

Naples High School Band Boosters Board 2023-2024

March 4th, 2024 Naples High School Band Room

Agenda Items

I. Welcome

Joy Zellers Rautenkranz

Meeting called to order at 6:04.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Joy Zellers Rautenkranz; Corinne Strubel; Dina Moon; Nicolle Medina; Kristen Sonneborn; Jessica Ryon; Beth Finn; Maria Chu; DeAnna Bickford

Guests: Sebastian Villacis, Director; Martha Castano; Nayrove Olivas

Absent: Erin Devers

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

Joy Zellers Rautenkranz

1st motion: Corinne; 2nd motion: Maria (Passed unanimously)

III. Band Director Update

Director Villacis

We need a trailer puller for MPA at GCHS on Friday. Mr. V. wants to bring the wardrobe carts in the trailer so all students can return their uniforms before spring break. Band members who will be riding the bus back have to wait at GCHS until 5:30 due to a district busing shortage. Alternatively, students can find their own transportation, meet at GCHS at 10:30 and can leave at 3:00. He would like booster volunteers to help monitor meals and sugar intake. Joy said we need 8 parents, especially because she received a call from GCHS staff at pre-MPA letting her know that our students were being disrespectful of Mr. V., and that their behavior was embarrassing. There was screaming, yelling, and arguing. We discussed consequences, and how to communicate the bad behavior to parents. DeAnna suggested putting something on the field trip permission slips about Mr. V.'s "no sugar" rule. Jessica said band leadership should be helping monitor band behavior. Kristen said she would add it to a Cuttime email.

March 20th is State Solo and Ensemble. Any individual or ensemble (band or guard) who received a superior at District Solo and Ensemble, as well as our jazz band, will compete in Palm Beach. Call time 5:45 a.m. with return at 9 p.m.

Joy said we need to send out staff contracts for pre-season band camp very soon. Also, Joy is meeting tomorrow with Mr. V. and Cindy Mogelvang regarding the budget for next year. On April 9th we will have a mandatory meeting for rising 9th graders, returning underclassmen, and parents. We will distribute a forms packet, and collect a \$100 spot deposit. Information about the Georgia trip will also go out. On May 7th they return their forms and pay a trip deposit. Joy priced out buses. 3 days to GA = \$10,000. Mr. V. said the band's application has been sent.

This Thursday, Mrs. McGuire will be absent at practice. We need a substitute coach because Joy and Mr. V. will be at a meeting to finalize samples for our new uniforms. Nicolle will cover.

III. Band Director Update (continued)

We are in need of volunteers for the St. Patrick's Parade. Nicolle talked to the owner of a new Irish Pub near the Pavilion who would be interested in donating t-shirts, or donating towards the shirts, with their logo on the back. Attire will be khaki shorts, green t-shirt, black or green socks, and vipers. Guard can wear dance shoes. St. Patrick's Day-themed accessories are allowed. 8:30 a.m. call time. Bus will arrive at 9:30. Parade starts at 11:00. We will return to school by 1:00. Attendance is required.

IV. Financials

Joy Zellers Rautenkranz

Operating: \$23,132.92

Reserves: \$133,299.06

Joy asked for names of friends/parents who would be willing to take over as Treasurer. Joy prepared us for the fact that we may need up to \$70,000 for our portion of the new uniforms. Joy recommended we vote to move the funds in our Reserves account at 1st Foundation Bank of Naples from a traditional savings account earning 1% interest to a money market account at the current interest rate of 4.65% annually. If we hold an average \$130,000 in the account, we will earn more interest. 1st motion: Maria, 2nd motion: Jessica (Passed unanimously.) Once our money is transferred to the new account, we will close our previous one. There is no penalty. Those with account access are the President, Treasurer, and signer (Corinne).

Three new Zettles are here, attached to the account, and ready to go. Joy wrote a draft letter to the person who currently controls our PayPal account who has not turned it over to our current Board leadership, asking her to relinquish control by 3/18/24 or threatened legal action. A second option would be to open a new band PayPal account, add it to the website on our own, and not use the old one. Jessica suggested we try opening the new PayPal, and then if there are still problems, we can send the letter/threaten legal action. 1st motion: Corinne; 2nd: Maria. (Passed Unanimously.) At some point we may need to change our website domain name as well. Jessica suggested NaplesGoldenEagleBand.com. Maria said we should try to get all remaining similar domain names as well.

For next year's budget, all Fair Share balances will be kept on a spreadsheet, not in Cuttime or Quickbooks. We will put \$300 non-refundable payment for each student in our budget, but the remaining \$300 income could vary depending on student/parent volunteer hours.

V. Concessions

Beth Finn/Jessica Ryon

Eagle Invitational: Volunteers were very helpful. It was a lot smaller event than we expected. Instead of 15 schools, we only had 6 (including NHS). Since we purchased a lot of food, the extra will move over to the Spring Football Game. The total concessions income for February was \$3,511.71 (including lacrosse and soccer). One of the refrigerator doors is broken. Jessica is going to ask Ms. Barone if we have money in the budget for a new fridge or new propane burner. Joy is going to propose they update concessions with A/C (splits). There was discussion on if that would trigger bringing electrical up to code. Joy said she knows we would have to put in glass windows and new ventilation to get rid of smoke from grill.

VI. Volunteer

Joy Zellers Rautenkranz

Erin Devers will not continue with board meetings due to her mother in law's serious illness, and her job with the Senator. Joy said that next year, all concessions workers need to be Level 1 volunteers, cleared with a driver's license through the front office. This is a change back to what was required previously. Jessica offered to total up the final concessions hours in the log book and make a spreadsheet to tabulate Fair Share hours before the mid-march cut-off. Kristen brought in the volunteer log from Rhythm and Blues. Jessica will add those hours too.

There was discussion about how students earn their band letter this year. The point system in the old handbook doesn't work. Mr. V. needs to revise it for next year. In the meantime, various options were discussed. Mr. V. will ultimately have final say, but to qualify for consideration this year, underclassmen will need to fully pay or work off their Fair Share. In addition, they participated in Solo and Ensemble, volunteered at SWFL Music Games and Rhythm and Blues, plus volunteered 4 additional hours in either concessions or band activities. The student must also maintain good grades and attendance. Seniors automatically get a letter.

Joy mentioned that in addition to letters, she and Kristen ordered the band awards that are given annually by the director and hang in the hallway outside the band room. The winners' names will be engraved on the small plates attached to each plaque. There was discussion about moving the date and/or location of the spring band banquet. It is scheduled for May 18th in the cafeteria. Mr. V. had reserved it, but he would also like to move the location to a restaurant or other venue. In the end, the date could not be moved due to outside scheduling conflicts affecting several students and parents. DeAnna suggested we move the location to Moorings Presbyterian Church. Kristen asked if the cafeteria had been reserved just in case. Joy asked what had been done for food in the past. Kristen said it was potluck by class (seniors bring a dessert, juniors bring a side, etc.) and that the band director grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. Leftover sodas from concessions are used for beverages. Jessica is going to find out when the spring football game is because she needs the food/drinks for that first. Joy suggested she contact Cracker Barrel who catered Senior Night. All agreed that would be a welcome relief from the same hamburgers and hot dogs we eat at games. There was discussion about cost and what we would charge per ticket. We decided \$7 per person, 4 tickets for \$25.

VII. Fundraising Update

Dina Moon

We can do a Chipotle spirit day in June. She will try to get multiple dates, at least one during pre-season band camp on June 3.

VIII. Open/New Items

a. Bylaws amendments in red were discussed. Motion to approve: 1st Corinne; 2nd DeAnna (Passed unanimously.) Dina made several other suggestions before bylaws go out to the booster membership for a vote. There was a question regarding the word "quorum" and whether to add to "electronic communication (email)" to Section 2.05. After a discussion, all agreed that quorum would remain unchanged, but that Section 2.05 would be amended to include email. Kristen will revise the Bylaws again and send out to membership.

VIII. Open/New Items (continued)

b. Joy spoke to Mr. Chu this week. He has agreed to continue with the band's website until we transition to a new person.

c. New Business: Corinne said she spoke with a woman who represents Club Pelican Bay and who is in charge of their Kentucky Derby festivities on May 4. They would like a trumpeter for the call to post, as well as a jazz band performance beforehand.

On April 7, the jazz band was asked to perform at Artis-Naples for the Golden Apple Teacher awards. Call time is 3:30; On April 11: Naples Yacht club YPO anniversary (drum line only) 5 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:24 p.m.

1st motion: Dina; 2nd DeAnna motion: (Passed unanimously)

Next Board meeting: Tuesday, April 2nd, 6:00 p.m., Band Room.