

**WILLIAM T. DWYER BAND PARENT BOOSTER MEETING**  
**Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Ramona Waddell, President, at 7:00 pm. Incoming band parents from Independence Middle were in attendance as well as current band parents.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A Motion was made by Irma Best and seconded by Helen Payne to accept the April minutes as presented. Motion passed.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Helen Payne reported that the current balance in the Band General Account will be \$21,428.87 once all fundraisers have been closed. There are a few bills pending which will be paid by the end of the month.

**BAND INFORMATION AND HOW TO ACCESS:**

Ramona welcomed all the incoming freshman parents to the meeting. She discussed how band information is disseminated and how parents can access the information.

Dwyer Band website: Access at [www.dwyerband.org](http://www.dwyerband.org). This site is updated often and will have all pertinent upcoming events, forms, photos and other band information. Of importance at this time, is to review the New Student and Parent Survival Guide, Band Handbook, and in July, download and complete all forms.

Kate Shingledecker discussed the website and its' organization. It is a public site so no password is required. Tabs for each section are at the top. Parents were encouraged to submit photos or other information for inclusion on the site.

Charms Website: This site is used for communication emails, volunteer sign-ups and calendar of events. In addition, this site is where the student financial accounts are held which keeps track of all band fees, payments and fundraising dollars.

This site will be available once all band forms have been completed and entered into the system. In addition, all parents will need to register as a volunteer with the school's front office prior to signing up for a volunteer position.

Band Parent Booster Meetings: Meetings are held monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7:00pm in the band room. Parents were encouraged to attend all band meetings, to volunteer and get involved.

**BAND DUES:**

Ramona and Mr. Lamp discussed the band dues and what they pay for. Mr. Lamp has worked hard to keep the dues at a minimum. All dues will become due when school starts. A payment schedule will be distributed.

**FUNDRAISERS TO BENEFIT STUDENTS AND BAND GENERAL ACCOUNTS:**

Ramona discussed the many different fundraisers done throughout the year to assist students/parents in paying their fair share payments as well as to raise money for the Band General Accounts.

Parents were encouraged to participate in fundraising activities, such as Football program ads and banners, concession/program sales, Coupon Books, car washes, Cheesecake/Cookie Dough, and Poinsettia sales. In addition, the largest fundraiser is our Italian Dinner and Silent Auction held in March/April of each year. More information will become available over the summer and at the beginning of the school year.

Helen discussed that any monies remaining after each year are rolled over to the following year. The board will decide which fundraisers will benefit the student accounts or the band general fund.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

Many opportunities exist for parent volunteers which Ramona discussed:

Football/Competition Season includes program banner and ad sales and completion of the program booklet, on-field set-up, stand chaperones and concessions.

Year-long opportunities include chaperoning on field and competition trips, coordinating or volunteering to assist in fundraisers, assisting with the Italian Dinner and Silent Auction and volunteering in the band room with a variety of organizing activities.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Ramona and Mr. Lamp discussed upcoming dates:

Band Family BBQ – at Ocean Cay Park, Macinski/US 1, Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10am. Band will provide meat and buns. Families asked to bring drinks and a side dish. All family members are invited. Great time to meet and get to know band families.

Uniform fittings: Place and date TBD. All marching band students need to attend.

Band Camp: Monday-Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 4<sup>th</sup>, 8am-5pm, due to summer construction at Dwyer High, location will be determined. Students must bring sunscreen, water jug, snacks, lunch and should wear comfortable light clothing and closed toed shoes.

Potluck Dinner: Held on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, last day of band camp for all family members. Place TBD

First day of school is Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Band/Guard practices are Tuesday and Thursday, 4pm-7pm.

FSU Band Trip: Each year the band takes a trip to FSU to watch the band perform and the game. Trip will be in September or November, details TBD.

Marching Competitions: Dates TBD, generally in October. Parent volunteers, including someone who can pull the band trailer will be needed.

**BOARD ELECTIONS:**

Susan Knight read off the slate of officers nominated for the 2017-18 School Year:

President – Mary Vadas  
Treasurer – Melissa Henriques

Vice President – Patrice Best  
Secretary – Kate Shingledecker

She asked if there were any additional nominations, with none provided, acceptance of the nominations was done and those in attendance voted unanimously to accept the nominations. Ramona Waddell introduced and welcome the new board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further discussion required, a motion was made by Keisha Joseph and seconded by Wendy Jonker to adjourn the meeting. R. Waddell adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

**\*Next meeting \***

**Friday, August 4, 2017 @ 5pm**

Pot luck dinner for all families – location TBD

**\*\*First school year meeting\*\***

**Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the band room**

*Students will have marching band practice after school*

**WILLIAM T. DWYER BAND PARENT BOOSTER MEETING**

**Thursday, April 13, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Ramona Waddell, President, at 6:30 pm. Everyone was welcomed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A Motion was made by Kate Shingledecker and seconded by Mary Vadas to accept the March minutes as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Fundraisers:

Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction: The dinner and auction were a huge success. Helen Payne reported that dinner sales were \$1,359 and the auction raised \$3,231. All dinner sale money goes to the Band's General Account. Auction sales were put towards each student's account who brought in the item.

Chipotle Dinner Out raised \$85 towards the Band General Account.

Little Lambs Cookie Dough Fundraiser – all orders have been picked up and the money raised went into student accounts. Thank you to all who participated and helped put the orders together.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Football Concession Update: Susan Knight reported that she, Curtis Knight and Robert Fry met with Karen Holmes, Football parent at a concession meeting on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, other members were not able to attend. Discussion was held regarding to upcoming Spring Football games, Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, and whether we wanted to run concessions, including grilling, or have food trucks. We all decided that running concessions would give the new crew the opportunity to train in their new positions before the start of football season. Susan requested that Robert work the grill, with Curtis on hand and that senior students who still owe fair share money could wrap with Susan supervising. This gives the students the opportunity to work off some of their money that is due. Susan asked band members if they approved. It was approved noting that Mini-Band Camp will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> and our final band meeting is scheduled at Duffy's on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Susan will work with the committee to determine the best move forward.

Football Program Booklet: Ramona and Mr. Lamp discussed the Football Program and its' importance both as a fundraiser and as the official program for the football season. Ramona asked for a volunteer to take over the oversight and assembly of the booklet as Chris Reinhardt will no longer be able to do it. Melissa Bachmann Henriques discussed that her husband may be able to take it on as he works in computers and has access to the program used.

Susan Knight discussed that football is looking to make the program larger and better than previous and is willing to work with band to accomplish it. Mr. Lamp wants the program to stay with the band and will discuss with Mr. Pagley.

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501(3)C Discussion: Ramona discussed the idea that the Band Booster become a 501(3)C corporation enabling us to have total control over finances, vendor selection and access to funds at any time. Mr. Lamp discussed the costs involved, approximately \$1,000 to incorporate and the need to keep some funds at the school to pay for entry and other fees requiring a school district check. He will contact Rick Hoagland, former band parent and accountant to ask additional questions and determine if this is the right thing for the band to do. Chris Reinhardt volunteered to perform some research on the costs and process to apply.

Members in attendance agreed that if it makes it easier for us to hold fundraisers, select vendors and other uses, then it would be a good idea moving forward.

## **BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Lamp discussed the following upcoming events:

Nashville Band Trip: There are 39 students and 4 chaperones going on the trip to Nashville. Students will attend performance clinics at Vanderbilt University and have the opportunity to record a song at Studio B. The bus will leave at 10pm from the school next Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and return in the evening, Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. An email will be sent to parents with the hotel and travel itinerary.

Concert Band State Performance is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at Broward College in Davie. Students should report to the band room in their performance attire immediately after school. Bring money for drinks/food. 6-8 chaperones will be needed and sign-ups will be available in Charms.

Annual Band Banquet: Will be held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge, Palm Beach Gardens from 6:00-10:00pm. Tickets will be \$25 per person. Parents were reminded that this is a school event and no one will be allowed in the bar area of the lodge.

Spring Concert: The concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. Family and friends are welcome to attend this final concert.

Mini-Band Camp: Band Camp for incoming freshman students will be held on Thursday and Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Flyers will be sent to the middle school band directors. Students are expected to be in attendance for this event and welcome the incoming freshman.

Duncan Band Concert will be held in the Dwyer Auditorium on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students can volunteer to assist with set-up. Tammy Rogen, Duncan's Band Director, is retiring at the end of the school year and we will have a cake and refreshments in the Auditorium Lobby immediately following the concert. Parent volunteers are needed.

Graduation: Jazz Band plays at graduation Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at noon. Students will leave from the school – time TBA. Performance attire is to be worn.

#### **BOARD NOMINATIONS:**

Nominations for new board members were distributed to all those in attendance. All positions are open for the new school year. Patrice Best volunteered to be the Nomination Coordinator for this year. She will tally the nominations from this meeting and ask for additional nominations at the final meeting before a final vote is done. Ramona thanked the current board for all of their support and hard work.

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#### **TREASURER REPORT:**

Helen Payne reported that the current balance in the Band General Account is \$20,303.30.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further discussion required, a motion was made by Robert Fry and seconded by Chris Reinhardt to adjourn the meeting. R. Waddell adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

**\*Next meeting May 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm  
Duffy's PGA/US1**

## ***IMPORTANT - BOARD ELECTIONS***

### **WILLIAM T. DWYER BAND PARENT BOOSTER MEETING Thursday, March 16, 2017**

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Ramona Waddell, President, at 6:35 pm. She welcomed everyone in attendance to the meeting.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A Motion was made by Beatriz Perez and seconded by Kate Shingledecker to accept the February minutes as presented.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Fundraisers: *Little Lambs Cookie Dough Sale* products will be delivered on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Parent volunteers are needed to sort and label items for students. Ramona will send an email to parents with date and time specifics.

*Chipotle Give-Back Night* has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 29 from 5-10pm. Families are encouraged to participate as we will receive 50% of sales back to the band general account. Ramona will forward the event flyer to all families.

*Italian Dinner and Silent Auction* – Ramona confirmed the event date of Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. WTD band, Independence and Duncan Middle Schools as well as a guard performance will be done during the dinner and auction time.

As a reminder, all dinner ticket sales will go into the Band General Fund Account and sales from Auction Items go to individual student accounts. Students and parents should begin soliciting for Auction Items. All money raised will go towards the students fair share account or can be used to make the final payment for the Nashville Trip. The Donation Information Letter has been updated and posted on the Band Website and should be printed and taken to the business. A form must accompany all auction items in order for each student to receive credit.

Ramona discussed the organization of the event as follows:

Decorating: Patrice Best and Keisha Joseph.

- Susan Knight has decorations and will deliver them to the band room the week prior.
- Patrice suggested we make some decorations to be used at the event and in the future, a Parent Night Out event. Need volunteer to plan.

Food: Mary Vadas and Robert Fry

- Cory, Chef and former student, will be at the school at 2pm to begin prep and cooking
- Food will consist of pasta, salad, bread, cheese/crackers, fruit, desserts and drinks.
- Food donations from Carrabba's Italian Grill and CR Chicks are expected

Auction: Kate Shingledecker, with assistance from Irma Best, Wendy Jonker, Teresa VanMarter and Susan Knight

- Everyone was asked to bring in their auction items to Mr. Lamp as soon as possible. Email Kate or Susan with any items you plan to get so the Auction Listing can be updated.

- Susan will send an email via Charms regarding the auction and the current item listing.
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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Board Elections: Ramona discussed that a new board is selected in April and voted on in May. Nominations will be distributed so everyone is encouraged to attend and participate. All board positions will be open for next year, President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary as well as Photographer and Football Program Coordinator. Ramona asked for volunteers to fill the positions. Volunteers were: Kate Shingledecker, Secretary and Melissa Bachmann, Treasurer. Everyone was encouraged to consider a position on the board.

Patrice Best volunteered to coordinate the nominations, tally the votes and announce the new board at the May Dinner Meeting at Duffy's on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Lamp discussed the following upcoming events:

Nashville Band Trip: The trip is scheduled for 4/20 – 4/23 and the final payment is due to Mr. at this time. Students can utilize the upcoming fundraisers to help pay for it if necessary and should notify Mr. Lamp if doing so. Ramona will be forwarding an updated copy of the trip itinerary to all participating families.

State Band Performances: Jazz Band State Performance will be held on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. This is a full day trip, 2-3 chaperones are needed. Students will report to the band room in the morning wearing their performance attire, bring money for drinks/food throughout the day. Chaperone sign-ups will be in Charms.

Concert Band State Performance is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at Broward College in Davie. Students should report to the band room in their performance attire immediately after school. Bring money for drinks/food. 6-8 chaperones will be needed and sign-ups will be available in Charms.

Annual Band Banquet: Will be held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge, Palm Beach Gardens from 6:00-10:00pm. Tickets will be \$25 per person. Parents were reminded that this is a school event and no one will be allowed in the bar area of the lodge.

Spring Concert: The concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. Family and friends are welcome to attend this final concert.

Mini-Band Camp: Band Camp for incoming freshman students will be held on Thursday and Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Flyers will be sent to the middle school band directors. Students are expected to be in attendance for this event and welcome the incoming freshman.

Graduation: Jazz Band plays at graduation Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at noon. Students will leave from the school – time TBA. Performance attire is to be worn.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

There was no report this month. Ramona commented that our fundraisers have been very successful this year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further discussion required, a motion was made by Patrice Best and seconded by Robert Fry to adjourn the meeting. R. Waddell adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

**WILLIAM T. DWYER BAND PARENT BOOSTER MEETING**  
**Thursday, February 16, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Ramona Waddell, President, at 6:30 pm. She welcomed everyone in attendance to the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A Motion was made by Patrice Best and seconded by Robert Frye to accept the January minutes as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Fundraisers: The *Little Lambs Cookie Dough Sale* has been extended to Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. At that time, all order forms and money is due to Mr. Lamp. Ramona reminded everyone that 50% of sale will go towards student fair share. Money can be used towards the cost of the Nashville trip.

*Italian Dinner and Silent Auction* – Ramona confirmed the event date of Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Our band as well as Independence and Duncan Middle Schools will perform during the dinner and auction time.

All dinner ticket sales will go into the Band General Fund Account and sales from Auction Items go to individual student accounts. Students and parents should begin soliciting for Auction Items. All money raised will go towards the students fair share account or can be used to make the final payment for the Nashville Trip. The Donation Information Letter has been updated and posted on the Band Website. All students should take a copy of the letter with them as they solicit for donations.

Ramona discussed the need for volunteers in the following areas: Decorating, Food and Auction. Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. The students will also be involved when not performing.

Ramona requested a volunteer coordinator for each area and the following parents stepped up:

Decorating: Patrice Best and Keisha Joseph

Food: Mary Vadas and Robert Frye

Auction: Kate Shingledecker, with assistance from Irma Best, Wendy Jonker and Teresa VanMarter



## **NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business at this time.

## **BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Lamp discussed the following upcoming events:

Concert Band Evaluations: Scheduled for Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:40 pm, Wellington High School. Parent volunteers, 7-8, can sign-up in Charms. All parents are encouraged to come out to this event and watch the band perform as well as other area bands.

Middle School Concert Band Evaluations: We will be hosting the Middle School Concert Band Evaluations on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from approximately 3:30-6:30 pm. As hosts of this event, we will provide food to students, judges and directors and need volunteers to sell, serve and provide directions, etc. to those visiting.

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## **BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT cont.:**

Nashville Band Trip: Final payment is due to Mr. Lamp by next week. If students do not pay, the trip may not happen. Students can utilize the upcoming fundraisers to help pay for it if necessary and should notify Mr. Lamp if doing so.

Annual Band Banquet: Our Annual Band Banquet, for all students and parents, will be held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge, Palm Beach Gardens from 6:00-10:00pm. Tickets will be approximately \$25 per person. Parents were reminded that this is a school event and no one will be allowed in the bar area of the lodge.

Big Band Concert: Mr. Lamp discussed the upcoming local musicians Big Band Concert on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, Eissey Theater, Palm Beach Gardens. He will be performing in the band and can get free tickets for anyone wishing to attend. Email or tell him how many tickets you need. Ramona encouraged everyone to support Mr. Lamp by going to the concert.

Jazz Band and Solo/Ensemble News: The Jazz Band having received a Superior Rating at their evaluation will performing at the State Level on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Details to follow. In addition, any student(s) who received a Superior rating on a grade 5 or higher concert music, will also attend the State Evaluation. Details to follow for those qualified students.

Winter Guard Competitions: The Winter Guard Competition Season has begun. The team is practicing 2 days per week and looking forward to performing again in 2 weeks in Broward County. Jupiter High School will host the Championships on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Also, Mr. Lamp discussed that Winter Guard teams throughout our school district are looking at an alternative organization to compete with next year. The South Florida Winter Guard Association (SFWGA) has become very expensive, \$600 to enter one competition. He will provide details early next school year when a decision has been made.

## **TREASURER REPORT:**

There was no report this month.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further discussion required, a motion was passed by Irma Best and seconded by Mary Vadas to adjourn the meeting. R. Waddell adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

**\*Next meeting Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 6:30 pm  
in the Band Room\***

**WILLIAM T. DWYER BAND PARENT BOOSTER MEETING  
Thursday, January 19, 2017**

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Ramona Waddell, President, at 6:35 pm. She welcomed everyone in attendance to the meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A Motion was made by Mary Vadas and seconded by Diane Bennett to accept the December minutes as presented.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Winter Guard Event: Mr. Lamp informed the group that we will not host the Winter Guard event on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Not only is there a conflict with the Solo/Ensemble Event we are hosting but the cost is too high.

Fundraisers: Ramona provided information about a new fundraiser, *Little Lambs Cookie Dough Sale* that will be held from February 6-17<sup>th</sup>. 50% of sale will go towards student fair share. This is a good fundraiser for those students needing money for their account or the Nashville trip in April.

*Italian Dinner and Silent Auction* – Ramona will confirm the date of Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> with Mr. Lamp who is working with Independence and Duncan Middle Schools to confirm their performing. Volunteers will be needed to head up the Silent Auction, with assistance from senior parent Susan Knight, and the Dinner, with assistance from Ramona Waddell. We will be soliciting for donations for the food and Cory, former student and chef, will be contacted to see if he is willing to cook again this year.

As a major fundraiser, all dinner sales will go into the Band General Account and students who get auction items will receive all monies paid into their student accounts. Parents and students are encouraged to get out and solicit donations from local vendors such as restaurants, movie theaters, entertainment and other businesses.

Donation Information Letter will be updated and posted on the Band Website. All students should take a copy of the letter with them as they solicit for donations.

Solo Ensemble Event: The event will be held February 3-4, 2017. We will be hosting a few hundred students representing middle and high schools throughout the district. We will be providing dinner, breakfast and lunch for 50 judges and band directors. Ramona is working with several local businesses to solicit food donations for the judges/directors. Susan Knight will be in charge of set-up, serving and clean-up in the Media Center.

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**OLD BUSINESS cont:**

Solo/Ensemble Event cont: We will also request parking donations and sell snack foods and drinks. Parent volunteers are requested for all areas. Ramona passed around a list for parents to sign-up on. Students will be assigned an area to work in and shifts will be on both Friday afternoon/evening and Saturday morning/afternoon. All students should volunteer for at least one shift and community service hours will be awarded.

Helen Payne suggested we contact the ESE Department and see if they would like to sell popcorn at the event. Susan Knight will make contact and report back.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jazz Band Evaluation: The Jazz Band Evaluation will be held on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at Palm Beach Central High School. A parent has volunteered to pull the trailer. Mr. Lamp will be sending an email to all Jazz band students and parents with detail information regarding times and location to meet.

**BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Lamp discussed the following upcoming events:

Concert Band Evaluations: will be held at Wellington High School in March. Parent volunteers, 7-8, will be needed and a driver to pull the band trailer. All parents are encouraged to come out to this event and watch the band perform as well as other area bands.

Middle School Concert Band Evaluations: Scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> and/or 10<sup>th</sup> at Dwyer High School. As hosts of this event, we will provide food and need volunteers to sell, serve and provide directions, etc. to visiting students.

Nashville Band Trip: The itinerary has been provided at this meeting. All students should be paying on their balance and should utilize the upcoming fundraisers to help pay for it if necessary.

Annual Band Banquet: Our Annual Band Banquet, for all students and parents, will be held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge, Palm Beach Gardens. Details regarding price, time, etc. will follow at a later date.

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## **TREASURER REPORT:**

Helen Payne reported that our current bank balance is \$15,407.61. If you would like a detailed accounting of the balance and where the funds came from, please see Helen.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further discussion required, a motion was passed by Beatriz Perez and seconded by Helen Payne to adjourn the meeting. R. Waddell adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

**\*Next meeting Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 6:30 pm  
in the Band Room\***

**WILLIAM T. DWYER BAND PARENT BOOSTER MEETING  
Thursday, November 17, 2016**

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Ramona Waddell, President, at 6:10 pm. She welcomed everyone in attendance to the meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Kate Shingledecker and seconded by Patrice Best to accept the October minutes as presented.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### Fundraisers:

Poinsettia Sale was completed on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Delivery is expected on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Mary Vadas and Irma Best volunteered to be at the school to sort and distribute to the students.

Winter Concert: The Winter Concert will be held on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend, including family members and neighbors. Parents were asked to bring a dessert item to share following the concert. Desserts can be dropped off in the band room prior to 7:00pm.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction: The annual event is tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> in the cafeteria. IMS and Duncan Middle School bands will attend and perform with our students. Ramona will head up the Dinner but needs assistance and someone willing to take over the coordinator's position. Last year, Teresa Van Marter and Wendy Jonker worked with Susan Knight on the auction – she asked if they would be willing to co-coordinate the event this year.

Board Positions: Ramona reminded everyone in attendance that a few of the board positions will be open next year. Parents were encouraged to “shadow” the president, treasurer or secretary in consideration of running for a position when nominations are taken in March/April 2017.

## **BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Honors Band Event: Mr. Lamp discussed this event scheduled on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-10:00pm, auditions are from 6:00-9:30pm. Volunteers are needed to sell and serve food to the students in the cafeteria and set-up and serve food to the directors in the teacher's lounge. Ramona will be contacting Carrabba's for pricing on food for the directors. The school district will reimburse the band for the directors' meals.

Student meals will be pizza, chips and drinks. Helen Payne and Irma Best will sell the tickets needed to food. All other volunteers will work to serve and clean-up.

Solo & Ensemble Event: This event will be held on February 3-4, 2017. Mr. Lamp would like parents to grill and sell and serve food to the students. Directors/judges will be given a meal. Location will be determined. It will take many volunteers to work this event, including our students.

Ramona will be contacting the Band Booster President at John I. Leonard, where the event has previously been held, to discuss specifics of the event and what and how they have served food.

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IMS Event: On Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> band students will play at an event at IMS. Jupiter High School will also be playing. Students are to report to the band room in the morning and will be back to the school at approximately 1:00pm. Chaperones will be Irma Best and Helen Payne.

Nashville Trip: The Nashville trip is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Jazz and Concert band will be performing as well as attending workshops. Students will visit many local sites and go to a performance at the Grand Old Opry.

Total amount for the trip is \$560 per student. A deposit of \$60 is due to secure a spot on the trip. Four chaperones will also be going and their cost is included in the student price. After the deposit, payments will be due as follows: December 15<sup>th</sup> \$125, January 15<sup>th</sup> \$125 and February 15<sup>th</sup> \$125, final payment. Any student wishing to use a credit amount from their fair share account must talk with Helen Payne as soon as possible.

Parents asked if it is possible to pay for the trip with a credit card. Helen will contact the school bookkeeper within the week to get the payment plan set-up on line.

## **TREASURER REPORT:**

Helen Payne reported that our current bank balance is \$34,336.31. Fair share money earned from the concession booth and program sales will be finalized and posted to student fair share accounts. If there are any questions regarding those credits, please contact Helen Payne.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further discussion required, a motion was by Chris Reinhardt and seconded by Diane Bennett to adjourn the meeting. R. Waddell adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

**\*Next meeting Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**  
**at**  
**Duffy's, PGA Blvd/US Highway 1 (private room upstairs)**  
**Everyone is invited to attend this social gathering to celebrate the holidays!**  
*\*\*There will be a short business meeting*

**WILLIAM T. DWYER BAND PARENT BOOSTER MEETING**  
**Thursday, October 20, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Ramona Waddell, President, at 6:40 pm. She welcomed everyone in attendance to the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Diane Bennett and seconded by Heidi Kiselewski to accept the September meetings as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Marching Competitions:

Ramona discussed Saturday's, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Marching Band Evaluation at Palm Beach Central High School. Student report time is 1:00pm, 3:30pm trailer and buses will be loaded, evaluation time is 6:45pm. Students should eat before arriving and bring money to purchase dinner after their evaluation.

Upcoming dates:

November 4<sup>th</sup> – Away game at Atlantic High School. Mr. Lamp has said he will take the band to perform at this final regular season game.

November 11<sup>th</sup> – possible Quarter Final Home Play-off game. Susan Knight will confirm the date and put volunteer positions into Charms.

Fundraisers:

Cheesecake/Sweet Sale: Sale has ended. 6-8 parent volunteers will be needed to sort and distribute the items to students. Exact date to be determined but it is estimated to be early November. Ramona will contact interested parents with additional information.

Poinsettia Sale will be held October 31<sup>st</sup> – November 11<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will benefit the Band's General Fund Account. Delivery of the plants are expect the first week of December and 6 parent volunteers will be needed to sort and distribute.

Fundraising ideas for the rest of the school year:

Ramona discussed the Annual Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction that is held in the spring of each year. Money is needed to purchase some items and to pay Chef Cory, former Dwyer student, for his time and effort in helping with meal preparation.

Additional ideas for fundraisers are car washes, Bowling Event at Jupiter Lanes or restaurant give-backs: David Best is working with the owner of the Hurricane Café, US Hwy 1/Donald Ross Rd to schedule a give back night. He will follow-up and notify Helen Payne of the date so she can submit the request to the school's bookkeeper. Kate Shingledecker also suggested that families donate \$5-20 avoiding the need for an additional fundraiser that requires volunteers and time. Bill Waddell suggested a family fun/picnic day which would include a horseshow or corn-hole tournament where you play to pay and money raised would be given to the band.

Ramona will offer these and other fundraising ideas to all band families.

Band Hoodie Orders:

An additional order for Student Hoodies has been placed. Ramona will notify the families of the delivery date.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>: Middle School Honor Band Jazz Rehearsal will be held at Dwyer. One or two parents are needed to distribute lunches to the students. We are serving Chick-Fil-A sandwiches, chips, cookies and a drink for \$8 per student. Order forms will be sent to the schools and returned to Ramona by Thursday, October 27, 2016 to place the order. Susan Knight and Diane Bennett volunteered to be at the school.

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>: Winter Band Concert beginning at 7:00pm in the auditorium. Everyone was encouraged to attend, including all family members. Desserts and drinks will be served in the band room following the concert. Parents are asked to bring a dessert to share.

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>: Honor Band Auditions will be held at Dwyer from 6-9:30pm. Expected attendance is 500-600 students from all over the school district. We will be serving pizza, drinks, chips and snacks during the event and will need 12-13 parent volunteers to assist. Students will also be involved providing directions, room assignments, etc.

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: The December Band Parent Meeting will be held at Duffy's on PGA/US1 beginning at 6:30pm. This annual dinner out is for parents and students and provides an opportunity to have fun and celebrate a successful marching season.

February 2017: Solo and Ensemble event will be held at Dwyer. We will discuss this event and volunteer needs at the November meeting.

**BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

No Director's Report was given this month.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Helen Payne reported that our current bank balance is \$12,450.09. The Coupon Book Sale raised \$6,375. And the Cheesecake/Sweet Sale raised \$7,686. toward student accounts.

Our Fundraising Campaign set up by Don Kiselewski through the We Are Dwyer Foundation has raised \$5,700 of our \$5,000 goal. Ramona thanked Don for his efforts to put this fundraiser on the foundation's website. Money raised will be used to repair and replace equipment, provide instructors and music.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further discussion required, a motion was by Beatriz Perez and seconded by Kate Shingledecker to adjourn the meeting. R. Waddell adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

**\*Next meeting Thursday, November 17th at 6:30 pm in the Band Room\***

**WILLIAM T. DWYER BAND PARENT BOOSTER MEETING  
Thursday, September 15, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Susan Knight, Secretary at 6:30 pm. Ramona Waddell, President welcomed everyone in attendance to the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Keisha Joseph and seconded by Mary Vadas to accept the August meetings as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Marching Competitions:

Ramona discussed the three marching competitions scheduled for this year on October 8, 15 and 22. Parents are needed to chaperone on the bus and assist with getting the props and equipment on the field. Approximately 20 parents will be needed for each competition and sign-ups will be into Charms. Everyone was encouraged to participate and attend the events to support the students and Mr. Lamp.

The first competition on Oct 8<sup>th</sup> is in Merritt Island, a 2 hour drive north. We perform at 4:00pm, awards will be held at 9:00pm and students will board the bus around 10:00pm to travel home. Homecoming is that week and the dance is that evening. Any student wanting to attend the dance should let Mr. Lamp know. He asks that they perform in the competition and will be able to leave by 4:30pm to return home. The dance starts at 8:00pm.

A parent who can drive the equipment trailer is needed for Oct 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Curtis Knight will drive on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>. Any parent willing and able should talk to Ramona or sign-up in Charms. The Oct 15<sup>th</sup> competition will be held at John I. Leonard HS, time to be determined and on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> Marching Band Evaluations will be held at Palm Beach Central HS, time to be determined.

Ramona also discussed that only a certain number of free tickets are given to each band for their chaperones and that others will need to purchase tickets. Melissa Bachmann suggested that the additional tickets be purchased and the amount be divided by the number of parents in attendance, making the cost fair for all. The board agreed and Ramona will pass that on to Mr. Lamp. Cost of tickets to a competition or the evaluation is generally in the \$10 range.

This Thursday night parents who plan to chaperone the competitions should meet on the field at 6:00pm to practice with the on-field props. Everyone is encouraged to attend even if not attending all the competitions.

Fundraisers:

Our second fundraiser, Cheesecake/Sweet sale done in conjunction with the Chorus, begins today and will run through Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Students will need to turn in their orders and payments by Friday, Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. All orders are submitted together and the products are delivered the end of October/early November.



Kate Shingledecker volunteered to enter all the Cheesecake sales on a spreadsheet that will be given to Mrs. Varnador, Chorus Director, for submission to the company. Ramona will send an email asking for volunteers to assist with filling the orders when shipment is received.

Poinsettia Sale will be held October 31<sup>st</sup> – November 11<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will benefit the Band's General Fund Account. Plants are in 8" and 10" pots and come in a variety of colors. They will be delivered in time for the Thanksgiving break.

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### Fundraisers cont.:

A Garage Sale is planned for Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ramona asked if a family who live in the Heights would be willing to "host" the sale – basically we need your driveway and front lawn space. This has been a good fundraiser in the past which benefits the food costs for the Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction held in the spring. Anyone interested and willing to host the sale should contact Ramona.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### Park Bench for Color Guard:

Ramona discussed that the park bench needed by the Color Guard for the competition show has been purchased and will be put together. She thanked all the parents who donated money to purchase the bench.

#### Hurricane Café Fundraiser:

David Best discussed that the manager at Hurricane Café, US 1 and Donald Ross Road, is willing to host a Give Back night where 20% of the sales will be given to the band. Ramona will further discuss with David and set-up a date for the event. Parents were encouraged to come up with fundraising ideas to benefit both the students and the Band General Account.

#### Band Website:

Kate Shingledecker took on the challenge to update the band website and has done a great job. The new look will be launched tonight and parents and students are encouraged to go on-line and look at all the information. Kate has posted the new photos, upcoming events, Charms website and Facebook link and the calendar. New tabs make it easy for everyone to locate what they are looking for. Ramona thanked Kate for her hard work on our new site.

#### Band Hoodie Orders:

Ramona is ready to place another order for Student Hoodies. Each costs \$40 and is \$8 to add the student name. At this time, she needs 2 additional orders to place an order at the cost listed. Anyone interested should see her as soon as possible.

### **BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

#### Marching Band General:

Mr. Lamp discussed with the parents that the students are doing very well with their marching, music and overall command of their performance show. He is proud of the students and appreciate the parent support so far this year. Also discussed is the remaining home football games – 2 in September and 2 in October. There may be a quarter-final/semi-final home game depending on how the team finishes the season.

Competitions:

Mr. Lamp further discussed the upcoming Marching Competitions, what the students and parents can expect, and the need for parent support before and during the competitions. He understands that the first competition is also the Homecoming Dance. Any student wanting to attend the dance can however they will need a parent to drive them home from Merritt Island that day. The band performs at 4:00pm and will be done by 4:30 for the student to leave. Any student wishing to go needs to provide a letter signed by their parent, that they are going and will be picked up.

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Honors Band Event:

Will be at Dwyer on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for us to host the event, make some money from food sales and listen to students from around the county play. Ramona indicated that we plan to sell pizza, Chick-filet, snacks, drinks and desserts. Parent volunteers will be needed for this event.

Spring Trip:

A competition trip to Nashville, TN is being planned for the Spring, April 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lamp will notify us of the dates when it has been approved by administration. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$600. Chaperones will be needed for the trip. Watch for details in the coming months.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Helen Payne reported that our current bank balance is \$16,156.70. The Coupon Sale raised \$6,000 towards student accounts. Football Ads in the program made \$3,800.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further discussion required, a motion was by Melissa Bachmann and seconded by Mary Vadas to adjourn the meeting. R. Waddell adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

**\*Next meeting Thursday, October 20th at 6:30 pm in the Band Room\***

**WILLIAM T. DWYER BAND PARENT BOOSTER MEETING  
Thursday, August 18, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Susan Knight, Secretary at 6:35 pm. Ramona Waddell, President introduced herself and the current board members. Parents in attendance introduced themselves and were welcomed to the new school and band year.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Helen Payne requested a correction to the minutes of the May 27, 2016 meeting:  
Under New Business cont.: Chris (correct name spelling) Reinhardt spoke about the band website.....

With no other changes, a motion was made by Don Kiselewski to approve the minutes and seconded by Kate Shingledecker. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

CHARMS OFFICE:

Ramona Waddell discussed the Charms Website as the place for parents to view the band calendar, sign up to volunteer for various activities such as football games, competitions and trip chaperones, and to see family financials. Mr. Lamp put the website up on the board for all parents to see the calendar, volunteer and financial sections. It was noted that Helen Payne, Treasurer sends financial reports via email each month. If parents have questions regarding their balance, they are to contact Helen.

FOOTBALL GAMES:

Volunteer positions available during home football games were discussed. Susan Knight talked about the positions that money is earned towards a student's fair share: concession work and program/souvenir sales. All money raised throughout the season is divided amongst the number of people who worked and at the end of the season money is credited to each student's account. Parents were asked to sign up for a MAXIMUM of 2 (per family) positions that earn dollars. If there is an open spot on the Wednesday evening prior to a home game, then a parent can sign up for that spot, even if they have already completed the 2 shifts.

Mr. Lamp discussed that parents also needed in the band room prior to the game to assist students in getting ready, getting water supplies and the drum major stand out and set up in the stands. All positions are posted on the Charms Website and parents are encouraged to get involved and sign up.

Ramona is looking for parents to take on the coordinator role for setting up the drum major stand and getting water ready for the game. Curtis Knight and Bill Waddell are co-coordinators for the Grill/Concession Stand work and Susan Knight works with the Cheer and Football Parents to count and distribute money raised at the end of each game.

Everyone was encouraged to volunteer as often as possible and get involved in band activities as much as they can.

MARCHING COMPETITIONS:

We have three marching competitions scheduled this year on October 8, 15 and 22. Parents will be needed to chaperone, assist with set up on the field and a parent to pull the equipment trailer. Curtis Knight will pull the trailer to the 10/15 competition.

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**NEW BUSINESS cont.:**

MARCHING COMPETITIONS cont.:

Mr. Lamp discussed that this year we will be designing and building field back drops which are used during the competitions. A meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the band room. Anyone interested in meeting, working and building with other parents should attend this meeting – no prior building experience is necessary!

FUNDRAISERS:

Helen Payne discussed that throughout the year the band holds a variety of fundraisers for the students and parents to raise money towards their fair share payments. Our first fundraiser, selling Enjoy the City Coupon Books, will run from Monday, 8/29 – Friday, 9/9. The books will sell for \$25 this year with \$10 going to the student account and \$2.50 going to the band general account. At the home football game on 9/9 any remaining books will be sold at the game and all proceeds will benefit the band account.

Helen will talk to the students and distribute books to students on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> during the band period. Each student will be given 1 book and an order form to take home and use to sell the books. Students are to turn in their money before receiving the books. The sample book, if returned, must be in excellent condition or the student's account will be charged. Books cannot be returned if they are not in new/perfect condition.

Ramona will send a link to parents to view the new coupon book.

The second fundraiser is our Cheesecake/Sweet sale done in conjunction with the Chorus. This sale will run from Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. An item book is given to students and they take orders and payment. All orders are submitted together and the products are delivered the end of October/early November. A product representative will be in class to go over the details of the sale and encourage students to participate.

Ramona asked for a parent volunteer who could enter all the Cheesecake sales on a spreadsheet that is given to Mrs. Varnador, Chorus Director, for submission to the company. This parent would also need to coordinate parents to help sort and distribute the items once received. Ramona will send an email asking for volunteers to assist with this fundraiser.

Both of these fundraisers have been very successful in the past for our band families.

### **BAND DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Mr. Lamp again welcomed everyone to the meeting. He discussed practices and what students need to be prepared. Also discussed the first scheduled trip, the FSU Game on Saturday, 9/10. The bus will leave Dwyer at 2:00am to arrive in Tallahassee mid-morning to watch the band's skull session, which is practice, and then to watch the game and band performance during half time. Game kick-off time is 12:30 pm. A hotel has been reserved for the evening and the approximate time home will be 6:00pm on Sunday. Students and chaperones are to bring money for lunches and dinners on the trip. A free breakfast is served at the hotel on Sunday morning. Students are expected to act appropriately and represent the band and Dwyer High School accordingly.

Our first home Varsity football game is Friday, 9/9. Students will play during this game and perform on the field during half time. Parents are reminded to sign-up in Charms to volunteer for any open positions. All parents are encouraged to attend the home games.

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### **BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT cont.:**

We will be hosting a few events this school year, starting with Honor Band Competition in December. Solo/Ensemble will be in February and the Jazz Band Competition is expected in March. We will be discussing these events in the coming months and will need many parents to volunteer to coordinate, work and support these events.

Ramona discussed that this coming Monday, 8/22, the We Are Dwyer Foundation in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Meet the Principal event in our cafeteria beginning at 5:30 pm. All parents are encouraged to come out and meet our new principal, Mr. DePasquale. Students are also invited to attend.

### **TREASURER REPORT:**

Helen Payne reported that our current bank balance is \$19,190.47. For the past few years we have been working toward setting up a separate fund for future equipment needs and Helen announced that we were able to do so this year with a starting balance of \$2,500.

As a reminder, Marching Band Fair Share is \$430 and Color Guard is \$530. The balance is divided into four payments with the first payment already due. Any parent who needs to set up a payment plan or discuss the fees should contact Helen. In addition, Helen has been working with Connie, the school treasurer, to set-up credit card payments through the Edline system. This should be done soon and payments in increments of \$20 or \$25 will be accepted.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further discussion required, a motion was by Chris Reinhardt and seconded by Curtis Knight to adjourn the meeting. R. Waddell adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

\*Next meeting Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Band Room