



Wakefield HS Band Patrons

1325 S. Dinwiddie St.

Arlington, VA 22206

Minutes of the October 8, 2015 Meeting

PTA officers/members present.

President's Report

1. The October 1st Patrons General meeting with all interested parents was well attended and a lot of basic information about Band was provided. It worked out well having this meeting at the same time as the students had one of their evening practices.
2. Other events coming up include:
 - a. October 9 – Middle School band night at Wakefield. Middle School students from Gunston, Thomas Jefferson and Kenmore arrive at 4:30 and work with the Wakefield band, learn about band, learn to do some basic marching and spend time with the sections in the band. They then sit with the high school students in the band section to help with pep songs during the Football game. Dinner is provided at 5:30 by Wakefield Band Patron parents.
 - b. October 15, Arlington County Band Showcase at Washington-Lee High School. Both middle school and high school bands participate and play for the crowd.
 - c. October 23 – Homecoming Game
 - d. October 30 – Halloween parades at local elementary schools (Claremont, Abingdon and Randolph)
 - e. October 31 – VBODA Band Assessment at Nokesville, VA – need Parent volunteers for Pit Crew.
 - f. November 6 – Home Game, need parent volunteers for Pit Crew.
 - g. November 8 – US Bands National Competition in Delaware, need Parent volunteers for Pit Crew.
 - h. November 12 – End of season Band Party with Paper Plate awards. This is casual event with students and possibly a movie.

Band Director Report

- 1) Mr. Fisher's priority items for Band Patron funding support:
 - a. Music purchase for small group ensembles – something that is not in the current library.
 - b. Clinicians for sectionals
 - c. Instrument augmentation (items not covered by APS) (some items mentioned – Podium Skirt, Bass Drum cover, Banner for Band.
- 2) Looking for Percussion clinician. (Ron Peterson to check with US Army Band retiree).
- 3) Looking to do an End of Year Awards Banquet, possibly in May 2016. This would be a more dress up affair for senior send-off, present awards

for band members and announce new Drum Major. Parents to look at venues:

- a. Walter Reed location – Meade Hanna
 - b. Arlington Cinema and Draft house – Ron Peterson
 - c. VA Electrical Coop building – Ron Peterson
- 4) Looking at providing option for non-pit crew parents to ride the bus and attend the National Championship competition, \$40.00 ticket for ride to Dover and attend event. Clearing through APS.
 - 5) October 20 or 27 – Jazz band starts. This will be Monday and Thursday after school from 3:30-4:30.
 - 6) Looking to do more things in the community with band ensembles performing at local venues for experience and exposure to performances. More to come on this.
 - 7) Band Uniforms:
 - a. New Jackets were a big success. These will be kept with the band uniforms. There may be an option to purchase individually later.
 - b. Need to ensure kids hang up items properly to keep presentable.
 - c. Need measuring for concert season clothing.

Treasurer Report:

- 1) Voted and approved \$500.00 for Mr. Fisher to purchase music for small ensembles as needed for the music library.

Communications Report:

- 1) Newsletter – Aquila is coordinating – 1-2 pages, published quarterly. Looking for new ideas – deadline is Oct 15.

Fundraising Report:

- 1) TAG Day is a big fundraising event – new day - Oct 24
 - a. We have enough drivers and students with schedule change.
 - b. Signs for Tag Day need to be put out. Meade has the signs made and will be contacting volunteers to place them on the weekend of Oct 18th. Signs will need to be taken down after the event on Sunday-Monday, Oct 25-26.
 - c. Band portion of proceeds to be provided for both Music teacher stipend and spring trip for all students.
 - d. Web Page for tag day donations is being setup and link to be sent from Charms.
- 2) Bake Sale at every home game – signup for table volunteers and to donate baked goods is on the genius signup.
 - a. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054badaf22a6ff2-band>.
- 3) Concession stand sales are being looked at for Spring sports (baseball, track and field and softball seasons) and indoor sports (Basketball season)
- 4) Poinsettia sales. This fundraiser is for all students to bring down cost of the Spring Trip.

- a. Check with local churches and groups for possible large group sales.
- 5) Looking at additional fundraisers for students to help bring down their spring trip cost such as gourmet food and popcorn sales. More to come.

Next Band Patron Board members meeting will be on Monday, Nov 2 at 7pm, Band Room. This meeting will need to be used to advertise executive board positions – President and VP positions will need to be filled for next year due to rising seniors.

Next General Patron Parents meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec 2 at time TBD, which is also a dress rehearsal for the Winter Concert.