

James River High School Band Boosters

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Band Booster Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2016, 6:35 pm

Those in attendance: Jerry Espigh, Barbara Espigh, Suzanne Miladin, Anne Trotta, Lisa O'Keefe, Mary Berghuis, Michelle Hendel, Faith Trent, Dwight Trent, Karen LaHaye, Stephen LaHaye, Amy Jo Fischer, Steve Fischer, William Nurney, Julie Larro, Justin Turpin.

1. President's Welcome: Jerry Espigh said the year is winding down now and the only Band Booster function left is the Spring Banquet.
2. Minutes from March 14, 2016: The minutes were reviewed. Mary Berghuis motioned to approve the minutes, Steve Fischer seconded the motion.
3. Fundraising:
 - A. Spring Flower Fundraiser
 - Mother's Day Flowers- Faith Trent said the band portion of the spring flower fundraiser was a profit of \$724.50 and there were 34 orders.
 - B. Other Fundraisers
 - Anne Trotta looked into Wegmans' and they don't have any programs that could benefit the Band Boosters.
4. Support Services: Steve Fischer
 - a. Concert Season- no report
 - b. Props for next year's show- We are waiting on information from Tom Delano to see if he can make the props for the new show.
5. Treasurer's Report: Dwight Trent said revenue is where it should be and expenses are better than expected. We will have a reserve at the end of the year.
6. Correspondence: Mary Berghuis said the website is updated. Spring Concert programs are almost completed. This program is 9 pages longer than last year's. The approximate cost is \$1,500 to \$1,800. The finalized program will go to the printer on Wednesday.
7. Committee Chairperson Reports
 - a. Marching Band Attire- Damien Dames was absent, no report.
 - b. Pit Crew- Jon McFall was absent, no report.
 - c. Concessions- Lisa O'Keefe said they will try the new popcorn machine out at the mini band camp in June.
 - d. Concert Band Attire- Barbara Espigh said that with graduation late this year (June 11) it leaves a very short time for concert dresses and tuxes to be cleaned and turned in by June 15.
 - e. Chaperones- La Wanda Woods was absent, no report.
 - f. Hospitality- Julie Larro reported that the meal for the Spring Banquet will be provided by O'Toole's restaurant at a cost of \$8/person. They would like to do the

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grilling outdoors at the school but Julie will have to check with the office to see if this is allowed.

- g. Spirit Wear- Amy Jo said that Shelly Gilbert will take over the Spirit Wear next year. Spirit Wear will not be sold at the banquet. Steve Fischer has been investigating accepting credit cards next year for spirit wear. It will cost us 2-3% to use them. A device that attaches to a cell phone can cost as little as \$9 but better ones are available. The phone will need Wi-Fi to work. Also, will look into using credit cards for concessions. Wi-Fi reception at the concessions booth is questionable.

8. Band Director's Report: Justin Turpin

- Chesterfield schools are looking to change high school times to 9:30 am to 4:30 pm in 2017-2018. No activities will be allowed before school. Practice in the evening and in the dark will be an issue for many activities including marching band. Mr. Turpin asked Jerry Espigh to send a letter from the Band Boosters to our county representative explaining the hardship this will impose on our band. This letter needs to be sent by Wednesday.
- Mark Collins gave an initial estimate of redoing the graphics on the large trailer. \$1,500 to scrub the old lettering off and \$2,000 to put updated information back on. To get a full wrap is around \$8,000. Still waiting for an exact quote. With our marching band numbers down next year, this may not be a good year for this project.
- Mr. Turpin would like to spend approximately \$7,800 for a new speaker/sound system. This would come from the surplus.
- The total that is spent on band banquets including food, awards, senior gifts, etc. is around \$10,000. Is there a way to cut back on this expenditure?

9. Old Business - Bylaws. The Board of Directors met prior to the General Membership meeting and approved the revisions to the Bylaws put forth by a Bylaws review committee.

10. New Business:

- The slate of next year's officers and chairpersons were presented.

11. Next Meeting: Annual Meeting, Tuesday- May 31, 2016, 6:00 pm.

12. Call to Adjourn:

Mary Berghuis motioned to adjourn at 7:54 pm, Amy Jo Fischer seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Miladin, Recording Secretary