

**I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance** – Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

**II. 2025 Band Trip to Disney – Mr. Mirabella**

- a. Approved for December 16, 2025-December 22, 2025
- b. Mr. Mirabella and Mrs. Lucci wanted to do something different and do the parade at Christmas.
- c. Choir – candlelight performance
- d. Hope to be accepted to march in Magic Kingdom in afternoon or evening to march in parade.
  - i. This is something new for the school.
- e. Orchestra will be doing something completely different – no performance at Universal; performance will be at a Disney property.
- f. There will be plenty of time to raise funds for the trip.
- g. Pricing is relatively the same at this time of year compared to last trip.
- h. Hotel prices were higher during spring break season when compared to “out of season”
  - i. Looking to stay at the same hotel as last year.
- i. Chartering a flight – we are at the middle-sized charter right now. If we get more kids, we can get a larger charter; if we have fewer kids, then we can get a smaller charter.
  - i. We pay for all the seats on the charter flight regardless of the # of kids flying.
- j. Pricing right now = approximately \$2300 per child
- k. Fuel surcharge pricing fluctuates.
  - i. Per Mr. Mirabella, we have not received any fuel surcharge.
- l. We are looking at only going to Disney Properties on this trip.
- m. Mr. Mirabella needs to send in a video of the band performing.
  - i. He sent in a video of a festival performance and the veterans day parade performance
  - ii. He also sent in a full picture of the entire band.
  - iii. Then, Disney will tell Mr. Mirabella if we are accepted to parade at Magic Kingdom.
  - iv. Mrs. Lucci has to do the same thing with Chorus.
  - v. Orchestra and Band will be doing another event, too, on a different day at one of the Disney Properties – it’s a very nice activity with Disney folks.
- n. Cut Time is a new program for communication and other information that Mr. Mirabella plans to use moving forward. So far, each student in Band, Chorus, and Orchestra has signed up for the program. If you haven’t already, you will be getting an email saying hello from the program Cut Time. We are transitioning to this program in lieu of One Call.
  - i. Please note: Cut Time has not officially “gone live”.
  - ii. The Band Patrons Board needs to familiarize themselves with the program to maximize its capabilities.
  - iii. Cut Time has the ability for parents to track their child’s GSA balance.
  - iv. More information will be forthcoming.
  - v. One Call will continue to be used for the 2024-25 school year.
- o. Lucci and Mirabella will be meeting with 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will be joining band, auditioning for Auxiliary.
  - i. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will start fundraising in January 2025.
  - ii. Normal year – if we would have the trip in the spring, no fundraising would happen until band camp in August and basically would have ability to raise funds until February.
    1. So, 8<sup>th</sup> graders and new members will have 11 months to raise funds.
- p. Mr. Mirabella cannot say that after Spring in 2026 that prices will be the same. Disney changes prices all the time, sometimes as much as 25% increase from one year to the next.
- q. Kids will get a 4 day park hopper pass for the Disney parks. As of right now, Universal Studios is not included in the trip.

- i. This is subject to change.
  - ii. There are rules around getting tickets to the New Mario Land at Universal.
- r. The trip will not always occur in December moving forward.
  - i. When planning the trips, they:
    - 1. Try to avoid the AP Exams and the PSSA tests.
    - 2. Depends on when Easter falls within the year.
    - 3. We have gone after the musical at the end of March one year.
- s. We always offer travel insurance, but we will encourage getting the travel insurance for this trip.
- t. Keep in mind: The band patron officers and fundraising committee have been remarkable in offering what you need for fundraising and working hard to keeping everything on track with the trip.
  - i. One place we can't do is the Hoop De Doo Review due to cost.
  - ii. If things can be tweaked for the same price, things may change slightly. If the price goes up, it won't be on our side of it.
- u. We are in the process of scheduling the Disney trip meeting for January 2025.
  - i. Mr. Mirabella and Mrs. Lucci were hoping to schedule this meeting for 1/7/25.
  - ii. Suzi informed the group that this is Orthodox Christmas.
  - iii. Sarah emailed Mr. Mirabella and Mrs. Lucci informing them of this and asking for an alternate date for the Disney Trip Meeting.
- v. QUESTIONS
  - i. Laura: If you have a child in majorettes and chorus, will they attend all the performances unless there's a conflict?
    - 1. There is no conflict. We do schedule the different events on different days so that everyone can participate. There is no need to pick one activity over another.
  - ii. Beth: the 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2025 is Tuesday through Monday
    - 1. Yes, we will leave Tuesday after school and come home Monday.
  - iii. Meredith: When would be a timeline of when they will be accepted to perform?
    - 1. We'll get that mid-September or so, hopefully. Disney will let us know in time.
  - iv. Christin: If they don't accept you for the parade, will you still go in December?
    - 1. Yes, there are other things that we can do.
  - v. Mariann: When is the payment going to be due?
    - 1. We need to talk about that and figure out the flow.
    - 2. By February we need to know who is going on the trip.
    - 3. We meet with the middle school in January.

### **III. Band Director's Report – Mr. Mirabella**

- a. The kids are doing a great job.
- b. Veteran's Day Performance – sent the link out for the concert. Lots of Mirabella family came in from out of town.
- c. Mr. Mirabella's brother showed the American Legion the performance from 11/9 and they loved the performance.
- d. Mr. Mirabella received so much positive feedback. He was frequently thanked for having the students perform. They are quite impressed with TJ's performance of military music.
- e. Longtime band parent from Northgate told them that this group gave him chills when they were playing "Battle Hymn".
- f. The students did an awesome job performing for Veteran's Day. Please let your kids know how proud I am of them.

### **IV. Auxiliary Report – Kairy Little – They are doing a great job!**

### **V. Treasurer's Report - October 2024**

- a. Decision on festival 50/50 drawing, \$1,137. Winning ticket #706776.
  - i. We have an extra \$1137 from the 50/50 due to no winner coming forward.

- ii. Proposed donating the \$1137 to the Gator Fund.
- iii. Motion to approve: Beth Geitner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ferrington. Motion passes.
- b. The treasurer reports are posted on the TJ Band website.
- c. Motion to approve treasurer report: Ricki Fingal. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve Mutmansky. Motion passes.

#### **VI. Approve meeting minutes from 10/8/24 meeting**

- a. Motion to approve: April Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>: April Smith Meredith Hirsh Meeting minutes approved.

#### **VII. Spirit Nights – Meredith Hirsh**

- a. Raising Cane's – 10/22/24 - \$125 earned
  - i. This check may come to TJHS.
- b. Upcoming Spirit Nights
  - i. Italian Village Pizza – 11/26/24
  - ii. Applebee's – 12/16/24
  - iii. Primanti's – 1/15/25
  - iv. Vocelli's – 2/19/25

#### **VIII. Fundraisers**

- a. October Hoagie/Pizza Sale – Sue Reed
  - i. Thanks to everyone who helped to sort and distribute hoagies and pizzas.
  - ii. Next sale: January 2025
- b. November Pepperoni Roll Sale – Liz Baldauf
  - i. November 1-11
  - ii. Pick Up: November 21, 2024 at TJHS Cafeteria 4:00-5:30 pm
  - iii. We just barely made the minimum order for Pepperoni Rolls
  - iv. Next sale: Distribution on Friday 2/21/25.
  - v. You get \$6.50 in your GSA for each pack of 6 you sell.
  - vi. There will likely be 8<sup>th</sup> graders participating.
  - vii. Let's talk about the possibility of a fundraiser over the summer.
- c. Aramark Fundraising – Sarah Laslo
  - i. It is a great way to earn money rather quickly.
  - ii. It's a 10 hour day at the stadium – flat rate of \$135 unless you exceed expected sales and then you can get more.
  - iii. Christmas Day – will pay you \$300 to work the 12/25 game.
  - iv. There are a couple more games if you'd like to get your RAMP certification.
  - v. Over the summer, there are concerts that you can work as well.
    - 1. You can have a family member work for you to raise funds for your child over age 18.
    - 2. The dates are in a sign-up genius. Sarah will send to those who have the certification.
- d. Applelicious – Missy Perris
  - i. Sale dates: October 7<sup>th</sup>-October 16th
  - ii. Pick Up: Thursday, December 19, 2024, 4:00-5:30 TJHS Cafeteria
  - iii. We sold just under 200 items
  - iv. Almost \$400 into GSA
- e. Enjoy Books – Michelle Grese
  - i. Sale starts: November 15, 2024
  - ii. Pick Up: Monday, December 16, 2024, 4:00-5:30 TJHS Cafeteria
  - iii. \$30 per book - \$10 into each student's GSA
- f. Wreath Sales – Missy Ditmore
  - i. Orders are due on 11/15/24
  - ii. Pick Up at Olde World Produce (near Ciccanti's) on 12/2/24
  - iii. \$30 per wreath - \$5 into child's GSA
- g. Lottery Tickets – Suzi Verbanick

- i. Tickets are \$10 each; \$7 goes to GSA (assuming all tickets are sold)
- ii. Drawings: 12/24/24 and 12/25/24
- iii. Winners: \$1,200 cash + \$300 scratch off lottery tickets
- iv. Pay for the pack of tickets before you take the tickets to sell.
- v. Started 11/11/24.

#### **IX. Additional Items**

- a. December 2024 Band Patrons Meeting will be cancelled.
- b. Cherise has extra band festival programs if anyone would like to purchase one.
  - i. They are \$10 each.
- c. Fundraiser idea: Jen Pesanka – Texas Roadhouse roll sale. May be good for Easter.
  - i. We can possibly do this along with a Spirit Night.
  - ii. 12 rolls with cinnamon butter for \$10
- d. Virtual Cash Bash Fundraiser idea – to be discussed in future
- e. Jen Pesanka: Craft Fair – sell the spot to vendors who do their selling for however long you want to have it and you're done.
  - i. Jag Fest was \$30 per table. Not sure how successful it was to have a table.
  - ii. Jen's Daughter does these as a vendor.
  - iii. Can do it outside and use parking lot spots.
  - iv. Tables cost \$25 to \$40 for vendors
  - v. Some vendors get two tales.
  - vi. Some vendors pay extra for an outlet.
- f. Motion to adjourn: Ron Perris: Christin Kobetich 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.