

Minutes 12-9-08
Board Meeting begins at 6:30

President's Report—D. Rabinowitz

The meeting begins with a discussion of our upcoming Washington D.C. Performance. We are all so excited that the band has been invited to the Inaugural Parade. Our first benefactor called us today. The South Florida manager of Applebee's offered to provide us with up to five hundred meals for a dinner which will be held on January 11th here at Taravella. We would need to provide the drinks and paper goods and the remainder of the ticket sales being a straight profit to the program. We need to get this out to the community so that they can help us. We need to raise about \$150,000.00 for our trip. The more money we are able to raise, the less expense it will be for us. On Tuesday, Dec 16 at 6:30 PM the City of Coral Springs will recognize our band at the City Commission meeting. Mr. Cerra, Stephanie Kraft, Debbie Rabinowitz and our band leadership, Ethan, Yeji, Jason, and Bonnie will represent us at this meeting. We are actively seeking for donations to offset the cost of our trip. We are updating our website so that donors may go through pay-pal or send any donations to JP Taravella. As far as chaperones go—we are going to let children on the bus first, then parents. As of now, there are thirty-nine of us who would like to travel to Washington with the children. Chaperones must be a level two. The first step to obtaining security clearance is to go the JP Taravella website. Click on "getinvolvedineducation.com". Next, email Michelle Stein and explain why you need level two clearance. It should take 3-5 school days to get clearance.

Committee Reports—

Treasurer—A. Hendrix The first thing that we are concentrating on is getting students who have past due fair shares to pay their accounts in full. If a child's account is not paid they will not be permitted to attend the trip. We need money. We have two \$15,000 cd's our balance is \$45,000 dollars including the two cd's. In order to make our \$52,000 deposit by Dec 15th, we need to collect fair shares. There is an additional \$15,000 needed to pay salaries and approximately \$19,000 in outstanding band fair shares. Fair shares must be paid to get on the bus for Washington, especially if they have an obligation from a previous year.

Thank you notes should be sent to anyone who makes a donation. Terrie, you keep track of this.

Luanne — tree certificates. The band will be setting up a table to sell trees outside of the Renaissance Festival again this year. If you can find businesses that are willing to let us promote at their site, please do it. We need all the help we can get. We can also promote the tree sales at the bbq dinner.

Cartridges — Philene - We are in currently in third place with hopes of moving back up to first. We get more money for cell phones and their batteries than ink cartridges depending on what brand they are.

Fundraising – Karen – Students who worked the car wash will make a little over \$5.00/hour in their student accounts.

Karen— Guard – We made a lot of money at the Best Buy this weekend. We will also be at Penny's in gift wrap. We are also selling bears at the Prism concert, and at lunches for \$6.00. The bears are available with or without candy. We still have some dates available for the Bank Atlantic Center I am in the process of getting more dates.

FBA sign-ups are up tonight.

Orchestra — Congratulations to the strings and wind players who made All County. New world symphony members will coach us

Tri-County Youth orchestra will be starting sponsored by Mr. Williams and Kathy LaRosa.

Side by Side with Ramblewood on January 22nd will be rescheduled. I am also interested in organizing a trip in the spring for the students in orchestra.

Golf Tournament—Carolina Club on Sunday April 26th. Jim Rafferty will be asking for volunteers for his committee.

Nancy— Volunteer sheets will be collected sometime in January.

Winter Percussion – Our first meeting is this week. We are still holding auditions. We are working in conjunction with Western High School. Let us know what we could do to help.

Patron Meeting 12-09-08

Begins at 7:30

Seconded by Joanne Wexler

We will begin with the inauguration parade. Television coverage has been great. This is an incredible opportunity. Mr. Jenkins, Debbie Rabinowitz and Miriam Skrobot met with Stephanie Kraft and Shawn Cerra yesterday and thanked them for all the hard work that they do. Mrs. Kraft is going to the Democratic committee and to people who ran for office asking them for donations. Mr. Cerra is going to do Field Day fundraiser on December 19th and will forward all profits to the band. It is the trickle-up effect. From Taravella Band to Taravella HS to Coral Springs to Broward County to South Florida throughout our state. We are looking for people to donate any denomination of money to sponsor us. A sponsorship form is available for pick-up this evening. Anyone who donates will be sent a thank-you note. Terrie will help. Articles are being published in newspapers everywhere. We need everyone to help get donations from all areas.

Applebee's — Director of South Florida will donate up to 500 meals for a bbq on January 11 at 1:30. All we need to supply are drinks and paper goods for the fundraiser. We will be putting a flyer up on the website and will pass these forms out at the Coral Springs Parade and at the Prism Concert for this dinner.

Mr. Jenkins read the letter of acceptance. We have over 150 students registered now and have opened the trip up for more students to join in. We are going to take four charter buses. We tried to get rooms on our own but the closet I can find is Norfolk, Virginia. Music Celebrations International—will provide hotel rooms for us, along with two meals per day, and educational tours for us. They have sent us an itinerary for our trip. It is estimated to cost \$817 per person and I think we may be able to cover most of this. We are going to go with this company. Leave on Friday the 16th, a teacher work day, at 4:00 and travel through the night. We will start touring when we get there. Lunch will be on our own and dinner on them. We will visit the Smithsonian and many other sites. After the parade we will change our clothes, get on the bus, and drive home. The students will only miss the first two days of the new semester. Here's our problem, there is \$37,500 outstanding in our fair shares. We have to have \$52,000 in the bank. The media has been camping out in my office all day. WIOD, the Spanish station, and

channel 10 are coming on Friday. January 3rd, channel 10, and the Miami herald will be at rehearsal. Friday will be a big day for us. This will be the most important and the most memorable day of their young lives. This is huge!!!

Taravella was selected from 4,100 bands throughout the country.

Parents chaperoning will be covering the cost of their rooms and their meals. We are thinking about making a hoodie for the presidential inaugural parade and/or a beanie especially for this trip. There are bleacher seats for the parade up and down the street for the parade. Each participant will receive a t-shirt, and a cd of the parade. We are looking for a musical selection and are working with a Florida State music director. Six rehearsals are scheduled; the first one will be January 3rd. Students will be given an extensive itinerary, rules, and expectations. Washington DC is known to be very cold this time of year so be prepared.

Chaperones need to have level two clearance. In order to get this done, go to website and get the level one clearance Michelle Stein in Mr. Norris's office go on the website: "getinvolvedineducation.com"

City Recognition for the band will be given at the City Commission meeting on Tuesday December 16th. Mr. Cerra, Stephanie Kraft, Debbie Rabinowitz, Yeji, Ethan, Bonnie, & Jason will be there accepting the award.

Luanne— We need a total of \$200 by December 18th and another \$250 by January 9th for the Washington trip fee. Fair share is also due now. Money from the parents attending will also expected at that time. Please send your money in asap. Trees; these are great gifts. We are selling them for \$10.00 and this fundraiser is 100% profit for us. It is a good holiday gift. We will also be selling these at the Renaissance festival

January 28th Dominoes fundraiser we will be selling cards for \$10.00 which entitles you to buy one and get one free pizza.

Anne—treasurer's report Please send in any outstanding fair share.

Philene—printer cartridge collection, our last pick-up day will be this month.

Karen—color guard is doing the annual gift wrapping at JC Penney's and Best Buy in Coral Springs. The Color Guard Winter Guard home show is Saturday, February 14th. And will be accepting donations for drinks and food. Twenty to twenty-one color guards from the area will be here. We can sell anything there that we want. We are also selling holiday bears with or without candy for \$6.00 at the Prism concert and during lunches. Bank Atlantic Center dates have opened up. We have a fifteen member team who works concession. 60% going to the account of the people working. And 40% to the band. You're there for about four to five hours.

Golf Tournament Sunday April 26 we will need a great deal of help. We usually make about 10,000 dollars from the golf tournament. It is our start-up capital for the next year.

Publicity—Miriam Skrobot Our prism concert will be a benefit concert. She has been instrumental in getting our name out there.

Nancy – So far we have logged over 1070 hours and I will be collecting volunteer sheets in January.

Connie — Winter percussion - Auditions are tomorrow night, along with the parent meeting.

Our next meeting will be February 24th.

Motion to adjourn by David Scherr at 9:15
Seconded by Connie Ingels