



# Wakefield HS Band Patrons

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## Minutes of the August 1, 2015 Meeting

PTA officers/members present.

### President's Report

1. Great event at Red Rocks over the summer raising approx. \$420.
2. New Bylaws were updated with changes to the elected positions for the board, which now include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Band Director. Copies were provided to all and voting to pass Bylaws will be at the Parent info meeting on August 11.
3. Band Packets were sent to all students through regular postal mail. Included Schedule, Letters from the Band Patrons and Band Leader, information for Charms updates, band camp and costs for band and Red Rocks fundraiser.
4. Drop box access has been changed and updated. May want to look at the use of Google drive in the future.

### Band Director Report

- 1) Percussion teacher identified from GMU
- 2) Color Guard teacher, Rufus Wilson, to be working with Fall and Winter Guard
- 3) Looking for Brass instructor (through clinician program)
- 4) Section leaders are meeting over the summer with their sections for overview and practice
- 5) Students should be trying to memorize as much as they can, especially the 1<sup>st</sup> two pieces prior to band camp
- 6) Official school band and music information will go out via Charms – it is important for all students and parents to log into Charms and update contact information.
- 7) So far there are 76 band members identified through registration. This includes marching band, percussion, symphonic and concert programs. There are 59 students in band to include Guard. This will put the band in another group due to size for US Bands and also in VA competitions
- 8) Mr. Fisher will be teaching Guitar after taking a workshop this summer.
- 9) There will be a percussion block class this year.
- 10) Aquila will be at first day of band camp to measure for uniforms in addition to forms sent in from the summer packet.

### Treasurer Report:

- 1) Approximately \$1,500 in the bank. Some requirements will be subtracted for Spirit Day wear and prep for Tag Day communications. It was voted

and approved to spend up to \$700 for Tag Day materials (door holders and trifold printing)

- 2) We are in a good financial position starting this year to help supplement clinicians and instruments.

#### Communications Report:

- 1) Multiple positions for VP were illuminated with the new By-Laws and now just one VP t(current nominee – Carol Hunter – but open to others that may be interested). This position will help with getting parent coordinators for other activities such as communications, dinners, fundraisers, pit crew etc.
- 2) Carlin can continue to assist with the website updates and is looking for help.
- 3) Moving forward the following would be the communications options:
  - a. Facebook, instagram and list serve – any and all should post and share information.
  - b. Twitter – Jamaal said he would continue to send.
  - c. Charms – Mr. Fisher would update with official band info.
  - d. Newsletter – Aquila would coordinate – 1-2 pages, published quarterly. Looking for assistance with Spanish translation.

#### Fundraising Report:

- 1) Fundraisers will start in football and basketball seasons.
- 2) TAG Day is a big fundraising event.
  - a. Need 25 drivers and 100 kids to canvas Wakefield boundary areas.
  - b. Mr. Fisher will check with Noel for any liability insurance requirements due to outside audit for safety and security

Next Meeting, Aug 11, 2015, 7pm – Information meeting with Parents.

Band Camp starts on Aug 17 at 1pm – need parents to sign up for meal donations at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054badaf22a6ff2-band>.