



## *Wakefield HS Band Patrons*

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### **Minutes of the January 10, 2017 Meeting**

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

President Report provided by Aquila Stewart and committee chairs:

1. 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. Aquila to work with Mr. Fisher to identify a date and request volunteers for cleanup.

Band Director Report provided by Mr. Fisher:

1. Winter concert went very well and it worked well having a combined concert with Thomas Jefferson Middle School. A great way for students to get exposure to the high school band experience.
2. Jazz Band Competition will take place on Saturday, January 27 at Yorktown High School, 5200 Yorktown Blvd., Arlington, VA. Wakefield will be playing at 12:20pm. This is a great event for jazz culminating in a free concert by the Army Blues concert band at 6:30pm.
3. Mr. Fisher will be visiting the feeder elementary schools 8<sup>th</sup> grades to encourage interest in high school band and to attend the Middle School Information Night on January 31, 2018 at Wakefield. There will be dinner served and students will get a chance to play and talk with high school band sections and Middle School Parents will get a chance to talk with High school parents.
4. Mr. Fisher is coordinating with other APS schools and regional schools that will be attending the Assessments which will be held March 15-17. He will provide information as needed to the organizing committee and parents. Wakefield will be the first high school performing on Saturday, March 17.
5. Spring trip to Myrtle Beach, SC from April 11-14. The down payment of \$100 was due by Dec 1 and has been collected. Mr. Fisher said there may be option for still attending if you talk with him. The next payment of \$250.00 will be due in January. The final payment will depend on balance due subtracting funds raised by the students with the Poinsettia and Popcorn sales.

Treasurer update provided by Rebecca Carr:

6. The treasurer provided checks to the music clinicians that were providing music instruction to band members during this meeting. She will provide an updated report next month.

Fundraising update:

1. Restaurant Fundraisers:
  - a. Raised approx. \$200 from the Celtic house fundraiser with band members providing holiday music for customers. This was a very well attended

event and served as a great venue for students to perform for the community.

- b. Next restaurant fundraiser is TBD.
2. Poinsettia sale: Veronica Bartlett provided update that she has the spreadsheet and numbers for profit to be awarded individually to students based on how many plants they sold. Rebecca Carr, as treasurer can update charms to ensure the profits are assigned appropriately to the participating students. Veronica also provided estimated metrics on return on investment of time and profit which would be good to review before deciding to do this fundraiser next year.
3. The popcorn fundraiser is in January. Aquila is coordinating and provided those parents attending the meeting with packets to provide to their children. The rest of the packets will be provided to the students during band classes. This is also a fundraiser for students to help defray their individual cost for the spring trip. A portion of profits go to students based on their sales.
4. There is a Car Repair Fundraiser in the works. An email went out via charms with a flyer. This fundraiser is sponsored by one of the band parents with a portion of sales to go to the band. A reminder will be sent out via charms.

Other items coming up:

- 1) Band Assessments; A planning committee meeting was completed on Jan 3, 2018 with leads and Mr. Fisher. The assessment is actually 2 different ones side by side as follows:
  - Thursday, March 15 from 5 p.m. to approx. 7 p.m.
  - Friday, March 16 from 3 p.m. to approx. 8:30 p.m.
  - Saturday, March 17 from 8:30 a.m. to approx. 6:00 p.m.
  - a. 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. A list of duties was distributed at the parent meeting and will also be posted on the website.
  - b. A sign-up genius will be sent out in February for parent and student volunteers to sign up. Any profit made at concessions will go to the Wakefield Band Patrons.
  - c. Debbie Wacker and Susan Dorr are working the needs of the concessions. Kathryn McGuire is checking with WHS Boosters for use of hotdog cooker and warmer.
- 2) JAZZ Café and Silent Auction: This event will take place on Friday, April 27. Megan Booth provided an update and the current push is to get folks out to solicit donations. An email with a link to a google tracking sheet will be sent out via charms. There was also discussion on doing a portion of the auction online prior to the event. Kathryn McGuire will check on website/info used when a similar auction was done for one of the elementary schools.

Upcoming Band Patron meetings:

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 (in combination with the next evening Band practice).