MINUTES

Tequesta Trace MS Band Boosters Meeting

**Tequesta Trace Band Boosters Association, Inc.**

**Board Meeting Minutes August 7, 2019**

8/7/19 | Stephanie Bescherelle called the meeting at 6:27 PM.

**Members in Attendance:**

Heston Curry

Stephanie Bescherelle

Lori Burke

Lorenza Sands

Ingrid Bridges

Dianelys Perez

**Welcome**

The meeting was held at Stephanie Bescherelle’s home, she welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.

Stephanie made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes with the change of the heading.

Lori seconded the motion. All approved.

**Class Discussion**

Mr. Curry – First 18 weeks of school he will have a pre-band class called “music appreciation” which is part of the new electives wheel system. There will be some special education students with assistance in the room to help. This Pre-Band Class will help 6th graders still still unsure about their elective choices.

The class will include all kinds a of musical activities in order to develop the ear and the taste for music. It will be very difficult to provide instruments for all students given our very limited inventory. Solutions will be discussed along the way with the parents of the most motivated kids.

Mr. Curry suggests that the class would benefit from having clinicians to work with the students on instruments, but the Boosters will have to take a closer look at the budget to see if it will be possible.

The main question remains: **How much are the Boosters going to be involved in this pre-band class?** The budget designed in June did not include any option for that elective.

Mr. Curry wants the wheel students to feel included and have them participate as much as possible to some band activities. He wants that elective to be a first step before joining the band the following year. He also wants to find a way to get them on an instrument to keep them interested. He might suggest parents either to rent or to buy cheaper beginner instruments online.

He’s also open to having an after school club for further participation in the band.

Stephanie makes clear that this elective has to be treated separately in terms of finances, but that Boosters will do everything possible to support Mr. Curry’s project by providing volunteers and helping fundraising for their specific needs. These students can also be encouraged to purchase the Band Spirit T-shirts and accessories but will not use the traditional band uniforms.

**Instruments**

Mr. Curry has not received any confirmation from All County Music Store and we currently don’t have any other reliable repair options. The $2,000 are still pending to be used.

Lorenza e-mailed ProMusic+ on the opportunity to be a vendor for the instrument fitting and possible rental of instrument. She’s awaiting his response and might call him in case he needs further details.

**Schedule**

Band 1,2,3 have 116 students so far, including 31 6th graders. But things are changing a lot due to scheduling mistakes.

Jazz has 38 students, which means a new organization to fit the big size of this group.

The 6th grade group is relatively small due to the creation of the wheel system. It is still hard to measure the results of our recruitment campaign of last year (elementary school visits and pep bands to welcome them at TTMS)

Mr. Curry will be making changes to the schedules as they come in, and it might take until the first two weeks of school to get the schedules finalized.

His schedule is as follows

Period 1 = planning

Period 2 = advanced band (Band2)

Period 3 = symphonic band (Band3)

Lunch break

Period 4 = music appreciation (wheel)

Period 5 = beginner band (Band1)

Period 6 = Jazz Catz (Band4)

**Choir**

Mr. Curry has confirmed that choir is out of the school program. The $500 to keep the choir bank account open was borrowed from the Pandi, their first sponsor. Stephanie makes the motion to give the money back to Pandi and to deposit the $360 leftover to the School Band Internal Account, to be used by Mr Curry for music expenses.

Lori and Danielys second the motion. The motion passes. **Uniforms**

Ronnie Trigo will take on the role of uniform chair and shadow Stephanie and be trained on how to take on the role. Hopefully a 6th grade parent will join too.

**Schedule for Meetings**

The Band Booster Board meetings will no longer be in the mornings based on everyone’s work schedule. Meetings will take place the second week of the month to allow time for accounting review.

Sept. 11th will be the next meeting and we will wait for an exact time once we all get settled into the new school year routine.

**Budget**

-Lori has changed the Budget format from Excel Sheets to QuickBooks, which will be a lot more reliable. Lori was thanked for this new setup.

-The budget is very tight as we had to fix a mistake made in the initial June version: a 1.7k expense was not counted for. In order to balance the budget again, we had to reduce by 19% the clinician expenses.

The new contracts for which Boosters are now donating $4,000 should cover our Fall season. We will then decide how much more we can allocate to the new contracts for the rest of the year and if we need additional fundraising campaign.

-The sponsoring goal is almost reached. We need to keep the door open, especially to provide an option for families who would have a hard time paying their fairshare. They can bring a sponsor instead.

-We are expecting the Fair Share payments. Early payments worked (10 received), and we need to activate the new payments from the Open House.

-To help with instrument repairs, Stephanie presents the the repair kit in currently that Mr Curry would like to get so that he can himself fix dents for the brass instruments. The cost is 1.3k (+accessories). Dent repair is costly ($350-$1,000 per instrument) and the kit will save money but it will mean extra time for Mr. Curry to be trained on it and then to fix the instruments.

We suggest that we wait to see how much we will get from Fair Share this year and decide at the next meeting if we authorize the purchase.

-Mr. Curry can also cut down on score purchases. And Boosters can also cut down on the awards budget to make room for the repair kit.

-Mr. Curry may also increase the instrument rental price with a suggested maintenance fee. He will not charge the students learning two instruments or students in free or reduced lunch program.

-The Fairshare payments will implement new receipts to get a better view of the money received.

-Fundraising for Restaurant night – Mr. Curry to look at the schedule to book a night maybe at the End of Sept.

**List of the current Sponsorships**

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**Friends of the Band**  
Bocotek  
Del's Barber Shop  
The Kooken and the Samedy Families

**Events**

- Open House is Aug 9 / volunteers: Ingrid, Danielys, Lori on Friday morning. Lorenza at 1:00 -1:30 PM

-Mr. Curry will make a slideshow for the Open House. Stephanie will print the new welcome flyers and the registration forms

-Parent’s Information Night will be on August 28th. We will have to prepare an invitation, the powerpoint presentation and flyers.

-Instrument Fitting- First week of September 1 with possibly with ProMusic+

-Stephanie wants to implement the Friday Helpers to work on supplies, music sheets, shelving so that the Band Room stays in good shape.

-New T-shirts are in and ready to sell. The hoodies will come in later and we will take preorders.

**Logo Items Inventory (leftover + new order)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Youth M | Youth L | Adult S | Adult M | Adult L | Adult XL | Total |
| Spirit t-shirt (old) |  | 6 | 4 |  |  |  | 10 |
| Spirit t-shirt (new) | 10 | 25 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 5 | 100 |
| Hoodies | 0+3=3 | 1+9=10 | 4+11=15 | 3+7=10 | 2+3=5 | 0+2=2 | 45 |
| Polo shirts (unused) | 0 | 6(+1YXL) | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 17 |

We also carry 91 maroon vests (from XXS to 2XL), 68 bow ties, and 8 unused tuxedo shirts (various sizes)

-Lorenza updated the website with the new sponsors and gallery to make the webpage more inviting. She would like to update it as the year goes on as needed.

-Lorenza made a motion to add an TTMS Band Instagram Account. Stephanie seconds the motion. The motion passes and an Instagram account will be created and the log-in will be shared with all the boosters, as long as the Privacy settings for Instagram make sense for the protection of the students and staff.

-Lori asked if we can find a way to thank our sponsors early this year, and Stephanie will provide her with the folder for the ‘Thank Yous’

- The boosters always welcome new sponsors and can still add them on the website, share them on the socia media accounts, and programs. (It’s too late to have them on the t-shirts).

**Adjournment**

Stephanie adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM

Recorded by Lorenza Sands 8/7/19

Minutes approved:

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