



## **J R Tucker H.S. Band Boosters August 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

6:37 PM: Call to Order

7:30 PM: End

In Attendance: Austin Frank, Leslie VanHimbergen, Meg Foster, Christy Allen, Mendy Meeks, Susan Murphy, Melanie Stoudt, Patrice Elliott, Suzanne Jenkins, Heather Mahmoud

Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 22, 2021

- Christy Allen motioned for approval
- Heather Mahmoud seconded

Board / Committee Reports

President, Leslie VanHimbergen

Reminder to everyone to update their phone numbers and email addresses to ensure band communications will reach you.

### Discussion of Open Positions

- We still have several positions open: Ways and Means, Uniforms, Scholarship, Recruiting, Volunteer Coordinator
- The most important and the most urgent is Ways and Means, which is responsible for coordinating various fundraising efforts
- Uniforms will need several parent volunteers, but it is best if one person is the point of contact for that.

Treasurer, Christy Allen

### Review of the Treasurer's report

Fiscal year for the band boosters starts on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### 2020-2021 Budget Wrap Up

- Starting budget was \$9,924.94
- Review of the core checking account with Atlantic Union. A second account exists at SunTrust



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but is used solely for the Color Guard Scholarship

- Fundraising was low due to covid. Mostly from Amazon Smile and Kroger. Income was \$242.03.

### Reviewed the various expenses.

- RVNA – Liability insurance for trailer
- Cut Time – usually billed in March
- SCC registration – to maintain our 501c status, usually billed in February
- End of year banquet. This year was a picnic at Deep Run Park.
- Awards and Senior Gifts. Bigger than normal because of covid.
- Total expenses were \$3667.01.
- Not included are \$500 band scholarship which is normally paid in February and \$500 color guard scholarship which will be paid from the SunTrust account.
- Ending budget was \$6499.96.

Reminder to get family signed up for these programs because it is easy money for the band boosters. Looking at other places that offer this kind of reward program such as Publix.

### Discussion of 2021 – 2022 Budget

- \$6499.96 Beginning budget
- Expected expenses: uniform cleaning, trailer decal, pool party, Sr. Regional Orchestra Audition Fees, Tiger Tailgate, as well as other annual fees discussed in 2020 -2021 budget wrap up

### Fundraising

- Planned fundraising opportunities are Corporate Sponsors, Amazon Smile, Kroger, Spirit Nights, Other Ideas
- Will send out Corporate Sponsor Flyer with meeting minutes. Various levels of sponsorship from \$100 to \$1500.
- We really need to have a committee chair for Ways and Means. Primarily helps with design t-shirts with logs, gathering logs from sponsors, ordering sponsor banner, coordination of all other fundraising activities.
- Question regarding banner placement. Mr. Frank said that a spot will be found in the new building where it can be displayed more prominently. In years past we have taken the banner with us to football games and hung it up on the fence. Depending upon cost, it might be better



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to have 2 banners: permanent plus travel.

- Amazon Smile: Reach out to family members and friends about choosing JRT band boosters as their charity. Make sure you use smile.amazon, though. Using your regular prime account at amazon.com will not count.
- Spirit Nights: Planning on holding spirit night dinners at local restaurants. Currently looking to do one during band camp. If someone wants to volunteer as a Spirit Night coordinator, that would be helpful.
- Other ideas welcome. In the past we have done plant sales. The showcase can generate money. But we are always open to suggestion.

Secretary, Heather Mahmoud

#### Website Update:

- Website theme has been updated to make it appear more modern. Also have tried to update with current school year information
- Home page should be the place where the most important and latest info should be placed
- Will add SignUpGenius links to Volunteer page
- Currently we use Webs.com as our website host. Price is \$115.44 per 2 year contract. It renews on June 9, 2022. Webs.com has been bought out by VistaPrint and existing customers will be migrated over to that platform. The cost to have a website there will go up. We will need to make a decision on the web hosting by the beginning of June 2022.
- If there are any errors or broken links, please report those to Heather Mahmoud or to Leslie VanHimbergen who can forward the info on.
- Any suggestions for information that should be included on the website would be welcomed.

Hospitality, Susan Murphy

#### Band Camp Snacks

We have received signs ups for all Band Camp snack items except Gatorade. We did get \$30 in donations. Donation money was earmarked for ice pops in the afternoon, but Leslie VanHimbergen stated that she will donate the ice pops and that \$30 could be used towards the pool party.

#### Pool Party

Pool party invite has been created. It needs to be sent out.



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#### Tiger Tailgate

- Question as to whether or not homemade food will be allowed this year because of covid. Some schools are not allowing homemade food. Will need to verify the policy.
- Melanie Stoudt discussed finding sponsors for meals. She received a list of restaurants from parents who had done this successfully in the past. Could either get food donated or negotiate a discount. She has reached out to Christian's Pizza about a possible sponsorship of meals. Has also reached out to Buzz & Ned's and will e-mail the owner. There are some other Italian and Mexican restaurants that might agree to work with us and perhaps Ukrops. She plans to reach out to other locations on this list.

Band Director, Austin Frank

#### Band Camp

- Schedule for band camp will be 8:00 AM start, morning snack break, lunch from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, and end at 5:00 PM.
- Lunch will be inside in air conditioning.
- There will be a mix of indoor and outdoor activities.
- Tuckahoe Middle School is an open campus, so there will be shade/cover available.
- Trailer will be out in front for storage. The first 2 weeks will be at Tuckahoe Middle School and then the trailer will need to be moved to Tucker to finish up band camp there.
- Students need to bring a refillable water bottle. Tuckahoe Middle School has water fountains with bottle refilling.
- Students also need sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, athletic shoes (with laces – no slip ons), appropriate clothing (athletic, like shorts and t-shirts)
- Students should bring a packed lunch. No one is allowed to leave campus this year.
- Water breaks will be given approximately every 30 minutes.
- Question about when to drop off band camp snack donations: They should be dropped off in the morning on the first day of band camp.

#### Mask Policy

School Board will meet this Thursday and there will probably be guidance about this released after that meeting. Currently, the plan is that no masks are needed outdoors. Inside, they will use masks and bell covers. If any students have bell covers from last year, they should keep them. New students will get issued them. They will rotate around spaces. All of this may be updated after the School Board meets.



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### Moving Into New School

Date keeps changing. May be August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Will need lots of parent and student help to get everything moved in. A request for volunteers will go out when the date is finalized. There was a question about possible volunteer hour credits for this and Mr. Frank said that he will check on that and get back with an answer.

### Uniforms

Uniform fittings will take place over several days. Students will be fitted for concert band attire (tux or dress) and marching band uniform. We do not have a game until the 10<sup>th</sup> and we may not wear uniforms for that game, so we have some time to get them done.

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| President, Leslie VanHimbergen |
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### Trailer Update

A big thank you to Ethan Jenkins for renovating the band trailer for his Eagle Scout project. A new decal and the website address were added. Inside, shelving was added to provide more organization and space to store things. We are proud of him and he did a great job. The trailer will be parked in front of Tuckahoe Middle School if you want to see the renovations.

Melanie Stoudt suggested possible Booster paid membership levels to encourage family donations in exchange for perks like priority seating at concerts, shout outs in programs. It has been done successfully at Freeman. Leslie will investigate the possibility of doing something like this.

Final reminder to please reach out to friends and family about Amazon Smile and Kroger rewards. It does make a difference.