

Thomas Jefferson Band Patrons, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2017

Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM in the TJHS Auditorium
Kris Herazo welcomed everyone and led the pledge of allegiance

Band Director's Report

- Mr. Mirabella spoke about band camp, upcoming marching season, Pirate Game, Kennywood, etc.
- The drumline (only) will be performing in a Drum Off at the Steelers vs Colts game.
- Will be participating in at least 3 band festival (including ours). There may be one more added due to the inner city schools invited TJ to come to their festivals; will have the kids vote.
- We need help with our band festival. This year we are running into a lot of schools having their homecoming dances the weekend of our festival. Resending out invites to local schools.
- We got an additional trailer for equipment due to it being overweight per DOT regulations.
- Spring band trip is being considered but nothing firm. Those going on the GART trip let them go.
 - Possibly destinations: NY City, Toronto Canada, or Washington DC.
 - Trying to keep costs around \$700 but again nothing has been firmed up.
- Clarified the expectation around call times; be there and be ready by the call time. Not walking in at that time.
- We will be getting a new alert system for next year
- Clarified about expectations on uniforms: summer parade uniforms, performance uniforms, etc.

Auxiliary Report

- Selling auxiliary specific clothing

Treasurer Report

- Nothing to report
- Starting balance in checking is \$25,548.00
- \$75 assessment fees are due by September 1st.
- Effective this year, your child's name needs to be identified in the memo line of checks

Board Report

- Reviewed changes to the By-Laws and Standing Rules for 2017-2018
 - Motion to approve changes to By-Laws – first Sheri Micklo, second Joanne Felice
 - Motion to approve changes to Standing Rules – first Cheryl Freedman, second Dawn Como
- We are looking for band managers. Please let Jim Grassi know of any students who are interested.
- Leway's will be holding Letterman Jacket fittings this week after band camp.
 - Not mandatory but nice to have; need to wear black coat in colder weather. Other colors will not be acceptable.

Fundraisers

Anyone with new ideas for fundraisers please get with Mary Grassi

- **Student Goal Fundraisers:**
 - Decals – Mary Grassi chairing – runs 8/8-8/9 with delivery 9/14
 - Pepperoni Rolls – Kim Rimsky chairing – runs 8/10 -9/4 with delivery 9/14
 - Enjoy Books – Amy McCollum chairing – dates TBD
 - Rita's – Jim Grassi chairing – dates TBD in Spring
 - Yankee Candles – Jen Budday chairing – dates TBD with delivery by Thanksgiving
 - Applicious – Jen Budday chairing – dates TBD with delivery by Christmas
 - Hoagies – need a chairperson – open to changing supplier
 - Fruit – need a chairperson
 - Wreaths – need a chairperson
 - Script – Shawn Plasynski chairing – runs every month with orders due the 1st of each month.
- **General Fundraisers:**
 - Clothing Sale – pick up from June orders after the meeting. Will redo sale 9/5 thru 9/15.
 - Handels's Spirt Night – 8/3 from 3 to 9 pm. Bring flyer and the band receives 20% of sales.

- Buffalo Wild Wings – When you go mention TJ Band and a percentage goes back to the band during football season.
- Primanti Bros.- Rob Stosic setting up similar program as Buffalo Wild Wings
- Spaghetti Dinner – this is the weekend of the high school musical. Cheryl Freedman chairing.
- Steeler Games – Anna McElhinny agreed to chair. Will get with Cynthia Randolph. More info to come.
- Band Festival – Need a chair(s). All subcommittees already are taken care of.
- Ride and Drive – NEW – August 13th from 9 to 1. Need help. Making this an event to draw more attendance. Rob Stosic and Anna McElhinny chairing. Look for more information to be sent out for volunteers and needs.

Chaperones

- Information and clearance links were/are to be updated on band website.
- Need clearances as specified by the school district and pay membership fee for Band Patrons.
- Go to webpage to sign up for football games, festivals and parades using Sign-Up Genius.
- Will be sending out guidelines for those who volunteer to chaperone.

Dates to Remember

- Pirate Game 8/7
- Kennywood Friday 8/11
- PH Community Day Parade Saturday 8/12

President Herazo called for a motion to adjourn; motion made by Joe Evanchak and 2nd by Sharyn Reagan. Meeting ended at 9 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Rebecca Evanchak
Band Patron Secretary