



## **J R Tucker H.S. Band Boosters September 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

7:04 PM: Call to Order

7:40 PM: End

In Attendance: Austin Frank, Leslie VanHimbergen, Meg Buchanan-Foster, Olivia, Wende Hughson, Julia Gore, Christy Allen, Melanie Stoudt, Patrice Elliott, Heather Mahmoud

Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 21, 2021

- Wende H. motioned for approval
- Meg F. seconded

Board / Committee Reports

President, Leslie VanHimbergen

Recognition and thanks for parents who volunteered for the football game.

Patrice Elliott has agreed to serve as the Athletic Booster liaison. Going forward, she will let us know the status of the concession stand for future games. If the concession stand is closed, we will provide drinks and snacks for the students at the game.

### Discussion of Open Positions

We still have several positions open:

- Ways and Means – Fundraising
- Uniforms – Fittings next week
- Scholarship
- Recruiting – Responsible for recruitment efforts for next year. This is a great position for parents of freshmen or sophomores.
- Volunteer Coordinator

Treasurer, Christy Allen

### Review of the Treasurer's report

Starting Budge of \$6599.91. Income from Amazon Smile and some direct donations was \$60.13. Expenses were \$312.61. Ending balance of \$6,347.43.



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Upcoming expenses are: Pool rental, uniform cleaning, Senior Orchestra audition fees, Tiger Tailgate (Crazy Greek), Upcoming Tiger Tailgates.

We need help fundraising. Some fundraising ideas:

### Corporate Sponsors

We have raised \$3750 from corporate sponsors. We are going to produce banners and t-shirts that have their logos on them. We have not yet closed the window on corporate sponsors, so if you know of any others companies that might be willing to sponsor, we still have time to add them.

### Amazon Smile & Kroger

Keep reaching out to friends and family to sign up using J R Tucker Band as their charity. It is an easy way to raise funds. There are directions for signing up on the band website.

### Spirit Nights

We have discussed having a spirit night with MOD Pizza in October. They will donate 20%. We can put a notice on the website and also send out an email to advertise it.

Some other possible locations are Chipotle and Corner Bakery.

### Fall Plant Sale (Mums and Pansies)

The Great Big Greenhouse allows you to purchase plants at a discounted rate and then you can resell them at a slightly higher price. For instance, if we purchase Mums at \$15 we could resell them for \$20. Orders would be taken ahead of time and then there would be a date for pick up at the school. We just need to make sure that we do not lose money on the sale and that whatever we order, we can actually sell.

If we do not do the fall sale, there is a holiday plant sale for Poinsettias. They have done this in the past and had them available for pickup near the holiday concert.

Another flower sale option would be for Mother's Day. In the past, orders were taken in April for this.

### Other ideas

Any other suggestions for fundraising are welcome

**\*\*Notice: Athletic Boosters Fundraiser – Yard Signs\*\***

The Athletic Boosters are selling Tucker yard signs. There are also additional stickers (for individual sports) that can be purchased to personalize the signs. To order, contact Lisa Clarkson at [lisaclarkson@verizon.net](mailto:lisaclarkson@verizon.net) or (804) 869-1338.



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Secretary, Heather Mahmoud

Website Update:

- Website was migrated from Webs.com to VistaPrint.com. Due to a technical error on the part of Webs.com, the website had to be redesigned for a second time.
- If there are any announcements or items that need to be shared on the website, you can contact Heather Mahmoud at [heather.mahmoud@verizon.net](mailto:heather.mahmoud@verizon.net).

Hospitality, Susan Murphy

Leslie VanHimbergen is giving the update for Susan Murphy.

We had our first successful Tiger Tailgate. The food was provided by the Crazy Greek. Jillian and Wende both assisted.

The Tiger Tailgate on the 24<sup>th</sup> will be provided by Christian's Pizza. There is a sign up genius for that.

October 1 Tailgate: Chick Fil A sandwiches. Will be a sign up genius for sides

October 8 Tailgate: Ukrops Whitehouse roll sandwich trays.

Melanie has been helping tremendously to help secure food donations/discounts from local restaurants. Tiger Tailgate normally has parents prepare food, but due to covid we have tried to limit home made foods.

Tiger Tailgates for 10/22 and 10/29 are still being planned. We are hoping to have BBQ for one of those.

There are also sign ups for chaperones. Please consider signing up.

Band Director, Austin Frank

Uniform Fittings

Uniforms are hopefully coming tomorrow from Hermitage. Thursday will be cleaning out the closet.



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The rod for hanging the uniforms is on back order, but we should still have a place to hang the uniforms. Would like to have uniform fittings on Friday afternoon, Saturday morning, and Monday afternoon to allow us time to take care of any last minute uniform issues before next Friday's game.

We will need volunteers to help with uniform fittings.

### Showcase

There will be no information on the Showcase until Spring. Usually we get more info by February or March. Will definitely have more information by April.

### Hermitage Competition

Competition is on 9/25.

If a parent is not on the bus or towing the trailer, they will not be able to get into the competition for free. There will probably be a limit on how many guests per student can attend due to covid restrictions. If you want guaranteed admission to the competition, you should sign up to chaperone.

Will need an additional volunteer for Pit Crew to help load and unload equipment.

The Hermitage competition itinerary will be finalized by next week. Tentatively, we need chaperones to be available from 10 AM to 4 PM.

There was a question about splitting chaperone duties. Mr. Frank and Leslie will discuss if this will be possible. The finalized itinerary will hopefully be available by Sunday and that may solve the issue.

### Other Upcoming Competitions

10/9 Midlothian

10/16 Godwin

10/30 Powhatan

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### Trailer

Would like to have a back up person for towing the trailer just in case the VanHimbergens are not available. Patrice Elliott says they may be able to serve as a back up for that.



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Spirit Wear

Question about where to order spirit wear. Patrice informed us that spirit wear can be purchased on the PTSO website. The link is: <http://www.jrtuckerhsptso.com/spiritwear.html>

There may be a discount currently available for back to school.

Patrice suggested that we should have a separate sign up for Pit Crew volunteers to handle the drum major podium, drum stands, etc.

Leslie reminded everyone that if the board is missing anything or not addressing a need, to please reach out to her. Our goal is to make this year successful for the kids and we welcome any input or suggestions.

Christy stated that the treasure email is not being directed to her personal email correctly. Heather will try to correct this through the website platform.

Heather also agreed to create 2 sign up genius events for the Hermitage competition on 9/25 for 4 chaperones and 1 pit crew (equipment).