

Thomas Jefferson Band Patrons, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2018

Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM in the TJHS Auditorium

Stephanie Krueger welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Stephanie introduced the new members of the board, Eileen Andreola, Vice President and Cynthia Randolph, Secretary and also introduced returning Treasurer, Tracy Harris.

Band Director's Report

Mr. Mirabella presented an overview of the Disney trip. (4/2 – 4/7, pending board approval)

In addition to marching in the parade at the Magic Kingdom, the TJ Band will possibly spend time at Universal Studios for adjudications. A visit to the Kennedy Space Center combined with a beach barbeque is also being planned. We are looking to book airfare next week. A consent to participate or not participate in trip will be given out next week. Please return form following day, as we need to book flights. A change in bookings + or – 5% will result in increased prices.

He is looking for 4-5 Dads to help with equipment. Our band does not play at scrimmages. We take 6 buses to events and there are two chaperones per bus. The majorettes and colorguards only have female chaperones. The band leaves and returns as a band. If your child needs to leave after an away game, student needs to get a district form from Mr. Mirabella, have parents sign and return. The school district needs to approve student not returning home with our band.

Kennywood is not graded. If you parents want to take child home after parade at Kennywood, they must complete the purple permission form and return to Mr. Mirabella prior to Kennywood Day. Parents must meet their child and their chaperone at the bus and must show ID. Only parents or legal guardians are permitted to sign out that their students is going home with them. Band student is responsible for taking home their uniform and instrument.

Mr. Mirabella stressed that parents are not to question our Band Patrons Board Members regarding anything academically or musically regarding a student or the band program. Call or email Mr. Mirabella to discuss any concerns or questions. He can be reached at 412-655-8610 x96241.

Our band is a large group and we are a family. If your student is being bullied, they should first go to Mr. Mirabella with any concerns. He will protect your kids from inside band and outside. Social Media posts or any comments that are derogatory and/or negative towards another student will not be tolerated. Students will lose chance to go on trip.

Band camp is good, despite the weather. He explained to parents that our kids need to MEMORIZE their music. Kids have plenty of good food for lunches provided by the Band Patrons. Reminder to make sure kids eat and hydrate. We provide plenty of cold water so kids only need to bring a water jug.

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.

Auxiliary Report - no report – instructors not present

Treasurer's Report – Tracy reviewed the proposed budget for 2018-19, indicating adjustments from last year.

Board Report

- Pictures – August 8th 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.

- Letterman Jackets – Fittings will be held August 1st at 3:30 pm in cafeteria; conducted by Leway. Deposit of \$75 required with check made out to Leway. NO CASH. If you can't make this fitting, you can go to Leway through August 9th, so you can get your jackets with all new orders.
- Pleasant Hills Community Day – August 11st, C all 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.
- Kennywood – August 21st, Call time TBD. Band Patrons will provide each student with \$10 of Kennywood Cash. We are planning on leaving Kennywood immediately after parade. If parents want to take their student home after parade instead of riding the bus, they must obtain a parent permission form from Mr. Mirabella. This form must be turned in prior to the day of Kennywood. Parents must meet their child and their chaperone at the busses. Only parents or guardians may get their child and they must provide identification to the chaperone. This is for the safety of all our students.
- 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 Stephanie Krueger know so she can research.
- Chaperones – Ken Harris was introduced as the chairperson for this year. In order to chaperone for the T J Marching Band, you MUST complete the following:
 1. Become a member of the T J Band Patrons in good standing with membership paid prior to chaperoning.
 2. Secure the clearances required which are: PA State Criminal History records check, PA Child Abuse History Clearance, and FBI Fingerprint Clearance
 3. Complete the Volunteer Registration Form and Volunteer Emergency Form.

Please refer to our band website under chaperones to determine if the clearances you have are still valid. Once you have met ALL the requirements, 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, Ken 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 Ken.

- Band Camp – Vicki Pave and Heidi Karcher are the chairs for the lunches and are doing a great job. This year a salad bar has been added and the feedback has been very positive. We still need volunteers to help prepare and serve lunches. Donations are needed so we can provide students with options and sides. The band provides the main course and parents sign up and donate drinks, salad, fruit and various snacks and desserts.
- Fundraisers – Eileen Andreola spoke in detail about all the fundraisers we do throughout the year. 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 Eileen Andreola. 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 forms in loose or send cash.
 - **Pepperoni Rolls** – start 8/11 - 8/30 with delivery 9/8. Receive 50% profit. Crystle Bucy, Chair
 - **Hoagies** – start 9/4 – 9/20 with delivery 10/2. Anita Roth, Chair
 - **Decals** – fundraiser to be handed out next week. Jill Saltzman, Chair

Enjoy Books – will be starting soon. Earn \$10 per book. Sherry Meucci, Chair

Applelicious – sometime in October – Jen Budday, Chair

Wreaths – upcoming fundraiser. Suggestion was made to show pictures and info on the two color bow options. Leslie Dujordan, Chair

Fruit Sale – need a chairperson.

Heinz Field/Steeler Games—Anna McElhinny is the chairperson and spoke about this fundraiser. TJ Band Patrons provide Aramark with at least 15 volunteer concession stand workers per event at Heinz Field, such as Steeler games or concerts. Anyone can work the games provided they have received the necessary training and they are at least 18 years old. During the games, we run a concession stand plus additional beer or food booths, depending on the number of participants. Many parents said that they have paid for the entire trip by only working games

Script Sales – Sean Plasynski is the chairperson and spoke about this fundraiser. Purchase store gift cards and you receive a percentage to your GSA.

Eileen suggested we do a Spirit Night once a month and asked for someone to chair

- Band Festival – Krista Gage gave an update on the festival and said we have many bands attending. She also said more volunteers are needed to make this festival successful. Mary Alcorn agreed to co-chair the concessions with April Bailey. There is a link for sign-ups for volunteers on our band website. We are looking for someone to help co-chair festival this year since Krista's daughter is a senior.
- General Fundraisers
Clothing sale 8/3 – 8/10, forms were sent home with students. Anna McElhinny is the chair.
Driven to Give – test drive cars and earn money for each car driven 9/9
Spaghetti Dinner – Cheryl Freedman chairing. Will discuss more in upcoming months
- Next Band Patron Meeting, September 10th.

President Krueger called for a motion to adjourn; motion made by Mary Alcorn, 2nd by Krista Gage.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Randolph
Band Patron Secretary