

Band & Guard Family Meeting

General Meeting Minutes

9/3/24 @ 6:30 PM

- Call to Order and Recognitions - Bonnie Hernandez, Band Booster President
 - Shout out to all of our Meal Servers, Flight Crew, Volunteers for Meet and Greet, Merch Sale Volunteers, Band Check-In Day Volunteers and Chaperones who have put in over 100 hours of volunteer time!

- Band President Update - Sophia Escoto, Band President
 - Introduction of Band Vice President, Jenna Schaefer
 - Student led tutorials, every other Wednesday 7:30-8:30 am and every other Thursday 4:30-6:00 pm
 - Cross-overs: band leaders go to the other band and introduce themselves
 - Band Siblings has started
 - September Social - TBD

- Spirit Nights Update - Janera Miller, VP of Marketing
 - 2 Spirit Nights: \$1,263.24 total: MOD \$623.24 (25%) and Sonic \$565.00 (40%)
 - Upcoming Spirit night 9/18 5-9 pm at Chipotle
 - One each month, upcoming dates will be posted
 - Sonic cards for \$5 each coming soon-all proceeds benefit us!

- Events Update - Charlotte Massey, VP of Events
 - Coming Soon:
 - September 28: We host US Bands
 - October 4: Homecoming
 - October 5: US Bands - Pieper
 - October 12: Marchathon Fundraiser
 - October 16: District Band Festival

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- October 18: Senior Band Night (not to be confused with senior night for football on 10/31)
- October 26: UIL Area - Pflugerville

- More info on Senior Band Night:
 - Join the Senior Parent GroupMe if you haven't already
 - Look for an email with a senior form to complete
 - Band Belle and Beau will be voted on by band members
 - Seniors will be released early from practice that morning for breakfast
 - There will be a sign-up for breakfast donations closer to the date
 - 8th grade band students are invited this night
- Coming Later: Band Banquet 4/24/25 @ Texas Old Town
- Send-Offs: Meet at the PAC to cheer them on as the buses roll by (bring posters, noisemakers, energy and your smile!)
 - 10/5/24 US Bands
 - 10/26/24 UIL Area
 - 11/4 & 11/5 State Prelims and Finals
 - 11/9/24 US Bands
- Bonnie: US Bands on 9/28 at Bob Shelton Stadium
 - We need volunteers for lots of different jobs!
 - Time slots for volunteers to suit your schedule
 - 3,500 students expected
 - Construction issues
 - Concession sets up on Friday
 - Wear show or booster shirt
 - Park at tennis courts

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- Check in on back patio of band hall
 - Food is provided for volunteers
 - Parent will be able to watch either prelims or final performance
 - Gates open at 9:00, Hays performs at 4:00, Prelim Awards and Finals announced at 4:30 (12 bands go to finals)
 - AirGrams can be pre-ordered or bought on site
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- Guard Update - Jamie Matthews, VP of Guard
 - Flocking Event raised \$1,785 in just 10 days
 - Thank you to Jennifer for organizing this event (9 teams with an adult and several student to move flamingos)
 - Alterations on uniforms
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- Parent Question about time management: suggested focus on organization, communication with teachers, use Wed/Sun to get caught up, rest when you can
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- Financial Report - Jill Fowers, Treasurer
 - Booster Fundraising Why? Because it's expensive. Did you know it costs almost \$59,000 to purchase a marching show?
 - Band & Guard Program Expenses vs. Booster Program Expenses
 - Where does Booster fundraising come from?
 - We have received \$5,900 from 14 sponsors so far vs. \$1,000 from one sponsor last year
 - Booster Fundraising & Expenses June-August
 - \$49,235.50 total fundraising
 - \$27,147.08 expenses
 - Accountant does our taxes pro bono each year
 - Mattress Fundraiser-February is the tentative date. Wait to buy a mattress until then!

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- Sponsor Update - Bonnie Hernandez
 - Thank you to all of our sponsors!
 - The Flute Finder, Bank of America, Resolutions Hospice, Harris Hill Road, Next Gen Latinos, Better Than New, Garner Heating & Air Conditioning, Serenity Wellness, A&E Signs, Tex-Mix Concrete, Frost Bank, Muzzy Property Group, Mena's Sparkle & Shine, Shannon Dewey

- Director's Report - Mr. Rauschuber, Head Band Director
 - 10/5 US Bands here-21 bands attending
 - 10/5 US Bands @ Pieper-we are one of the last bands to perform
 - 10/22 UIL Region-we will perform around 5:30 pm
 - UIL Area-will will perform around noon for prelims and then will be at the start of the 1st or 2nd block after lunch for finals.
 - We will use Team Funded for the Marchathon Fundraiser this year because they only keep around 4% so we make more money!
 - Starts 9/23
 - We will send texts to ask for donations
 - Prizes for top fundraisers
 - Marchathon is a 4 hour rehearsal with a showcase of the full show
 - Students will practice for 240 minutes are are encouraged to raise at least \$240 through pledges per minute or one-time donations

- Adjourn: Thank you to 78 attendees!

Next meeting: October 8, 2024 (change from original date due to National Night Out)