

Minutes—9-25-08

The JP Taravella Band Orchestra Patrons meeting begins 7:45 on September 25, 2008. A motion is made to waive the reading of the minutes by Kay McKay and is seconded by Luanne Betz.

President's Report: Debbie Rabinowitz

Please remember to sign-in. You can record attendance at this meeting or any other thing that you do for this program as volunteer hours. This helps our school to be eligible for an award within the educational community.

Our first competition is rapidly approaching. The Falcon Sound Invitational is a week from Saturday (October 4th) at Flanagan High School. We should be performing around 8:15. This competition serves as a warm-up for our next one. Check the website for details. The next big competition is Vero Beach. This is a great competition venue. The event begins with a preliminary competition of bands of different classifications based on the size of their student body. At the end of the prelims, all bands which scored highest in their class are invited to compete in the finals. The children have been working very hard for both these shows. The event is attended by alumni from this program and their parents. It is a fun-filled day. After the preliminary competition we all meet for a picnic at a field close to the stadium. Turn in your Vero Beach Picnic forms which are due Tuesday, October 7th. Meals are for students and family members. Please come and support our children at both events.

Fundraisers:

Football program: Libby is going to do an insert to the football program because the percussion section and the cheerleaders' pictures were omitted from the original book. You may place additional ads to the program if you wish but need to get the ads in by next week. Student accounts have been credited from the first sale. This insert will be ready for the game on Oct. 10th. We are selling the programs for \$5.00 at all home football games.

Entertainment Books are still being sold through the month of October. There are a lot of great coupons in the book like Sports

Authority, Party City, and Vocelli's pizza. We have books here tonight or you can fill out an order form and send it in with your child.

Main Street Dessert Sales: All orders are due on Monday September 29th. Debbie will call the company to get an extension to turn in the orders. If a student sells ten items they will earn 10% of the program profit which will be deposited into their student account. Delivery is set for Wed., Nov 5th after 3 PM. Please mark your calendars.

Spaghetti Dinner: Our Fall Concert is scheduled for Sunday, October 19 at 3:00 PM. It will be followed by a spaghetti dinner to be held in the cafeteria. Student Leadership will be serving dinner. The menu includes spaghetti, salad, rolls, and cake. Beverages will include ice tea, lemonade, and water. Hospitality committee is decorating and setting up for the dinner. Gail Weissman passed a sign-up sheet around for volunteers who would like to help with set-up and clean-up. We also could use a donation of plastic tablecloths; blue or silver. Set-up that day will be at 12:00 noon. We are promoting this event at senior communities like Kings Point and Park Summit. Miriam Skrobot has posted flyers at Publix Lakeview and Southgate, Euro Cleaners and Applebees and is advertising with CS Forum and Beacon TV.

Tree Fundraiser: We participated in this fundraiser last year. It was successful so we will do it again. We will purchase 1000 trees for \$45.00. This year we want to purchase Florida Slash Pines instead of the Bald Cypress we got last year. We sell the trees for \$10.00 along with a certificate commemorating who purchased the tree. You could purchase the tree to commemorate another person. They also make nice holiday office gifts. Mark Torok, a senior forester and Julie Brown, an official with Broward County have been contacted to help us locate a site that we can plant our trees within the county. Last year we sold lots of trees at the Renaissance Festival. You may purchase trees now if you wish. We want to sell them again at the Renaissance Festival and maybe the Chili Cookoff.

Jewelry Express: This has the potential to be a great fundraiser. We do not have to sell anything. It is similar to a jewelry party except that you bring your old broken jewelry. Bring any silver, gold, or costume jewelry that you no longer wear. It is weighed and you are given cash on the spot. Items that you wouldn't even think could be worth anything can put cash in your pocket. If we can get thirty people to bring a bag of used jewelry, we can make up to two

thousand dollars just for hosting the party. Our first scheduled date is February 24th. We are trying to schedule additional dates. Since we are on the list for a cancellation, it may be short notice, so get your jewelry ready now.

Platinum Fundraising/Domino's Pizza: On January 28th the children will bring home a flyer announcing this sale. They will be collecting the names of people who would like to buy cards. These cards will be good for one year from the date they are received. Cards may be purchased for \$10.00. This card allows the purchaser to buy a pizza and get one free. It is good for all of South Florida. We make \$5.00 for every card sold. Fundraiser will continue for 2 weeks, then cards will be mailed to us UPS 3 business days after we turn in sales forms.

Bank Atlantic Concession: Karen Wedgwood - The first five games have been filled. Additional spots for the remaining available dates are more filled than not. Most of the open dates are at the end of December/beginning of January and over the holidays. For those people who would be willing to work, but, are unable to make a full commitment, we will be making a substitute list so that they could be called if needed. Training session is Monday, Sept. 29th.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer—Anne Hendrix

Expenses accrued thus far have been coming in under budget. Reports are available for those who would like to see them. We have made 3476 from sales of the football program. It is possible that we could make another \$1200 from the sale of the programs. The fundraisers and the collections have been slow. Thank you for participating in the fundraisers. This really helps the organization with our start-up budget for the year.

Student Accounts—Luanne Betz

Statements will be sent out monthly. This is just to keep you advised of your account status; not to upset anyone. If you have any questions, please contact us. We still need to collect money for the girls' concert attire and all state fees. Girls' uniforms will be in the next couple of weeks.

Chaperones—Philene Brin

There are still openings available for chaperones for football games and the Flanigan, and Vero competitions, and FBA. We can have 19 chaperones for both Flanigan and Vero, including our truck/field crew. Vero will have 4 big busses. We are short chaperones for the Douglas game.

Sign-up, we would love to have you! We are also collecting printer cartridges, toner cartridges, and cell phones. These used items are being collected for cash.

Communications—Betsy Bengé

Everything is going well.

Fundraising—Karen Gillen

Thanks Karen for the Applebee's fundraiser. Last night at our Applebee's fundraiser we made about \$200.00. It was a fun and social night. Next month we are looking to sponsor an evening at Sweet Tomatoes. Sweet Tomatoes will give us 15% October 22. Look for updates via email. It was nice, let's try it again. The car washes will not go until December.

Guard Parents—Karen Wedgwood

There is a meeting next week on Wednesday at 7:30. Your child will bring home a note in their backpack with updates. We are still securing locations for the holiday gift wrap fundraiser.

Hospitality—Gail Weissman

We need two people help serve water at Saturday's practice.

Uniforms—Dianne Rafferty

We need help on Saturday during rehearsal at 10:00 to put collars and honor cords back into the uniforms. The uniforms are back from the cleaners and will be nice and clean for our upcoming competitions.

Volunteers—Nancy Glicksman

If you would like to get involved visit the website www.getinvolvedineducation.com. It takes a maximum of three weeks to get approved. Volunteers who would like to get level two clearance need to visit the KC Wright building. Level two clearance is for people who would like to chaperone on busses and for overnight trips. Please remember to log-in your volunteer hours.

Director's Report—Mr. Jenkins

Support our spaghetti dinner and fall concert. A form is available on the website now. Remember to turn in your Vero Beach picnic order forms. If there is something you do not understand about this program or questions on rehearsal times and performances please call or email us. We are happy to answer any questions. If your child is going to be absent or late for a rehearsal please call us in the band room. The number is available on the website. We will worry about your child if he or she is not here and they are supposed to be here. We have sent in our application for the Presidential Inaugural Parade to be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. The children will miss just two days of school. The trip will cost approximately 500 to 1000 dollars. If we do not participate in this event we will go to either to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee or Williamsburg, Virginia in the spring. These venues are both competitions that we have participated in before. Look at the calendar on the website often. It is being updated almost daily. FBA will take place this year in Palm Beach County at Olympic Heights High School on October 25th. We will more than likely perform in the late afternoon. On the Saturday of the Flanagan competition rehearsal time is at 2:00. Departure time will be at 6:00 that day. The day of the Vero Beach Competition rehearsal will begin at 9:00 AM. Our busses will be leaving approximately at 11:00. We will be performing between 1:00 and 3:00 in the afternoon. Attendance for the Prism concert dress rehearsal is mandatory. The lights are off for most of the show and a student may get ran over if he or she does not know where to go.

Next parent meeting will be December 9th

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Amanda Miles and seconded by Kim Morelli

Meeting is adjourned at 9:00

Minutes submitted by Teresa Morrison