



Wakefield HS Band Patrons

1325 S. Dinwiddie St.

Arlington, VA 22206

Minutes from Dec. 5, 2018 Meeting 7:00 pm, WHS

20 Patrons were in attendance

Treasurer's Report:

- We have \$3,950.33 in available funds. We should be able to meet the budget expectations for the year as long as we stay on track with fundraisers.

Fundraisers:

- The Wakefield Holiday Fair is this Thursday and Friday (during lunch) and Saturday (3-6 pm). We will be selling cakes and ornaments. We need some students with B lunch to volunteer at the band table on Thursday and Friday this week. There will be parents there at all times. Donations of cakes and ornaments are needed.
- Please encourage your student to perform at one of the upcoming student performances. It is low-key, they can play whatever they like, and they can play as a solo or part of an ensemble. Megan will be there for all three performances.
 - Pentagon Row, this Sunday
 - Pentagon City Mall, Dec. 16
 - Celtic House, Dec. 17
- The Winter Concert is next Tuesday, Dec. 11, and we will be selling snacks, baked goods, and spirit items. Please sign up to bring something.
- Volunteers are needed to chair the Popcorn Sale and the Jazz Café.
- Ron Peterson is selling White House Christmas ornaments for \$20 each to benefit the band.

Band Director's Report:

- The Spring Trip is to NYC and will cost \$290 per person. The group will leave Monday morning, April 8 and return late on Tuesday, April 9. The students will see a Broadway show and do a lot of sightseeing. There will be no performance this year. The first payment will be due soon. Scholarships are

available for students who need financial aid – see Mr. Jessup. Many chaperones will be needed (1 per 10 students is required).

- Dr. Willmore has approved \$2,000 toward the purchase of new marching bass drums. The Patrons may be asked to pay for the covers.

Other:

- It was asked whether we should develop a prioritized list of needs for the band. Suggested needs: Percussion equipment, uniforms, drum major uniforms.
- Students are keeping all parts of their concert uniforms at home. Please make sure your student has a complete uniform and it's ready to go by Tuesday.
- It was suggested that we have a Parent Happy Hour to create a sense of camaraderie among the band parents. Megan offered to host it at her home, maybe mid-late January.
- Not everyone is getting Charms emails. Deliverability is still a big problem. It might be worth reminding students and parents how to sign up for Charms and remind them about the Facebook page.
- There will be a Jazz Café planning meeting at Lisa Dropkin's home on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7 pm. The address is 2220 N. 18th St.

Submitted by Carlin Anderson, Secretary