

Band Booster Meeting - 2/8/21

Attendees:

Linda Kupsky
Chris Reames
Sarah Reames
Lisa Geisinger
Caryn Sheffler
Kelly Good
Mia Y
Larry Aasen
Jodi Goldberger
Michael Matechak
Thermaliz Lopez
Anne Corej
Michelle Taylor
Danielle Henry
David Werfel
Julie Abel
Christina Danford
Kevin Danford
Keith Taylor
Emily Kleinsmith
Kristin (no last name indicated)
Jonathan Schiffler

President's Update:

Update on what we are working on:

Brainstorm - need to come up with an idea for a senior gift. Possibilities: covered tumbler; water bottle. Would need to look into cost, etc. Open to other ideas if folks have them.

Any ideas can/should be forwarded to Linda.

We have 30-35 seniors.

Keith Taylor suggested a Photoshop collage of senior pictures.

Julie Abel indicated she was willing to assist with stuff for the seniors - collecting pictures, assembling slideshow, etc.

Plans for honoring the seniors are still up in the air; Mr. Schiffler said to anticipate it would be a virtual event. Asked Julie to email him to begin discussions about how to go about this. Julie Abel will take point on this

Scholarship: Linda wants to look at the scholarship application and make some edits, but she cannot serve on the scholarship committee (she has a senior). Chris Reames volunteered to be one of two people who would review the applications.

Linda will share the proposed edits with the Executive Board. Following approval Linda will submit it to Lisa Wood at Freedom.

Fundraising Discussion:

Panera Spirit Night - February 23rd. Please share with folks to order from Panera that night. 20% of the proceeds will go to band. 4-8 PM. If you do an online order there is a code you can enter online or in the app.

We would like to do at least one restaurant night per month over the next few months. Other options: Chipotle, Moe's Chick-fil-a

Julie Abel has been going over the sponsorship forms and provided an update. She has would like to send out the forms now for next school year (a little earlier than usual) and to offer a chance for folks to sponsor the Spring 2021 mini-season. Idea is to have sponsorships for \$100 which would get sponsors featured in any programs that are created for this year.

Also suggested that there be a non-senior parent who worked on this process this year. Lisa Geisinger volunteered. Julie Abel will take point and work with Lisa going forward. Proposed deadlines - March 15th for Spring mini-season; June 1st for next school year.

For sponsors, we will likely do banners rather than putting their names on the trailer (as we are planning on getting it re-wrapped sometime this year).

David Werfel suggested making sure that we recognize our sponsors at the banquet, etc.

General discussion about the importance of getting volunteers; particularly when there are parents of seniors who are moving on.

Volunteer things that need to be done:

Instruments/uniforms/etc.need to be barcoded and put into Charms. Will not be difficult but will take some time. Michelle Taylor has set up a SignUp Genius to facilitate this.

We will need someone to take over uniform distribution from Kelly Good for next year.

Band fee collection process: bulk emails have gone out and we are in the early stages of this process. Goal is to keep the process as simple as possible (payment links directly in the emails, etc.).

Jodi Goldberger will be assisting in this process and sending out reminder emails in the coming weeks.

Band Director Update:

So far, we have 81 kids signed up for the spring season (expect to have 85-90 which is about what we expected - $\frac{2}{3}$ of "normal" season). Looks like we have a good mix of instruments.

October 16th -Freedom will host a marching band competition! Should be able to have a good lineup. We have excellent facilities.

April 24th performance should be able to have parents in attendance (assuming that the metrics continue to improve).

Rehearsals will begin indoors (main gym) in February and will move outdoors (stadium on Saturdays) in April.