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 Zacur
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 moms 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 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