



Wakefield HS Band Patrons

1325 S. Dinwiddie St.

Arlington, VA 22206

Minutes of the November 13, 2017 Meeting

Patron board members and director were present for this board meeting.

President Report provided by Aquila Stewart and committee chairs:

1. Receipt for Tag Day musical instrument donations are being sent out by Ms. Barba per Mr. Fisher's request. Aquila will close the loop to check that they are received and if they need a letter, Cathy will provide.
2. Because the Band did not have their new uniforms at the time fall sport pictures were taken, they will have a picture taken when winter sports are taken on November 30 with their new uniforms. Mr. Fisher is coordinating. This is not an optional picture and Mr. Fisher will ensure participation during the school day.
3. Clean up of Band storage items. There are old uniforms that need to be cataloged and boxed up for auction by bid. Would like to get them out before the winter holiday break. Suggested date is Saturday, Dec 9 from 12pm-3pm.
4. Certificates of Appreciation: Aquila is looking into putting these together from the Band Patrons for volunteers that helped with this last band marching season.

Band Director Report provided by Mr. Fisher:

1. Had a great fall season and looking to push forward and getting better. Possibly using props for next year.
2. Spring trip is going to Myrtle Beach, SC. A letter went out to students to bring to parents with information. They are looking for chaperones and students commitment to identify room lists. They will have a competition and other fun things to include: attend the Aquarium, Medieval Times, Hard Rock Café to name a few. Dates are April 11-14. This is a three-overnight trip. Forms and first payment is due by December 1.
3. Winter concert is approaching on December 5th. There will be evening practice for Symphonic Band on Nov 29th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Concert band students will have rehearsals during Warriors Period Tuesday 11/28 and Thursday 11/30. A final rehearsal for all bands will be after school on Monday, December 4th from 3:15-4:30.
4. The band students will be using recordings via CANVAS. This is new and they will be working through this.

Treasurer update provided by Rebecca Carr:

5. There is currently a balance of \$5,326.88. We raised over \$600.00 from the restaurant fundraiser at Chipotle. We are expecting a check from the donations provided by the NOVA concert of \$233.00 (split pot with NOVA). Much of the Band Patron funds will go toward band clinicians this winter season.

Fundraising update:

1. Restaurant Fundraisers:

- a. Nov 20, 2017 4-10pm at District Taco on Leesburg Pike. Mention WHS and band receives 20% of profits.
2. Poinsettia sale ends on Thursday, Nov 16. Everyone should turn in their orders to Mr. Kilby or Ms. Long.
3. There will be a bake sale at the winter concert this year. We are coordinating with Mrs. T. at TJ since this will be a combined middle school and high school concert and split the profits. Need signup genius to go to both Wakefield and TJ parents for baked good donations.
4. The popcorn fundraiser will be in January and Aquila will coordinate.
5. We need volunteers to help with Booster Basketball concession. Band Patrons will get a portion of the proceeds when we help with the concession.
6. There is a Car Repair Fundraiser in the works. Cathy is getting details from the business and an email will go out via charms.
7. Megan will coordinate with Lost Dog and Celtic House to set up evenings for the students to play as ensembles and possible fundraisers.

Other items coming up:

- 1) Band Assessments – there are two but will seem like one since they are back to back on the calendar. March 15 will be local Arlington bands. March 16-17 will be District bands. There will be requirements as follows: stage setup, working with judges for recordings/music uploads, rides for some judges to/from hotels, student escorts for moving bands through the school, storage rooms for instruments, concessions, and signage. There will be a planning meeting the first part of January after the winter break. More to come.

Upcoming Band Patron meetings:

Mon. Dec 11 – All parents meeting

Wed in Jan and Feb-all parent meeting in combination with student practice-TBD