



Wakefield HS Band Patrons

1325 S. Dinwiddie St.

Arlington, VA 22206

Minutes of the November 15, 2016 Meeting

PTA officers/members present.

President's Report

1. Marching Season is over and it went great with all the dinners, bake sales, pit crew and hard work from the teachers, students and parents! Thanks to everyone!
2. Jazz Café and Auction needs volunteers. Event is on May 12 and several volunteers have said they will help, just need a lead!
3. Spring trip will be to Philadelphia on April 21 & 22 (1-overnight). Cathy Peterson is the Band Parent rep for coordination for the band. Total cost is \$250.00 with \$100 due by December 1 to register. If financial help is needed, please contact Mr. Fisher.

Band Director's report:

1. Thanks for a successful Marching Band season. The band is growing and new instructors have been added:
 - a. Pit Instructor-Kristen Bartholomew (General Music Teacher, McKinley ES)
 - b. Woodwind Instructor-Jessie Wagoner (Instrumental Teach, McKinley ES)
2. Through fundraising efforts, we have enough funds to move ahead with purchases for the band-Request Band Patron's funds to purchase a new concert bass drum
 - a. Pearl Concert Bass Drum-Philharmonic Series-\$1319.95 (plus shipping and handling).
 - b. Band Patrons voted and approved the purchase to include the additional funds over the original budget of \$1,000 based on the savings of funds (\$500) planned for music purchase.
 - c. Drum can be purchased and ready for the winter concert in Dec.
3. Next concert is Dec 6th at 7p.m. There will be a Guitar Concert Prelude in town hall at 6 p.m.
4. Spring trip to Philadelphia is a 2-day, 1-night trip that will include a performance on The People's plaza (next to the liberty bell and Independence Hall), concert of the Philadelphia Orchestra, and a visit to the Art Museum and a chance to run up the "Rocky" steps. Cost at this time is \$250, but we hope to lower that before the final payments are due.
5. All District Band Festival-Kenmore Middle School, February 2-4, 2017.
 - a. Looking for help from Wakefield in hosting. Need to work out volunteers needed. More to come.
6. Arlington Band Assessment-Wakefield, Thursday, March 9th, 3:30-9pm.

- a. Wakefield hosted this event last year with great success. This year it will be in the evening, but will run the same way. We will need help with registration, judges' runners, and technology to upload the files. A more detailed job description will come out closer to the event.
7. District 12 Band Assessment - Washington/Lee, March 17-18.
 - a. Washington-Lee is hosting the District 12 Band Assessment. Wakefield will be hosting this event next year. It is my hope that we can help with this event so we can see how it is run and make it easy for us to host next year. We will need parent volunteers to work with the WL parents. More to come.

Treasurer Report:

- 1) Treasurer's report provided.
- 2) Great Tag Day results = Over \$23,000 for the music department including mail ins!
- 3) Current balance after pending deposits & payments is \$4,059.88

Fundraising/Volunteers:

1. Election day sale at TJ Middle school on Nov 8th did well with raising over \$1,000. This was a combined music dept sale effort. Thanks to Helen Sobola for organizing.
2. Pointsettia sales ended on Nov 15. Poinsettias will arrive for delivering on Friday, Dec 2.
3. There will be a bake sale and students holding hats for donations at the Winter band concert on Dec 6.
4. Upcoming Restaurant fundraisers are in Dec and January (dates TBD) at Celtic House and Lost Dog. Hoping to have students also play at these venues.
5. Popcorn sales start on Jan 3 and continue through Jan 31 and is being organized by Aquila Stewart. Popcorn will be delivered on Feb 14.

Next meeting, Monday, Dec 12th, 7pm at TGIF near Wakefield HS, 4650 King St., Alexandria, VA 22302