

TJ Band Patrons Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2022

**I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance 7:05 pm**

**II. Band Director's Report – Eileen Andreola**

- a. The kids are doing great!
- b. Thank you to the chaperones on Friday night for the first game for doing such a great job!

**III. Auxiliary Report – Kairy Little and Jamie Ostroff**

- a. Auxiliary is doing well – they are learning new things

**IV. Treasurer's Report – Kerry Patel**

- a. August Report
- b. Al's Cone Zone - raised \$600 total - \$300 from Larry, \$300 raised from sales
- c. Donations for band camp lunches - \$425
  - i. Thank you to Christa and Toni for staying under budget for lunches
- d. Any questions – please ask Kerry
  - i. Next report – St. Vincent de Paul fundraiser - \$188.70
  - ii. Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night - raised \$111.15

V. Attached is festival report from last year for reference.

**VI. Approve meeting minutes from last meeting – August 2, 2022**

- a. Meeting minutes will be posted online
  - i. Minutes are not printed out from last meeting.
- b. **Budget** – Posted Online on TJBand.com
- c. **Old Business**
  - i. Kennywood
    - 1. Great weather, great time; kids did a great job
    - 2. Kennywood allowed us to have a pavilion
      - a. Water and snacks for the kids were available and it was well-received.
  - ii. Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night
    - 1. Did not raise as much money as originally hoped.
  - iii. First Friday Night Game – 9/2/22
    - 1. The band was seated with Baldwin fans, which is not the best scenario.
    - 2. Mr. Mirabella appreciates everyone's flexibility that night.

**d. New Business**

- i. Band Patron Membership Fees – Due 11.1.2022
  - 1. \$5.00 annual membership fee per member
- ii. Band Festival cancelled on September 17, 2022
  - 1. Brentwood was unable to get enough bands to participate.
- iii. South Fayette Band Festival – September 24, 2022
  - 1. There are spaces available for chaperones on Sign Up Genius on TJBand.com.
- iv. September Fundraisers
  - 1. Hoagie Sale – 9/1/22-9/15/22
    - a. 9/29/22: Pick Up Hoagies in Cafeteria from 4:00-5:30 pm
    - b. Jason and Lisa need helpers to sort the hoagie orders
    - c. Still looking for hoagie chairperson for 2023-24 school year
    - d. There was a typo on the order forms.
      - i. The form says \$8 for regular pizzas, but they are \$10.
      - ii. Only gluten-free pizzas are \$8.
      - iii. The corrected order form will be posted online at TJBand.com.

- iv. Only need total order form with one check made out to "TJ Band Patrons"
- v. Need 6-8 volunteers to help sort the hoagies on 9/29/22.
- e. Any freshmen or sophomore parents who are willing to run the hoagie sales next year?
  - i. Please let Colleen know, and you can work with Jason and Lisa to learn the ropes.
- 2. Primanti's Spirit Night – 9/22/2022
  - a. 11:00 am-11:00 pm
  - b. Dine In or Take Out
  - c. Mention TJ Band or use the flyer, and band will receive 20% of sales
  - d. It's not only band people who can help support the band on Spirit Nights – anyone can order and mention the band to earn money for the band.
- v. Coming in October
  - 1. Pepperoni Roll Sale – 10/3/22-10/13/22
    - a. 10/25/22: Pick Up Pepperoni Rolls
    - b. Missy and Ron Perris are looking for volunteers to help with sorting the pepperoni rolls on 10/25/22.
  - 2. Applelicious Sale – 10/3/22-10/8/22
    - a. Chairs: Sarah Laslo and Jen Beach
    - b. Delivery Date: ~week before Christmas
    - c. Need to sell the apples early so that orders can be finalized the week before Christmas break
    - d. Order forms are here tonight, and you can take pre-orders starting ASAP.
    - e. Order forms will be available in the band room next week.
  - 3. Still need Heinz Field chairperson – Katrina Wehring will train
    - a. This is a lot of fun – you can work Steeler games, Pitt games, and some concerts.
    - b. Great way to raise a lot of money; great bonding experience
    - c. If you want to sign up, Katrina will take a group of volunteers to a couple of games to set things up for everyone.

## **VII. Band Festival – Saturday, October 1, 2022 – Chair: Cherise Sandrock**

- a. Band Festival
  - i. 6:00 pm Start Time
  - ii. Cherise will schedule a total of 3 meetings with all the committee chairs.
    - 1. Eileen requested to be included in these meetings.
  - iii. Asking all band parents to sell 4 band festival tickets.
    - 1. If you can't sell them, then send them back into school with your student.
  - iv. Volunteers do need to pay for a ticket to the festival.
- b. Volunteers are needed
  - i. **Refreshment Committees**
    - 1. Concession Stand – Lead Volunteers - Jess Dorsey and Michelle Zaczur
      - a. Will need beverage donations from band parents
    - 2. Bake Sale – Lead Volunteer - Liz Hurst
      - a. Will need baked good donations from band parents
    - 3. Vendors/Kettle Corn – Lead Volunteer – Cherise Sandrock
  - ii. **Chance Committees**
    - 1. Basket Raffle - Lead Volunteer-Melissa Allenbaugh
      - a. There is a theme for each basket by grade:

- b. Freshmen: Lottery tickets basket
- c. Sophomores: Anything used for a night out basket
- d. Juniors: Fall/Winter/Marching Band season basket
- e. Seniors: Gift Cards, items used for a night in basket
- f. This information will be posted online.
- g. Need students from each grade to contribute to their grade's basket.

2. 50/50 Raffle – Lead Volunteer - Melanie Colosimo

**iii. Student Encouragement Committees**

1. Air Grams Lead Volunteer – Melanie Colosimo
2. Shout Outs/Happy Ads – Lead Volunteer – Jamye Doerfler
  - a. Can order these online until 9/9/22.
  - b. Closes on 9/9 so that the festival program can be started.
3. Candy Grams – Lead Volunteer – Amy Maksin, assisted by Michele Washowich

**iv. Operations and Logistical Committees**

1. Parking Logistics – Lead Volunteer – Katrina Wehring
2. Awards/Stadium Signs/Festival Décor – Kris Driscoll
3. Tickets and Program Sales – lead volunteer needed

**v. Hospitality Committees**

1. Visiting Band Coordinator – Kelly Bandik
  - a. Visiting Band Hosts and Hostesses - TBD
2. Visiting Bands VIP Director's Lounge – Lead Volunteer – Toni Aceto and Christa Gaugler

**vi. Outreach Committees**

1. Corporate Sponsorship Ads/Program Coordinator – Lisa Hopkins
2. Publicity and Public Relations – Lead Volunteer – Cherise Sandrock

**vii. Festival T-Shirt**

1. Will have a t shirt for the festival – awaiting approval from Mr. Mirabella

**viii. Packages**

1. There will be a deal for a package that can be purchased ahead of time.
  - a. Tickets/program/t-shirt/candy gram package – awaiting pricing – more information to come.

## **VIII. Questions**

- a. Lisa Haskins – when can we expect to see a questionnaire about the potential trip to Hawaii?
  - i. It will be sent out later this month
  - ii. Rich Wojnar – Gator update
    1. Quote for parts
      - a. Talked to Mr. Mirabella – he wants to keep it in tip top shape, wants to get all parts to fix it.
      - b. Will work on ordering parts this week.
- b. Katrina Wehring – What can we do as a group/organization to pull some of the parents in? We need a lot of help with volunteering.
  - i. The number of patrons at this meeting is significantly less than at this meeting.
  - ii. First meeting is typically attended by a lot of people.
  - iii. Dr. Sardon will be attending the October Band Patrons meeting.
  - iv. Could we send out messages earlier?
    1. Suggestion: sending out next meeting reminder tonight.
  - v. Eileen: We need to consider - Are we driving you crazy with alerts from the band?
  - vi. Jason: Take advantage of the Band Festival
    1. Reach out to new parents and ask for help for just an aspect of the festival and build momentum from there.

- vii. Lisa Haskins: Last meeting was a LONG meeting that scared some people away.
  - 1. Eileen: It was a unique situation because the budget is usually completed in May, and it took a while to discuss.
- viii. Lisa Hopkins – suggestion
  - 1. If your child is on another sport/activity, the parents tend to congregate together.
  - 2. At the football games, we are spread out.
  - 3. Suggested: Meet ‘n greet for Band Parents
- ix. Band Festival – don’t have an idea about what all needs to be accomplished.
  - 1. Heather Findlan – don’t know what the festival is, but when the sheet comes for sign-ups, we need multiple volunteers.
  - 2. “You need to do 2 hours on a shift on \_\_\_\_”
- x. Beth Geitner:
  - 1. Suggestion: Buy out like some sports teams
  - 2. At the beginning of the year, if you don’t want to pay the assessment fee, then work the event.
  - 3. Eileen: We do require an assessment fee.
    - a. We have been talking about raising the assessment fee for next year.
    - b. Eileen: Are we overwhelming you with emails?
      - i. No, not with emails.
      - ii. Here’s the info, now go to the website and find it.
        - 1. For bigger items like the festival, one email with all the information in it would be helpful
    - c. Kris Driscoll: Youth Football Team
      - i. There was a fee and if parent could not do volunteer hours, then you had the option to sign up another family member.
        - 1. Jim Maksin – anyone can volunteer for the festival.
          - a. Say “We require volunteers. Anyone from your family or even friends are welcome to volunteer.”
        - ii. Jason Haskins – We are tight on time before the festival begins. If we can find something creative to do, maybe put a montage of band festivals - take advantage of the limited time left before the band festival.
          - 1. Need to do a better job of educating the new parents of what to expect.
      - iii. Suggestion: Meet n Greet following the middle school band concert in May 2022.
        - 1. Lisa Hopkins – Because of COVID, juniors this year have only had one festival under their belts.
          - a. We’ve inherited 3 classes of parents who don’t know what to expect.
    - 4. Cherise Sandrock – haven’t yet put out request for volunteers
      - a. First ask – committee members
      - b. Second ask – sign up for donation
      - c. Third ask – request for volunteers
        - i. Need to find out from the school when we can start setting up for the festival
        - ii. Jen Pesanka – need to have a schedule as early as possible.
          - 1. Time slots

- 2. Lisa Haskins – is there any value in explaining what volunteering looks like for candy grams?
- d. Need to have blurbs set up for what candy grams, shout outs, etc. are so that people know what to expect.
- 5. Beth Geitner – Meet and Greet – tailgate at the new HS before the game
  - a. Bring food and share
  - b. Heather Findlan – lifesaver was the other mom in my section.
    - i. Possible Band Parent Section at the game
    - ii. Meet up with parent student sections – small group; exchange phone numbers.
  - c. Eileen – used to have a pool party at the end of band camp; go to the YMCA and have a pool party
    - i. Parents would get to know each other.
    - ii. Picnic at the end of band camp for students and families – pot luck picnic.
- 6. October 2, 2022 – Homecoming Carnival – new date
- 7. Kris Driscoll – call for volunteers for band festival
  - a. Guesstimate how many man hours it really takes to run the festival?
  - b. Need all hands on board
    - i. Get a tangible #, then people get an idea of just how many people are needed to be successful
    - ii. Kerry Patel – lead volunteers can write 1-2 sentences of what is expected of the volunteers for each committee.
    - iii. Jen Pesanka:
      - 1. Kids are disappointed that there is no year printed on the band t-shirts.
        - a. Mr. Mirabella chose which t-shirt design would be for this year.
        - b. Seniors can get together and make a senior shirt or a t-shirt with the year on it.
          - i. That year's band shirts need to be worn on Friday evening for the games.

IX. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2022

X. Meeting Adjourned: 8:13 pm

- a. Motion to adjourn: Katrina Wehring
- b. Seconded by: Lisa Haskins