



J R Tucker H.S. Band Boosters April 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Austin Frank, Leslie VanHimbergen, Christy Allen, Mendy Meeks, Suzanne Jenkins, Jen DuBois, Melody Stoudt, Meg Foster, Marlene Sherlock, Heather Mahmoud

Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 15, 2022

- Motion for Approval: Melody Stoudt
- Second: Jen Dubois

Board / Committee Reports

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, LESLIE VANHIMBERGEN:

Thanks to Jen for working on recruiting for officers for next year.

TREASURER'S REPORT, CHRISTY ALLEN:

Review of the Treasurer's report

Balance as of March 1: 6878.55

Income:

- ChickFilA fundraiser – 343.56

Expenses:

- Uniform cleaning (33 uniforms) -- 176.00
- VBODA -- 10.00

Total: 186.00

Balance as of March 31: 7036.11

Does not include \$200 PayPal donation from the Warren family.

Upcoming costs:

- End of year banquet
- Senior gifts
- Trailer Personal property tax (\$17.00 due on 6/5)
- Liability Insurance (approximately \$500 due in May/June)
- Uniform cleaning (TBD for concert/marching uniforms in June)



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We may want to get quotes for liability insurance. If anyone knows a broker or wants to pursue this, let Leslie or Christy know. Leslie will check with someone she knows about whether we could get a better rate elsewhere. This is important because it covers the officers and the trailer.

Fundraising is very important – especially Corporate sponsors.

SECRETARY'S REPORT, HEATHER MAHMOUD:

No report

NEW BUSINESS

Graduation:

Tuesday, June 14 at 3:00 pm.

Kids will need to bring a change of clothes because we will collect all concert uniforms immediately after return from graduation ceremony. Goal is to have uniforms cleaned and returned by July 1 so it is on this year's budget vs. next.

We will need to rent a U-Haul to move percussion instruments to Siegel Center for graduation. There is a back loading entrance. No chaperones are needed for this event. We will need 2 to 3 parents to help unload and drive the U-Haul.

Students will wear concert uniforms. Seniors will wear cap and gown. Seniors will enter and join the band on stage. They will perform the National Anthem, Alma Mater, and the senior song. Seniors will then go back to their row. Band will play recessional and then pack up.

Students will take a bus from Tucker to the Siegel Center. Should not interfere with exams. Meg, Jen, and Heather volunteered to help.

Officer slate for 2022-2023:

President: Leslie VanHimbergen

Vice President: Jen DuBois

Secretary: Heather Mahmoud

Treasurer: Andrew Foster

There are still open committee positions. These would be great opportunity for 9th grade parents.



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Motion to approve officer slate was made by Suzanne Jenkins. It was seconded by Christy Allen. It was unanimously approved.

By-Law Changes

Changes were reviewed by the secretary. Motion to approve by Melody Stoudt. Seconded by Suzanne Jenkins. It was unanimously approved.

Scholarships

Meg Foster gave an update on the scholarships. We have received a couple of letters of recommendation. Please encourage seniors to apply.

Showcase

Date is Saturday, May 7. We have judges for that date. It will be choral and instrumental (band and orchestra).

Mr. Frank has submitted a request for facilities use. We will need to provide goody bags for the directors. The company will send us trophies, etc. This year we will award trophies at the school instead of at King's Dominion.

We will need to set up the stage between groups. We can recruit students to do this. Volunteers will need to be there about 6:30 am to help with set up. There will be a SignUp Genius for volunteers.

Question about awarding volunteer hours for this event. Mr. Frank will check if he can award volunteer hours and report back. Question about needing to provide custodial service that day. Will need to check on that as well.

HCPS Showcase (Fall)

It will be at Tucker High School this year.

We will need to provide concessions for the event. We can talk with the Athletic Boosters to get information about logistics. Need one or two people to lead this. We want to avoid having extra food, if possible, but we can see if the Athletic Boosters would buy any that we might have. Mr. Borwin is a good point of contact for this.

The date for this will be October 17th. Mr. Frank will check to see if we are responsible for providing a program.

Band Uniforms

We need new concert dresses. We need to get on it before school starts. We will still clean the old uniforms to have them as a back up in case there is a delay getting the new dresses.

Band Closet



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We need to inventory the blue pants to make sure we have enough for next marching season.

Band Camp

All the dates are listed in cuttime. Mr. Frank has the football calendar and will add it to the calendar.

Spirit Nights

Thursday is the Gelati Celesti fundraiser from 3 to 9 pm. Mr. Raymond will add it to his weekly message. It will also be added on the band Instagram account. We are not allowed to market at the event. Contact Leslie for information.

On April 21, we have another spirit night at the Regency location of Panera. You can order online for pick up. You just need to add the code during your online order.

Others coming up: May 12 at Mod Pizza and June 7 at Chipotle at Regency Mall. There will be a code for online orders.

You must say you are with the JRT Band Boosters in order for us to get credit.

List of potential locations for future Spirit Nights:

- Panda Express
- Red Robin
- Corner Bakery
- Noodles & Co.
- Marios Pizza
- Rusty Taco
- Crumble Cookie
- ChickFilA
- DeLuca Gelato

Would like to plan all of next year for the entire year. We advertise these on the website, handouts, social media. Jen DuBois will help plan.

The Blaze Pizza event was cancelled because the location closed suddenly. We had used Rise company. Do not use in the future as Blaze had asked us to contact them directly in the future.

End of Year Banquet

Thursday, May 26 or June 2

Next Year's Budget

Leslie, Jen, Christy, and Mr. Frank have gathered information on budgets from other booster programs to help determine how much we should be spending for each category and how we might be able to



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reduce the Booster budget. Will discuss in detail at next meeting.

Leslie has been working on documentation to serve as a “cookbook” for the operations of the band boosters to help future officers manage the program.

We need to come up with a strategy to increase sponsorship. Perhaps we could have a competition for students with prizes. Also looking to drop the t-shirt reward for sponsors as most sponsors are not really interested in that and that would decrease our costs. The banner is a bigger selling point for sponsors.

Sponsor tiers:

- Friends of the Band: Any amount. Name in the Winter program
- Bronze: \$150 – Name in Winter program, logo on website
- Silver: \$250 – Name in Winter and Spring program, logo on website
- Gold: \$350 (or \$500) – Name in Winter and Spring programs, logo on website, name on banner

Tiger tailgate sponsor reward ideas: Donate a meal and get logo on website, announcement at Game as band walks on.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 pm

End: 8:26 pm