

# Plainfield High School Band Boosters Meeting'

**2017-12-19 7:30**

Meeting called to order by Jeff Ross at 7:35

Opening remarks:

Marching season was a success, found himself going under and now coming back up for air, but we have lots of exciting things still going on, have excellent staff. Making plea that we ensure that we do what we can to set up guard and drumline to succeed.

Said Happy Birthday to Heather Howard

Director's report:

Now focusing on 1,000 things instead of 1, so still can't relax.

Pep band – 3 games in already. Next game is this Thursday, it's technically winter break but would love to see kids there, especially since winter guard and percussion rehearsals will be going on that night.

Two guard and percussion groups – going really, really well.

First guard show – Jan 27

First drumline show– Feb 24

Solo/Ensemble contest – Feb 3

Would like to do a Solo Ensemble recital night – Feb 20

Would like to have a band concert Feb 21 – not yet on calendar

School likes for us to do 7:00 concerts, rather than 7:30, so these will be at 7:00

Graham Hopkins (Plainfield band alum now also formerly of Bluecoats) is trying to do a drum major leadership camp here, probably in LGI room. Teaching leadership skills, etc, won't be massive, but hopefully will grow into something larger. Drum majors from top drum corps in BCI will be there. Would be \$40/child, get notebook, Chik-Fil-A. Feb 17, over midwinter break

March 17 – Hosting drumline show. Should be about 40 schools.

Planning on May 4 for park concert. Probably will have middle school jazz band. May make more Star Wars since it will May the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Already have 4-5 ideas for next year band. All very exciting.

## Heather Howard

Concession doing pretty well, having some problems getting volunteers. Have a couple of spots open. If you aren't receiving emails from Heather but want to be included, make sure you tell her or Kimberly and she will get that fixed.

She is having a harder time getting supervisors than workers.

## Treasurer

Folks have been doing an amazing job paying and/or catching up fees for drumline, winter guard, and band. In tough spot, paying for frontloaded items such as tarps, uniforms. Try to pay as much upfront as they can, but she understands that not everyone can

May see some changes coming on how we are communicated with financially. Everything is currently done internally on QuickBooks, which is meant for organizations much larger than us. Looking into different types of software that other non-organizations our size use to manage. Want it to work better with student accounts so we can all see our student account balances.

Jeff Ross – there is a part of the bylaws that discusses a team of three people who are to audit the books every July. It didn't get done, but must soon. Paul Zoss has mentioned this, and that it must get done. Paul says that he is willing to lead a committee (he has lead it before) but won't be held responsible for what would be found since it is so late.

Perhaps we could have a professional do our accounting? Perhaps if we run with the big dogs we will need to do this. Carp is communicating with some other bands to find out what they do. Carmel and Fishers both hire it out, but their budgets are over twice of ours. It takes 20-30 hours/week. It needs to be divided up due to time it takes, and to prevent malfeasance.

Ryan Grimes, Melissa Sedwick, Paul Zoss volunteered to be the audit committee. Paul Zoss moved that they do an audit in January, and that there will be no liability on the committee in case any malfeasance is not found. Bill Wolfe seconded. Motion carried unopposed.

## Rita Carchedi - VP Report

Nothing new, still learning what is going on

## Kim Doyle - communications

Has handful of pictures left.

She was impressed with the turnout for the school board.

## John Keller - Operations

Nothing new

## Trish Daily – Director of Revenue

Trish will check the box late Thursday for shirt orders. Should be in hand when they get back from break.

Winter fundraiser is Feb 7 – 21. Laundry detergent and trash bags. They will be doing a Mother's Day/Father's day insert.

Mattress sale Feb 24.

No restaurant nights in Nov/Dec, will start back up in January

Patches – will have info after they get back from break

Rings should be available sometime in late January

#### Other Business – Jeff Ross

Joe our truck driver – treatments were effective, he is now cancer-free. Still has to have surgery in February, but if everything works out he will be driving again for us next year.

We have a replacement for Joe, but this gentleman is now struggling with health issues, so can't do it. If anyone knows someone with a CDL who is willing to drive let the board know. Can pay \$10/hour, so could make \$120 on a long day.

Guard is practicing on court 4 of the fieldhouse. If anyone wants to come in at 8:45 tonight it would be good for the guard.

As Dana mentioned, we are asking for 50% of fees up front, but still have a lot of up-front expenses, so please accelerate payments if it is possible. Looking for a team of people who would go out and ask to sponsor the band.

Ryan Grimes – could we set up an automated system where people can have it taken out monthly. Dana is definitely interested, and will talk to Ryan about this. They will do research and bring it to the booster board/booster organization.

Question: Can concession fees be applied to next year? Bill Wolfe/Dana Teasley: Yes, in fact, it was really meant to work that way.

Motion to close meeting, seconded by Patty Dillon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30