

Band Booster Meeting - 12/21/20

Attendees:

Linda Kupsky
Scott Good
Chris Reames
Niluka Fernando
Jonathan Schiffler
Michelle Taylor
Danielle Henry
David Werfel
Christina Danford
Cupcake Danford (feline - cat, to the layperson)
Kevin Danford
Julie Abel
Michael Matechak
David Jenkins
Keith Taylor
Anne Corej/Tom Corej
Mei Chen
Katrina Foard

President's Update:

L. Kupsky: Charms updated today; most everyone should be added now. Only missing names would likely be in Keith's class and not in marching band. Greeted everyone. Nancy Krall has ended her tenure as secretary. Chris Reames has assumed the duties of secretary. David Werfel stepping up to be the new drumline VP.

Still looking to fill another couple of positions. Jodi Goldberger is Treasurer and would like to transition to the next treasurer (so they can shadow her). Linda Kupsky is also looking for someone to step in as President (also so they can shadow her). Current VP is considering President but that would open up a slot there.

New board members confirmed by affirmation of all in attendance.

Clothing Drive:

Thanks to Percussion and Color Guard for standing out in the cold to encourage folks to donate clothes. Christina also thanked the band alumni who came out to support the clothing drive as well. Collected 4-5 large trash bags worth of clothes to donate.

Spirit Wear:

Michelle noted that all ordered spirit wear has been delivered. Linda asked if we could re-open the spirit wear store and Michelle confirmed that we could.

Treasurer Update - we put a deposit down on a trailer wrap; checking to see if we can get the deposit back as we went with a different company.

No updates for Guard.

Mr. Taylor had a question re: guard. Has anyone considered the possibility of recording guard members in front of a green screen individually and then editing it together. Idea is that the kids could feel like they had a body of work to look back on for the year.

Jen (last name spelling?) is looking into website design. Also looking for a parent skilled in web design to assist with maintaining the site.

Based on Mr. Schiffler's update, we will need to discuss fundraising and plans going forward. Focus for January so that we can hit the ground running.

Julie Abel asked when we should reach out to businesses for sponsorship; thought was to being that outreach now. Linda asked Julie to look into this.

Band Director Update:

Mr. Schiffler

- New principal at Freedom soon. Ms. Chadhary in the interim; interviews for permanent person beginning tomorrow 12/22/20. Should have a new principal soon
- Sees this as a new opportunity; anxious to see about getting fundraising going. Would like to push forward with new fundraising endeavors.
- Marching band staff meeting last Wednesday - feeling optimistic about having a more normal season next year.
- Spring season: no football game performances; no competitions. Plan is to work on an educational experience for the students. A springboard for the seniors as well as a way to give the freshman a chance to get some experience. Also hoping to give rising 9th graders (current 8th graders) a chance to participate.
- Moving in the right direction for spring activities: bell covers have arrived, etc.
- Optimistic and excited about the band program moving forward.
- Still working on spring budget; considering virtual tag day to try and help cover. Don't want to do this too close to the fall fundraising efforts.
- Discussed the possibility of a jazz cabaret this spring. Perhaps outside. Will follow up and discuss more in January