

December 14, 2020

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Virtual via Google Meeting

7:00-7:05: Meeting called to order (Jenn Hodges)

7:05-7:30: Band Director Update (Mr. Specketer)

- Still preparing for return to school at the end of January 2021.
- Mr. Specketer has gone into the school and tried out some of the PPE that the county provided for all brass players. It is annoying, but doable and usable.
- Concurrent learning will occur if/when kids are allowed back to school. We will be getting a webcam/monitor combination where the virtual kids will be cast in.
- Plexiglass stands will be in use for the protection for the directors.
- We are changing the grading a bit. Full credit will be given for students who complete and submit their recordings on time. Students are taking too long to submit the “perfect” recording, which creates a huge back log in grading. Feedback and suggestions will still be given, like usual.
- Mr. Specketer received an anonymous email in which perceived favoritism was occurring. It is not happening, and it was a bit shocking, as the students didn’t want to address him directly, or go through proper school channels that deal with situations. It was brought up in both band classes and students were notified that it wasn’t the case and told if they have issues, to either address with Mr. Specketer directly, or use the proper channels provided by the school.
- Wind ensemble had JMU band director come in for a clinic on expressive playing and creativity. Students were very engaged and liked the clinic.
- A lot of colleges are offering free visits because they are missing their recruitment opportunities in person.
- Students are continuing to improve, which is good.
- Indoor Drum Line has been cancelled this year. If gathering of small groups are allowed again, it may be offered as a “club” this year, as there are no competitions being offered this year.
- There is still a possibility of a spring marching band season. Area directors are in favor of trying to do something. Looking to try starting in January or February with pep band (if safe) for playing at the football games. Pep band would likely be voluntary, with the whole band trying to rehearse together in April or May (when conditions allow).
- Wind Ensemble had 7 students audition for All District Band, which is a better number than most schools submitted.
- Website issue has been resolved. Hayfieldband.com is the new website.
- In the process of gathering all new website information together to pass on to the Band Boosters for their binder of standing items future boards need to be made aware of, so that the website doesn’t lapse in the future.

7:30-7:35: Budget Update (Jenn and Jeremy Hodges)

- Looking on creating a budget for next year in the February/March 2021 timeframe.
- \$1,000 has been set aside in the budget for the Burke Scholarship. Guidelines still being developed for eligibility requirements. Also still determining if it will be one or multiple students receiving the scholarship.
- No real future budget issues for this year, as there is no marching band season, which cuts down on truck rentals, uniform cleanings, etc. Documentation on those costs are being worked on to be included in the binder to pass on to future boards.
- Show has already been paid for. If doable, marching band would work on one of the movements to present towards the end of the year, with the full show coming in Fall 2021.

7:30-7:45: Fundraising Update (Jeremy Hodges)

- Tag Day 2020 has been completed. 6,700 houses canvassed, 20 neighborhoods.
- Donations are still coming in for Tag Day. With the website being down when it was, people were reaching out on how best to donate.
- Donors Choose was a success. They offered a match on donations given on Giving Tuesday, which was amazing.
- So far, the band has raised \$10,077 so far, halfway to the \$20,000 goal for the year.

7:45-8:30: New Business (Jenn Hodges)

- Set up an order form to order hoodies, long sleeve t-shirts and short sleeve t-shirts. Needed 37 total orders for them to be processed.
- Ugly holiday sweater competition is up and ready.
- Looking into the possibility of having an outdoor spring concert.
- Winter virtual concert is coming. Received 14 recordings from the wind ensemble kids (out of 31) and 11 recordings from Intermediate band (out of 33). It is very difficult to get recordings from all the students.

8:03: Meeting Adjourned (Jenn Hodges)