



Wakefield HS Band Patrons

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Minutes of the March 9, 2016 Meeting

PTA officers/members present.

President's Report

1. There was \$725 raised for Disney Scholarships. 5 scholarships were awarded instead of the 4 planned.
2. The Open House went well. Lots of band parents attended and it was a great way to provide information and communications.
3. Celtic House fundraiser went well; raised \$200 and it was a great experience for the students to perform in front of a live audience at the restaurant.
4. The refreshment sale at the Pyramid concert raised \$175.
5. Upcoming focus is the trip to Disney and then two weeks after the Jazz Café on April 15.
6. Other events coming up include:
 - a. March 11 – State Assessment
 - b. March 30-April 2 – Music department trip to Disney. This includes band, chorus and orchestra. We have enough chaperones and all is set for the trip.
 - c. April 6 – Percussion Ensemble at W&L.
 - d. April 15 – Jazz Café and Silent Auction at the Wakefield Black Box.
 - e. May – Spring Concert
 - f. June – Reading session with middle school students

Band Director Report

- a. Mr. Fisher reported the clinicians have been working great for extra instruction for the students. Having the students working with professional musicians have really improved their playing. He is hoping to continue this next year with the help of funding from the Band Patrons.
- g. At the June reading session, this might include an open house for new band parents. We may want to individually call parents (calls made by current band parents) to involve the new parents and answer questions. Mr. Fisher will be able to provide a list later this year and then we can do a call tree.
- h. There is an activity fair in the Wakefield Town Hall that we may want to participate in to provide information to new band students and parents.
- b.

Treasurer Report:

- 1) Current balance is \$370.72. Paid for clinicians, scholarships, and planned sheet music purchase. Next big fundraiser is the Jazz Café and Silent Auction.

Communications Report:

- 1) Aquila is working the tickets and 1-page bulletin for the Jazz Café.
- 2) Students are encouraged to invite friends, neighbors and relatives.
- 3) All are asked to get the word out about Band Patron Executive Committee positions. Still looking for some executive positions to be filled.

Fundraising Report:

- 1) Jazz Café event. Carol Hunter will put together a sign up genius for the Jazz Café parent helpers. Mr. Fisher will have the students sign up for volunteer jobs for students. Meade Hanna is coordinating food for this event. Susan Dubois is collecting items for donations. All are encouraged to go to your local businesses for donations. Carlin Anderson is updating the web site for the silent auction items. The Gunston Jazz band will also be performing along with the Wakefield Jazz band.

Next Band Patron Board members meeting will be on Monday, April 11 at 7pm, Band Room.