



General Membership Meeting Agenda - 5/9/23

6:30 PM | Location: JHS Band Hall

Agenda

6:15-6:30 All members present must sign in and receive their ballot if eligible to vote.

- 6:30pm Call to Order/Attendance (Ida - 2 minutes)
- 6:32pm Approve prior General Membership Meeting Minutes (Shannon- 2 minutes)
- 6:34pm Treasurer Report (Meredith - 2 minutes)
- 6:36pm Patty Moreno (5 minutes)
- 6:41pm Joey Lucita (5 minutes)

Old Business

- 6:43pm Teacher Appreciation Week (Sheryl - 2 min.)
 - Boosters are hosting May 10 Snacks (Sheryl)
- 6:45pm Reminders of Wind/Percussion/Guard Spring Training Camp (Tina - 2 min)
 - Themes (so that you are not being asked to shop at the last minute!)
 - May 17 - 5-8pm Colors Day (Freshmen-Purple; Sophomores-Red; Juniors-Green; Seniors-Blue)
 - May 18 - 5-8pm Crazy Sock Day
 - May 19 - 5-8pm Hawaiian Day
 - May 20 - 9am-12pm Jag Day
 - Registration Event for parents 9am-12pm
 - Parent Meeting 12pm-1pm
 - Parent Preview 1pm
 - Attendance is important. *This is when boosters will measure students for show tops/costumes.*

New Business

- 6:47pm VP Fundraising / Spirit Gear (Wendy or Amber - 5 min)
 - Fly a Flag needs volunteers to help with routes for Memorial Day! Email flyaflag@johnsonbands.com to help out
 - May 15th Spirit Gear TMF Store will be open - Uniform replacement items for summer band and spirit gear for families, including duffel bags
 - May 17th Spirit Gear will be onsite at spring camp for order pickup/ in person sales in preparation of Saturdays JAG DAY
- 6:52pm VP Support (Michelle F - 3 min)
 - Uniform Donations: Any unwanted. No longer fitting band clothing, shoes, duffles etc you would like to donate back to the program will be accepted in the band hall.
 - Donate in band hall through the end of school year
 - Concert Uniforms need to be returned by Thursday, May 18th
 - Uniforms can be dropped off before or after school from May 12th - 18th
 - All 3 tuxedo pieces need to be dry cleaned before they are returned and must be returned in dry cleaning bag



- All concert dresses should be washed in cold water before they are returned
 - All students will be measured during the spring camps
- 6:55pm VP Guard (Michelle S - 3 min)
- We will move back to using the CG Parents GroupMe (The Varsity/JV GroupMe is only used during winter guard)
 - We will be measuring for uniforms during camps next week. All guard will need to wear dance wear/ compression/ leggings for fittings.
 - The TMF store includes items for guard, including duffel bag
 - DMS recruiting visit May 11th 11:35-12:35
- 6:58pm Treasurer (Meredith - 5 min)
- Lay out proposed 2023-2024 Budget
 - Questions?
- 7:03pm Election of 2023-2024 Officers
- Candidates Introduction (3 min each)
 - President: Ida Musgrove
 - VP of Fundraising: Carmen Sifuentes
 - VP of Events: Kayla Luongo
 - VP of Support: Michelle Florez
 - VP of Hospitality: Vanessa Jenray
 - VP of Communications: Marti Salas
 - Treasurer: Meredith Riechmann
 - VP of Guard: Michelle Silva
- 7:27pm Membership Vote - collect and turn in Membership Chair Karen Shelton (3 min)

7:30 pm Directors Report (25 min)

- Thursday Spring Concert - see schedule for report times and specifics
 - Band wear concert dress
- Concert attire must be washed/dry cleaned and returned by May 18th
- Group Fund Update
- Italy Trip Postponed
- Graduation Performance- May 30th 2pm
- Will speak to summer plans at the parent meeting on 5/20

7:55 pm Wrap Up & Announcements

- Announcement of Election Results and Budget Status - Karen Shelton (5 min)
- **Upcoming Dates: See calendar for all dates of spring camps, summer band rehearsals, marching contests, football games, etc**
 - Breakdown Takeover Camp - July 24-25
 - Summer Band Begins - July 26!



Minutes

- The meeting was called to order by **Ida Musgrove** at 6:38pm.
- Prior minutes from our previous meeting were electronically approved and posted to our website. Approvers for this meeting minutes who volunteered were Conrad Fjetland, **Joan Forsythe** and JoBeth Kee-Rees.
- **Treasurer's report** presented by **Meredith Riechmann**. Beginning balance on 4/4/2023 was \$64,419.54 Income of \$12,933.78 and expenses of \$37,870.82. We have an ending balance of \$39,482.50.
- Ms. Patty Moreno, Fine Arts Director for Hays CISD was present to share an announcement. Mr. Duffy will not be returning to Johnson High School due to a personnel matter. Specific issues were not able to be disclosed and she was not taking any questions from the attendees. The vacant position will be posted on the Hays CISD website. For the remainder of the year, Mr. Malik to directing the Wind Symphony band and Mr. Vereen will lead the color guard. Both groups will continue to be part of the spring concert on Thursday. Dr. Michael Watson and Jason Adams from the District Fine Arts Department were also present in attendance.
- Mr. Lucita followed up the statement to address the membership regarding how this affects next years marching show. The directors have already begun making plans to fill the interim gap and have parties interested in working with the band on creative design. To support these efforts of hiring a creative director, the Group Fund fundraiser currently in progress will be extended for approximately 2 weeks. He has asked everyone to jump on and share/support the group fund to meet the new goals and support our kids.
- **Ida Musgrove** followed up with a message that our kids are resilient, versatile and have overcome every obstacle thrown their way. Color Guard persevered through Mr. Washington leaving in the middle to Winter Guard season and our kids will surprise us. Our message should simply be that everything is going to be fine and support a positive message to our kids. Next year is going to be GREAT and they do not need to worry about this.
- **Old Business**
 - Sheryl Powell, VP Hospitality, informed the membership that the band boosters are hosting "Snack Day" for Teacher Appreciation week tomorrow May 10th. She thanked everyone for donating snacks in support of this event for the 238 teachers at JHS.
 - **Tina Cuellar**, VP Events, reviewed the theme days for the Spring Training Camps that will be held next week. (See schedule above). Note that the grades denote what class each student will be in next fall (not current grade levels as current seniors do not attend). Snacks will be provided each day at the end of camp and SLT parents will be asked to assist where needed. **NOTE: attendance at each camp is important as every student will be measured for fall uniforms/show tops to ensure they ordered early.
 - May 20th is parent registration day from 9-12. Please attend to ensure your child is fully registered for band, you are connected for email/communication/etc. We will also have stations to become a band booster, meet and connect with your sections/Parent Section Leads, and more.
 - May 20th Parent meeting from 12-1pm with a parent preview at 1pm.
- **New Business**
 - Amber Reue, Spirit Gear Chair, reviewed the upcoming TMF store that will be opening on May 15-June 9th. This is the store to order your DUFFLE bags, family spirit gear (Mom, Dad, grandparent, sibling apparel). Orders will process/be manufactured upon the store closing and shipped directly to your home when fulfilled. Do not wait. You may also order



extra uniform pieces (Freshman receive 1 uniform kit but we highly recommend extras) and all returning band/guard students should order directly if you need new/additional sizes or items. ***NOTE: it is highly recommended to have multiple compression tops, practice tops and anything else we wear frequently in the fall so you aren't doing late night washing after football games, etc.

- Spirit Gear will be sold at spring camp on May 17th - black and gold tees only to support kids for Jag day.
- Full in stock spirit gear will be sold on the May 20 registration day.
- Spirit gear committee meeting will also be on May 17th at 6:30pm. Join US!
- We are planning to offer a padded seat cushion with our Jaguar Elite sponsorship to sell at football games - this will be great for marching season stadiums as well. Be on lookout for this new item and the others that
- Fly a Flag needs some volunteers for the upcoming Memorial Day holiday and for routes next year. Conrad Fjetland spoke to the ease of the commitment as you do it on your time, a route of 10 flags takes maybe 1 hour and its fun to do with your band kid to give back to the community. Please email flyaflag@johnsonbands.com to get involved. This project is pure profit to the band and we would love to expand our footprint but need more volunteers to achieve that goal.
- VP Support Michelle Florez
 - Uniform Donations being accepted: we will accept past season uniform donations of seniors or any student who outgrew their items. A bin/box will be in band hall for you/your student to donate these. They will be used for student in need or if items were forgotten, etc next season.
 - Concert uniforms will be worn for the spring concert and must be cleaned/dry cleaned and returned by May 18th. Leave plastic wrapping on them when you return. If not returned, your student will not be able to exempt finals at JHS.
 - Reminder of uniform fittings being completed during spring camps.
- Guard Liaison Michelle Silva reviewed information for color guard and welcomed new families to the meeting.
 - Guard will go back to the color guard group me instead of the varsity/JV groups.
 - Guard should wear compression and tight fitting clothing for their fittings during spring camp.
 - Guard will visit middle schools on May 11th for recruiting visits.
- Treasurer Meredith Riechmann reviewed the proposed 2023-2024 booster budget that will be voted on this evening. No questions were raised. The budget was sent to Regular members for review several days prior to the meeting.
- Officer Elections: The candidates for board positions were called to the front to introduce themselves and share their previous volunteer experience with the boosters. All outgoing members of the board were thanked for their past service to the program.
- Karen Shelton conducted the vote, collected all ballots from Regular Members and, with volunteer Jana Owen, counted results.
- Directors Report
 - Spring concert schedule was reviewed. This counts as their final and involves 3 parts: Warm Up, Performance and Audience. Students must remain for the entirety of the concert to watch other bands perform.
 - Reminder of extension for Group Fund fundraiser.
 - The Italy trip will be postponed to 2025 to allow families longer for payment plans as we have had many requests for this since many families travel together or have multiple



students in the program. The band will also use Italy as a theme for music selection that year to enhance the educational experience.

- There will be a small spring break trip for 2024 (next year) that is yet to be determined. Possible trips mentioned include Dallas or New Orleans.
- Students in Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony will perform at graduation. Senior band students should arrange for a friend to bring their instrument to graduation to play the final school song.
- Attend the May 20th parent meeting to hear all about summer band.
- Announcements
 - Karen Shelton revealed that the budget passed and all candidates were elected with 45 total votes being cast.
 - Meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm. All newly elected board members to remain briefly afterwards.