



Wakefield HS Band Patrons

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Minutes of the March 2, 2015 Meeting

Welcome and introductions. PTA officers/members present.

President's Report

1. Reimbursements for items that have been purchased for the Band Patron activities and fundraisers need to have receipts turned in to ensure payment. Executive committee members can discuss and determine if reimbursements should be provided otherwise.
2. Band Patron funds are to be used across the band music program to include clinicians, uniforms, music and instruments.

Band Director's Report

1. There was a discussion about use of clinicians. Mr. D explained when and how clinicians are used. Groups are broken into sectionals and based on the level of expertise of the students and the focus needed for students based on their playing level. Clinicians are mostly used at this point for Symphonic band based on the level of playing and to get the best use of the clinicians. Support is also based on commitment level and needs of the student. Concert Band needs are best met in the classroom setting.
2. Mr. D. also reiterated that funds used for the band program covers all levels of play and support for equipment, uniforms and music based on needs of each band which are different.
3. Marching Band auditions with the feeder middle schools completed this past week. Now in the process of identifying students and reaching out to ensure schedules are properly signed up.
4. Ideas were identified to help with the coordination and inclusion of all band members such as:
 - a. Reading session in June
 - b. Orientation or Information night for parents on incoming band students
 - c. April 27 was identified as a good evening for information night. This is after all the auditions but before May when Mr. D needs to get a good idea of students to work music for next year.
5. The Navy Band will be playing at Wakefield on March 26 at 7pm. Open to public.
6. Friday, March 20 will be the band assessment. Students will need to leave school early at approx. 3:15 in order to get buses to the venue at Washington and Lee High School and have a start time of 5:10pm. Return to Wakefield approx. 7:30pm. Students will need to bring their own snacks and food.

7. Spring Trip has 39 students and 4 parents(chaperones). Those students going on the Spring Trip has a mandatory meeting on March 24 at 7pm in the Band Room. Attendance is required for both the student traveling and parents of the student traveling. Forms will be filled out.

Treasurer Report:

- 1) We raised approx. \$400.00 at the dinner and bake sale the night of the Pyramid concert.
- 2) We have approx. \$1,200 balance after subtracting costs for B. Lanier for Jazz Café.
- 3) It was suggested as part of the budget process for next year is to include funds for parent chaperones to help defray the cost.

Communications Report:

- 1) It was suggested to have name tags for parents and support at the dinners and fundraiser events so we can get to know others.
- 2) There are three different calendars in three different places (Charms, Website and Google). They are not all in sync. It was decided to look at how we can either keep them in sync with updates Mr. D provides or only use one for the main calendar for the band activities.

Fundraising Report:

- 1) Silent Auction is online and we are still getting donations. There are a total of 24 in addition to the 7 online items. Looking for cheaper bidding items for the students like Lunch with Mr. D, Lunch with the Principal, etc.
- 2) There is a concern for ticket sales since the online site only has a few sales.
- 3) Efforts to get the word out will be worked by all. Susan put out a list of who needed to reach out to which groups for communications of the event. This included signs out at Music and Arts and Fox's Music.

Next Meeting, Monday, April 6, 2015 in the Band room.