

**Plainfield Band
Booster Meeting Minutes**

June 19, 2018

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I. Call to Order at 7:30 p.m.

President's Welcome: Welcome. Please let me extend a special welcome to our Freshman parents. This is the start of an exciting season. The big news is we are now an A Class band, so the bar is now raised. This will impact every decision the Boosters make in the coming weeks.

II. Report from Michael Carpenter, Director

We are now in Class A, so we are competing with the largest, most well-funded bands out there.

Going on now is Mini Camp. The main goal in mini camp is helping the students to have an understanding of their personal responsibility.

June 29, 2018 Lock In: We will have a informal performance before we wrap up. Parents usually sit on the mound behind the parking lot before the lock in. The lock in will be very well supervised, and it's not all night. We have games, pizza, video games, and will wrap up around 1:00 a.m.

July 4, 2018, Carmel Fest. Park just off of Fountain Drive. We will need volunteers to water the kids. It's a large parade that ends at the high school. We will bus back here.

July 16, 2018 Band Camp: Noon to 9 p.m. The last 2 weeks of July. There will be a dinner break, and we are going to try to keep the concession stand open. Make sure they are well rested and hydrated. We try to accommodate depending on the weather, but please make sure the kids are prepared, as well.

July 30, 2018: Kings Island trip. Permission slips will be forthcoming.

July 14, 2018: Legacy Indoor Clinic for percussion and color guard. 9 am – 6 pm.

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

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III. Directors of Events

Lock in is next Friday. I sent out the sign up for that just last night and we are already filled to 72 percent. Thank you. We do still need chaperones. We are asking for a \$5 donation per kid to cover the cost of the pizza. You can put it in the box in an envelope with your kid's name on it.

We need chaperones who will double as waterers for the July 4th parade. Watch for that email by the end of the week. Member shirts and black gym shorts will be worn that day.

IV. Vice Presidents Report

Welcome, it's nice to see a bunch of new faces. Please stop to chat with each of us.

V. Concessions Report

Concessions raises lots of money for the band and guard. It's also a great way to make money for your student. Each shift is \$30 into your students account. I will send emails out soon, you may opt in and then you can schedule yourself as you have time. We will also be open limited times during band camp. You may volunteer for that, but it is strictly volunteer.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Balances as of June 1, 2018: Checking: \$24,074.50, Savings: \$19,317.05.

We have payments coming in all the time, so if you haven't seen your payment on Charms yet, it will be soon. Please don't pay through the website.

The transition to Charms will be a process and not an event, so things are coming together, but it will be completed soon. If you go into Charms and have questions, please contact me and it can walk you through it.

FYI we are going to start using State Wide Credit for past due amounts. This is the same agency that the school uses for past due fees. There is a program in place for scholarships and grants. Certainly, working concession shifts can help make a huge dent in individual fees. We would like to engage the alumni and alumni parents to establish a scholarship fund. Ultimately, though, the school does have some limited funds available. The special needs counselor, Crystal Dietzel, is in charge of that. Additionally, if there are unused funds in outgoing senior student accounts, the parents can designate that amount for scholarships.

The calendar on Charms and on Google is current. The most common questions from incoming parents is "do I need to look at the calendar every day?" The short answer is no. Any quick changes that are made will be blasted through the website, emails, and

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on social media. Mr. Carpenter is very good and keeping his dates current so that you can plan your time easily.

VII. Director of Communications

If you aren't getting email from me, please see me after the meeting so I can get your addresses added.

I'm putting together a tutorial for Charms, so keep your eyes open for that soon.

We are looking for sponsorship and fundraising help. If you are interested, please let me know.

We are inundated with important information about upcoming events and I understand that it can be overwhelming. However, please know that if it goes out on email, it is relevant.

Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat are all just general info. The private band page will contain photos.

VIII. Old Business

Our over all budget is going to be around \$240,000 for this year. We have whittled down our gap to a bare minimum.

Our fiscal year ends May 31st. The goal is to present you with a realistic budget, given the demand of the new Class A designation. That will come with additional expenditures. We had a need for improved staff, top notch props and the best drill writing last year. We gave Mr. Carpenter more money and he and the kids made the best use of that money. I think that the banners on the back wall attest to that.

We are closing the gap, two weeks from yesterday, to balance the budget and then in the July booster meeting we will be able to provide you with our recommendations.

The plan is to put on the field a few more props this year and we have more students in the band. All the boils down to we have a need for two trailers this year. That means we will need two drivers, two teams of parent volunteers, two of everything.

By a show of hands, who is in favor of paying back our emergency fund?
The ayes have it.

I am very sorry to say that we are losing two of our most tireless supporters. Trish Daily and John Keller are looking to transition out due to their recent move. Fortunately, Steve Juengle has agreed to take over as Director of Operations, but we need someone to take over the remaining board position as Director of Revenue. Please think about this. There may possibly be another board position that is opening, as well. If you are interested, please let me know.

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Please don't forget that this is an extended background check that is necessary for all adults who participate in band activities and volunteer opportunities. See the band website for further info.

Positivity. Full Disclosure. Inclusivity. Let's have a great band year!

IX. Motion to Adjourn

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

Jeff Ross adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Minutes submitted electronically by: Roxanne Maze on June 22, 2018.

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