

**Plainfield Band Booster
Meeting Minutes**

November 14, 2017

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I. Call to Order at 7:35 p.m.

President's Welcome: It is fair to say that the winter season groups have hit the ground running. Jose Rodriguez, Derek Shannon and Scott Johnson all are busy with the Winter Guard and Winter Percussions, respectively. The only major change for the season is that we have added a Junior Varsity team that will act as a feeder for the Varsity team. Sights are set very high for the next season; let's keep the momentum going.

Motion to approve Minutes of Last Meeting, as written: Motion by Susan Wood, Seconded by Mike Wood; Motion carried.

II. Director's Report

November 17, 2017: Championship Ring orders begin. I have the ring styles on the Facebook pages and on flyers that went home with students. The ring as shown is \$199. Friday during 5th period and during lunch they can be fitted for rings in the band room and in the lunch room. Fill out the form, bring in your \$60 deposit and it will take 8 weeks. Before Christmas is not available.

Commemorative T shirts for state: My sister is going to work on the design very soon and we will have them available before Christmas.

I'm going to take all the trophies over to the middle school to set them up so that we can encourage younger students to be a part of the extraordinary program we have here.

Jeff Ross: For quite awhile Mr. Carpenter's focus has been to bridge the gap between middle school and high school. If we can get students who are proficient musically from the beginning, we can focus more on marching once they reach us. So, this all goes toward bringing our band bigger and better.

Michael Carpenter: A pizza night is planned soon so students can write thank you notes to Mr. Cummings and others.

Last night Mr. Seifert, the drum majors and myself were at the town council meeting. We were awarded a proclamation. Please come see it for yourself. The town manager is in contact with us to try to get a sign posted somewhere in town.

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Parent(s): Will ISSMA patches will be available for the letterman's jacket? Michael Carpenter: I'm not sure, but I'll put any info I find on the Facebook page.

November 20, 2017: Practice for the Christmas concert after school Monday. We will be done by 5 pm

Solo & ensemble sign up is available on line now. Sign up early. Encourage your kids to participate because it helps to continue to play beyond only marching season and helps the kids grow for the future success of the program.

December 14, 2017 at 7:00 pm: School board meeting here at PHS. The school board is honoring the band that night. It is scheduled for the beginning of the meeting, so we can leave soon after. I encourage all of you to attend wearing every piece of spirit wear you have. We need to show the board just how many students and families are impacted by our program. Our reach goes far beyond what people see on the marching field. Also, there many people who have given us a strong foundation to grow from and contributed to our success such as alumni and others who have worked years without tiring or commendation in order to make this year's win possible. I would love to honor their commitments, as well.

February 3, 2018: Ensemble competition at North Central High School.

Coming Up TBD: Prism style concert recital night, that will allow students to participate more fully in the performance.

Junior Varsity and Varsity Guard has already started. Many, many projects and events coming up!

Pep Band signups are online. The \$30 fee pays for new rock music, t shirts and a pizza party. There are 8 games available to participate in. Participants must commit to 7 of the 8 scheduled games.

December 9, 2017: We are hosting an Indiana Percussion Association clinic. Derek Shannon, our percussion director, is also the future president of this organization. It is an indoor clinic for students on how to do what the big guys do. IU & Legacy's drumline will be here to perform. Volunteer opportunities will be available, because it's a good fundraising opportunity, too.

March 17, 2018: Hosting a Drumline competition. This is by far our biggest fundraiser. 45 schools will come through our doors and at least a few thousand people as spectators. Please get this on your calendar and consider helping out!

Jose Rodriguez: We have high standards and high goals for both the JV and V winter guard. We just started, but we are talking with the middle school to try to keep the club going there, which will result in some recruiting opportunities to grow our program to compete in Class A. Class A is definitely on the horizon for us.

Michael Carpenter: Be aware that Class A status is on the horizon. For example, this year's enrollment is 1636. Class A requirement is 1660. The number adjusts periodically throughout the year so we need to prepare ourselves for the future of our programs.

Band calendar: <http://www.plainfieldband.org>

III. Treasurer's Report

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Not available. Please see the band page for notifications.

Band Sponsorship: http://www.plainfieldband.org/?page_id=157

IV. Concessions Report

All volunteer spots are full for November. I'm going to open volunteer opportunities to 8th grade parents so they can get a head start on their fees and to integrate them into the band booster organization. Band parents will receive a chance at the openings first and then we will open the sign ups to the 8th grade parents.

Middle school swimming starts in February and I'll post those sign up dates soon.

Concessions SignUp: <https://signup.com/group/11648879320125>

V. Communications Report

I have photos taken from Lucas Oil for \$2 each.

VI. Events Report

I'll get an email out about the IPA clinic right after Thanksgiving.

Events SignUp: <https://signup.com/group/11648879320125>

VII. Fundraising Report

State Championship commemorative t shirts will be available as soon as possible. I still have plenty of spirit wear and winter concessions is in full swing. We are now selling band cups at concessions for \$10. Every time you return the cup you get a free coffee or hot cocoa.

Susan Wood: Will there be a Championship patch offered as a fundraiser? Michael Carpenter: ISSMA has a state champion patch and it will be available for purchase. The one that ISSMA is doing will be \$1. I'll keep you posted.

Bob Sullivan: Can we get an official copy of the show on DVD? Michael Carpenter: The copyright organization is making that difficult. ISSMA doesn't sell videos anymore because it breaks copyright laws. So, we can't sell videos.

VIII. Vice Presidents Report

The winter gala is currently on hold. We've been looking at some other fundraisers for when it gets a little warmer. I will keep you posted. TKO Graphics in Plainfield is hosting a giveaway for a full graphics package. I've submitted a proposal that outlines the reasons that we should win. If we are selected we can get a new skin at no cost to us.

IX. Director of Operations Report

We will get the filing cabinets and walls cleared out of the halls. There are also plans to pull whatever of the props can be salvaged for sale and/or auction.

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X. Past President's Report

As many of you know Joe Johnson has esophageal cancer. We would like to put his and Wanda's name on the back of our t shirt, similar to how we created a Friends of Mike Underwood entity. It's going to be a long haul for them both and we want to help. We have a donation bucket here tonight, but if you would like to contribute to this in any other way, please contact me.

Jeff Ross: The board decided that we are going to put their names on the t shirts, regardless of how much we collect. So, all money donated will go directly to them.

XI. Old Business

I think we did a good job of stemming the tide of bills due. We raised some money through getting donations and some past due fees have been paid. Alumni and grandparents have been a big help. I would not say that we are flush, but we've ended the marching season lean and solvent. Thanks to everyone for your help in any way. Don't forget that the Donate button is live now on the website.

Bob Sullivan: Also, don't forget to register on Smiles.Amazon. Jennifer House: And, you can link your Kroger card to benefit the band.

Renee Smith: Guard has a parent led fundraiser going to offset the costs of guard to the Boosters. I have Spin On bracelets for \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Ask any guard parent to get yours now.

Jeff Ross: Mr. Seifert has given us permission to hang our enormous banner in the ellipse, then we will hang it permanently in a director approved location in the band room.

XII. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn the Booster meeting was made by Jennifer House and seconded by Doug Johnson; Motion carried.

Jeff Ross adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Minutes submitted electronically by: Roxanne Maze on 11.16.2017.