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Band Booster Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2020

1. Call to Order

- President Ruth O'Donnell welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting. She thanked everyone for their kind words and flexibility this season. She also mentioned that weekday practices will now end at 8:00pm for the remainder of the season.

2. Treasurer Report

- Lori MacDonald, Treasurer, shared the current budget with those in attendance and explained how it has changed over the past few months due to the season and show changes. She also gave an update on the band's checking account and which expenses still needed to be paid. She reported that the Disney Trip refunds will be processed soon and thanked everyone for their patience.
- Lori also stated that due to the lack of fundraisers, concession stand income, and the craft show concessions, upcoming programs are going to have to fund themselves until we have more fundraisers in place.
- Ruth thanked Lori for all of her hard work in coordinating the budget and Disney reimbursements.

3. Senior Night Activities

- Ruth reported that the details for this evening are still in process. Each band member will be allowed to purchase two tickets to the football game. Band seniors will participate in the ceremonies and the band will play their halftime show after the game ends.

4. History Day – October 17

- This event will be held at Adams Park at 1:00pm. Senior band member families are hosting the event. Pizza, snacks, etc. will be available. Masks must be worn by all.

5. Family & Friends Event – October 24

- Sign-ups for this event will be sent out soon. The band will play show tunes, the full show, then introduce the seniors. There will be a goodwill offering at the two shows.

6. Disney Trip Cancellation Decision

- Ruth stated that this trip was approved for February 2021, but the dates chosen were the week after the Super Bowl is being held in Tampa Bay. Prices for hotels, etc. were much higher due to this event. After much deliberation, Dave Soose and Jennifer Kennedy decided to unfortunately cancel the trip completely due to this conflict and the ongoing



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travel restrictions and challenges. There will be no Disney trip planned for next year, but possibly the year after. A non-school related Disney trip is being considered by some band families in the summer. More information on this trip will be communicated when available.

7. Fundraisers

- The popcorn fundraiser is in process now. Questions can be directed to Danielle Mannella.
- Harvey Valley Farms (Carly King's family) has offered to let the band have a fundraiser during their fall festival on October 25. Dave Soose is coordinating the sign ups with the students. Aaron Wagner's band will also be performing for an evening concert and the proceeds of those tickets (\$10/each) will benefit the band.

8. Indoor Percussion Season

- The parent information meeting will be scheduled soon, and sign-ups are in place for the students who are interested in participating in the program. The season may start with virtual performances with the hope of live shows at some point. We may reuse the uniforms and floor from last year as well to save costs. No student travel is allowed at this time, so we will update everyone if the situation changes. Students and the Boosters will have to fund the program more this year due to the lack of fundraising during the marching band season.

9. Adjournment

- Ruth thanked everyone for participating and adjourned the meeting.

Band Booster Officers

Ruth O'Donnell, President

Danielle Mannella, VP One, Fundraising

Lisa Kumpfmiller, VP Two, Uniforms and Chaperones

Lori MacDonald, Treasurer

Kim Cannon, Secretary

Due to the nature of the video/virtual meeting, we were unable to capture all parents who attended. Approximately 15 participants were in attendance.