

James River High School Band Boosters

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Band Booster Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2015 7:08 pm

Those in attendance: Jerry Espigh, Anne Trotta, Michele Gilbert, Suzanne Miladin, Lisa O'Keefe, Carlo O'Keefe, Sue O'Hara, Karen LaHaye, LaWanda Woods, John Rau, Julie Larro, Megan Shanahan-Smith, Jill King, Louisa Harrison, Pam Hinterlong, Jennifer McCabe, Michelle Hendel, Chris Durant, Nancy Isenberg, Marilyn Gozzo, Lara Ivey, Bruce Ivey, Kevin Seibert, Louis Idowk, Eleanor Nurney, William Nurney, Tammy Rucker, Curtis Doyle, Marybeth Markel, Kelly McCrowell, Jon McFall, Mary Berghuis, Barbara Espigh, Amy Jo Fischer, Damien Dames, Faith Trent, Dwight Trent, Neil Newsome, Ray Spillman, Justin Turpin.

1. Presidents Welcome: Jerry Espigh welcomed all band parents for the new marching band season. He had each of the Board members stand up and describe their position and responsibilities.
2. Minutes from June 16, 2015: Minutes were reviewed. Amy Jo Fischer motioned to approve the minutes, Pam Hinterlong seconded the motion.
3. Fundraising: Anne Trotta
 - A. Band Booster Fundraising-
 - Tag Day: This is the major fundraiser for the year and will take place on Saturday, September 12. Many volunteers are needed for driving, counting money, lunch, etc. Last year, \$29,000 was raised. This year the goal is \$30,000.
 - Concessions: Important that we get enough volunteers, concessions bring in a lot of revenue.
 - Poinsettias: Starts in November.
 - Kroeger Community Rewards
 - Dinner Nights- Chick-fil-a, River City Diner
 - B. Individual Fundraising-
 - Cords for mobile phones
 - Scrip-Gift Cards: Macy's

Carlo O'Keefe spoke on how important volunteers are for the band to be successful. A minimum of five times per family are needed.

4. Support Services: Steve Fisher absent, no report.
5. Treasurer's Report: Dwight Trent reported that there was a total budget of \$87,000 for the year. \$55,000 was Band Boosters budget.
6. Correspondence: Mary Berghuis described the new website for the James River Band that is being created with the help of a consultant. Mr. Turpin's weekly emails will be available there. Website for band is jamesriverband.org

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7. Committee Chairperson Reports

- a. Band Camp- Lisa O'Keefe reported that Band Camp is starting and slots are available for chaperones to sign up and help.
- b. Marching Band Attire- Damien Dames said that the procedure is changing this year. Each student will now be responsible for washing their own pants. Fittings start tomorrow.
- c. Pit Crew- John McFall said the small trailer is being inspected and will be ready soon.
- d. Concessions- Lisa O'Keefe and Neil Newsome reported that the first four home games need volunteers and that the Thursday night JV games are a good place for parents new to concessions to start.
- e. Concert Band Attire- Barbara Espigh said fittings won't start until late October/early November, after marching season.
- f. Chaperones- LaWanda Woods said chaperones are needed and sign ups can be done on SignUp Genius.
- g. Hospitality- This position is vacant. Responsibilities are the Band Camp banquet and the End of Year Band banquet.
- h. Spirit Wear- Amy Jo Fischer reported that band spirit wear will be available at the Band Camp banquet.

8. Band Director's Report: Justin Turpin

- Spring Band Trip to Florida- The cost is estimated to be in the \$800 range. The trip will be April 6-11. Ideas for one day- going to the beach or a state park.
- The band has 79 members currently.
- Email containing band news will be going out every Sunday night and can also be found on the new website.
- A giant banner will be part of this year's show and people that can sew are needed to help put the banner together. Band camp is an ideal time to come and sew in the commons area.
- Anne Trotta needs a Tag Day co-chair to help her. This person can learn about Tag Day and then transition into the Chairman for next year.

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- Band banquet will be a little different this year. Instead of ending with the banquet, this year we will eat first and then the band will go to the stadium to perform as part of Rapid Fest.
- Transportation costs have gone up. A new county rule dictates that any trip over 75 miles requires a coach bus. This will involve extra expenses for several competitions.
- Marching Band Assessment (VBODA) has been changed to October 24 same day as a competition at Powhatan. The band will perform at the Assessment first and then go to Powhatan.

9. Old Business: None

10. New Business:

- James River is hosting County Band Night this year on October 5th. Everyone will be needed to help put this event on.
- James River Regiment will participate this year in the Richmond Christmas Parade on December 5th.

11. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 9th. Board 6:00 pm, Band Boosters 7:00 pm.

12. Call to Adjourn:

Amy Jo Fischer motioned to adjourn at 7:58 p.m., Kelly McCrowell seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Miladin, Recording Secretary