



Wakefield HS Band Patrons

1325 S. Dinwiddie St.

Arlington, VA 22206

Minutes of the January 26, 2015 Meeting

Welcome and introductions. PTA officers/members present.

President's Report

1. Fundraising is going very good. We have approximately \$1,350 towards our goal of \$3,000.
2. Continue Basketball fundraising by helping to volunteer at the school concessions. The team is doing well and may have several playoff games. The last home game is Feb 3, 2015 and we are looking for volunteers.
3. Website is up and looking good- www.wakefieldband.org. It is easy to navigate, user friendly and has a lot of great information about the WHS Band Patrons to include contract information.
4. Upcoming events:
 - a. Thursday, June 4 is the Spring Concert
 - b. Feb 9th & 10th middle school auditions for Wakefield Band
 - c. Feb 21 – APS Second Band Festival, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. WHS will be hosting approximately 400 student musicians for this event and the Band Patrons will be selling drinks and snacks.
 - d. Feb 24 - WHS Pyramid Concert. Bands from Kenmore and TJ will join our Symphonic Band for a concert at 7 p.m. The Band Patrons will be serving a buffet dinner for musicians and families before the concert.

Band Director's Report

1. Mr. D. is putting together a list on Scholarships and Music Camps for students. Now is the time to be planning for Summer Camp opportunities like the Vienna Band Camp (for middle school students).
2. The WHS Band students are actively recording music assignments and students are listening as if they are judges to better hear the band and get a sense of how the band sound and improvements that can be made.
3. We received our official Wakefield Band Patrons Commission paperwork. Cathy will scan and upload to the website.
4. Planning is active for how many clinicians and what instruments to concentrate on (ie. 3 sessions @ \$70.00/ea for a total of \$210.00 for Clarinets). Now that we have funding, Mr. D will move forward with the scheduling.
5. Repair of Chimes is approximately \$150.00 – options for repair and funding are being looked at through the county first and Patrons as a backup.

6. Brian Lenair is scheduled for our Jazz Event. Cost is \$600.00 and approved by the Band Patrons.
7. Mr. D. is looking for active volunteers for organizational items such as uniform coordination and early March coordination with middle school sign ups.

Treasurer Report:

- 1) Making great progress towards our goal of \$3,000
- 2) Current total is \$1,427.95. This does not count additional funds expected for Wakefield concessions (approx. \$250.00). Out of this total we expect to use funds for Ben Lenair, clinicians and cost for Jazz Café.
- 3) Funds will also be used to help with guitar training (instruments and clinicians).
- 4) Popcorn sold is in all the Charms ledgers, so all students that are planning to go on the Spring Trip will be able to see actual balances due – these payments are due by Friday, Jan 6. This was a good fundraiser with 40% of sales going directly to the sellers account for the trip.

Communications Report:

- 1) Whsbandpatron@gmail.com is our group email to be used for communications
- 2) WakefieldBandPatron@gmail.com is the drop box to be managed by Cathy P. and for storing and sharing documents.
- 3) Web site is up and running: www.wakefieldband.org. Mr. D will put link on school site.
- 4) Carlin will be glad to assist in how to post to the site – it is very straightforward.
- 5) We need a list of Spanish speaking families for communications.
- 6) Will add Facebook and website page on all flyers.

Fundraising Report:

- a. Need to start a budget for next year.
- b. Susan will try to pull together names and numbers to reach out and call for volunteers.
- c. Jazz Café communications are ready to go out.
 - i. Meade will set up a PayPal for the event for ticket sales.
 - ii. Meade and Cathy are working the food list.

Next Meeting, Monday, March 2, 2015 in the Band room.