

James River High School Band Boosters

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Band Booster Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2017, 6:03 pm

Those in attendance: Julie Larro, Karen LaHaye, Suzanne Miladin, Shelly Gilbert, Lisa O'Keefe, Michelle Hendel, William Nurney, Carlo O'Keefe, Jon McFall, Damien Dames, Neil Newsome, Jill King, Mary Berghuis, Justin Turpin.

1. Minutes from November 14, 2016: The minutes were reviewed. Lisa O'Keefe motioned to approve the minutes, Damien Dames seconded the motion.
2. Fundraising: Michelle Hendel
 - Spring Flower Fundraiser- Last year participated with the Choral Boosters. Plants would be sold for Mother's Day. Promote fundraiser at the Pre-Assessment concert?
 - Other Possible Fundraisers- Spunkmeyer cookies, citrus fruit? Would this be in addition to Spring Flowers? Fundraiser could be promoted at the April 20 Band information meeting.
 - Fundraisers are supported by only a portion of the band families. Ideas to increase participation-
 - Have a parent fun day at the end of band camp. Games with students/parents.
 - Social event for band parents so they get to know one another and get involved.
 - Start the band newsletter again.
3. Support Services: Carlo O'Keefe-
 - Show Choir would like to borrow small trailer. First competition is February 24.
 - Trailers are becoming filled up with "stuff" like mirrors, stairs, etc. Mr. Turpin said to keep the frames for the mirrors, they will be used next year. The mirrors can be sold/given away. Stairs could be sold.
4. Treasurer's Report: William Nurney
 - Kroger quarterly payment was half of last one. Some families that had signed up may have automatically been dropped and may need to sign up again.
 - With the addition of the revenue from District auditions, concessions budget has been made for the year. Overall though, we are down about \$2,000 for the year.
5. Correspondence: Mary Burghuis
 - Photos have all been updated on the web.
6. Committee Chairperson Reports
 - a. Marching Band Attire- Damien Dames said they are all set for next year.
 - b. Pit Crew- Jon McFall reported that there is nothing new.

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- c. Concessions- Lisa O’Keefe said District Band auditions brought in \$1,800. Concessions is over budget for the year. Mr. Turpin let her know that for next year, there is a Friday game on the Labor Day weekend and that sales would probably be slow at that game.
 - d. Concert Band Attire- Suzy Miladin said everyone has their concert attire. An accessory bag will be provided to Jill King for the Concert band assessment on March 10. She will take over accessories for the Wind Ensemble assessment later on that night.
 - e. Chaperones- La Wanda Woods was absent. No report.
 - f. Hospitality- Louisa Harrison was absent. No report.
 - g. Spirit Wear- Shelly Gilbert said she was probably going to order a tank top that students could wear for band camp. Mr. Turpin mentioned that there was a company that specialized in taking care of the ordering spirit wear at no charge. The benefit would be that we would not have to carry so much inventory. We would set the price. Shelly is going to look into the company that the Choral Boosters use.
7. Band Director’s Report: Justin Turpin
1. Working with Robious Middle School and elementary schools to foster interest in James River Band.
 - A new color brochure is being mailed to Robious students.
 - Robious students were bussed to James River for concert followed by a Q and A session.
 - 650 postcards were mailed to Robious students for a discount on the Winter Revels concert.
 - James River students wrote postcards to their Buddies at Robious.
 - The River Jazz band has played at several elementary schools and will be going to more schools coming up.
 2. \$10,000 uniform money from Chesterfield County. Mr. Turpin purchased new color guard uniforms for games, new garment bags, and new plumes that are purple. The colored plumes will bleed so parents with gloves on will need to attach them to the student’s helmets.
 3. The Spring Senior trip to Myrtle Beach has been cancelled. Only 5 students signed up. A short, alternate trip is being considered.
 4. The 2018 band trip will be on a cruise with Midlothian and Manchester High Schools. It will be four nights and leave out of Charleston.
 5. 2018 District Honor Band auditions will be held at Thomas Dale High instead of James River.
 6. James River will host All County Band on January 10-11 in 2018.

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7. Tag Day- There is a new county rule- all parents and students will need to sign a waiver that is ok for the students to be driven by another parent for Tag Day. Also, each driver needs to sign a waiver form.
8. The Pep Drumline instructor, Ricardo, is teaching his last session for the year tonight.
9. State Concert Assessment is on Friday, March 10th. Concert band students will take a bus to LC Bird High for their assessment. Wind Ensemble students need to provide their own transportation for an 8:55 p.m. performance.
10. Mr. Turpin is considering a Movie Night at the end of the year. It would be an outdoor movie on the football field. Tickets would be sold to band/orchestra families. Cost of renting the equipment is not known yet.
11. Fund raising option- Purse Bash. Very popular in PA.
12. Senior gift- will probably do like last year and give each senior a gift instead of awarding two scholarships
13. The James Stegner Scholarship- There is \$250 left on the balance sheet for this award. Last year for it.
8. New Business: The Chaperones committee chairperson title will be changed to Volunteer Coordinator.
9. Next Meeting: Monday, March 13, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
10. Call to Adjourn:
Damien Dames motioned to adjourn at 7:40 pm, Michelle Hendel seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Miladin, Recording Secretary