Band Board/Committee Chair Vacancies for 2018-2019**
 - Provided an overview of the Band Patrons organization’s purpose and overview of each board position. Suggested those interested in President, VP and Secretary to get with each member to have a conversation to learn more about the role.
 - Reviewed the vacancies of the Standing Committees for this year and secured volunteers: Banquet – Carolyn Ingimarson, Senior Spirit Awards – Dawn Zacharias

Standing Committees

- **Senior Recognition**
 - Letters went out to Senior Parents with information on what time to be at the game.
 - Senior signs will be made at Jefferson Hills Boro Community Room 10/17 and 10/19.
 - Please let Brandi Moyer Dinardo know if you are unable to make your child’s sign.

Fundraisers

- General Fundraisers:
 - Panera Spirit Night – 10/26 from 4 to 8 pm – We receive 20% of receipts identified to the band. Includes online orders too.
 - Spaghetti Dinner – March 2018. Cheryl Freedman is Chair.
- Student Goal Fundraisers – PLEASE HAVE YOUR STUDENTS CHECK THE BAND ROOM FOR FORMS
 - Hoagies – delivery 10/17 between 4 and 5:30
 - Pepperoni Rolls –sale 11/13 thru 12/1 – need chair for next year
 - Yankee Candles –sale ends 10/24 with delivery by Thanksgiving
 - Applelicious –10/30 thru 11/9 with delivery 12/12
 - Wreath Sale– sale 10/16 thru 11/8
 - Script – Shawn Plasynski chairing – runs every month with orders due the 1st of each month.
 - Fruit Sale – need a chairperson
 - Vocelli – sale in January – Discount card sold for \$10 each – all profit
 - Steeler Games – it was requested to allocate time on the June agenda for this fundraiser to engage upcoming parents; it was suggested to provide a printed overview that can be passed out.

Dates to Remember

- Halloween Parade 10/24/17
- Senior Rec 10/27/17
- Next Band Patron meeting 11/13/17

President Herazo called for a motion to adjourn: 1st Carolyn Ingimarson and 2nd Cynthia Randolph. Meeting adjourned 8:20.

Respectfully Submitted
 Rebecca Evanchak
 Band Patron Secretary