

Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2023

- 1. Called to order by Michelle Montana at 7:05 pm**
- 2. Welcome to New Families** – many new families! No round-the-room – too many people, but a brief game was played asking what families had seniors / newbies, etc.
- 3. Directors Reports:**
Jeff Hoffman:
 - Things are great, things are amazing!
 - Day 4 of Band Camp
 - o Having fun
 - o Kids are respectful
 - o Some are tired; seem to be eating a lot of the food that was served!
- 4. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting (6/8/23)**
 - Motion to approve – Pat Moran / Andrew Clarcq – Unanimously approved
- 5. Communications/Announcements (Michelle Montana)**
 - Spiritwear
 - o Store is already open – will close around 8/18 – 8/19
 - o Different vendor from Show Shirt (separate link)
 - Show Shirt
 - o Winning design by Audrey Moran
 - o White shirt with Aubrey's design
 - o Different vendor from Spiritwear (separate link)
 - o Will be available for Rainbow of Stars
 - o Store not open yet – will close around 8/18 – 8/19
 - General Request (Steve G.) – Please let me know if you are not getting emails, also let us know if you are not on Band App
 - Note this is no longer the annual meeting (which used to be in August). Annual meeting is now in June. Annual meeting has election of officer and budget vote.
 - Last day of Band Camp - tomorrow
 - o Watch kids perform show – starting at 6
 - o Parent Song – learn in the cafeteria – then will sing together on field
 - o Penny Wars – most money gets pie in the face – Julian is currently winning
 - o Done around 7:30 / 8:00 pm
 - Mini Band Camp – in 2 weeks (8/22 & 8/24)
 - o Dinner served – kids continue to learn routine and make adjustments
 - Rainbow of Stars
 - o Sign-up for slots
 - o 35 families have signed up so far
 - We know there are circumstance making it impossible for families to work – let EPFM officer know
 - o We are requesting one person from each family
 - o Must be a member to volunteer, as membership covers you with insurance
 - o Need lots of help – Concessions, Shout-outs, Parking, Pit Refreshments, Stadium Ropes
 - o Will not get to see your kids perform at ROS because you are working
 - Many opportunities to see show on future dates (mostly local)
 - o Will need band guides (9th through 12th graders that help other schools at show) – Merari

- Shout-out ads – due date tomorrow
 - Full-page, half-page, quarter-page ads – personal or business
- 100% profit for EPFM
- Program is printed free of charge by the district communications dept.
- ROS makes lots of money
- New price for admission tickets - \$10 advance / \$12 at door
 - Band conference gets cut from that
 - We have to be diligent about attendance numbers
- Schedule of performances is on agenda and was emailed

7. Committee Reports:

- **Treasurer's / Finance Committee Report** (Dan McInerney)
 - No report
 - Red Wings & Car Wash – successful fundraisers
 - September meeting – will present ROS results
- **Props Committee** (Andrew Clarcq)
 - Not a ton of work to do – in process of painting
 - Panels will be behind kids performing
 - 3 Panels – 1 cinema, 1 down a street and 1 hotel
 - Platform for soloists
 - Figuring out how to mount panels on new scaffolding
 - Platforms need to be moved onto field by crew
 - Don't know how many crew are needed yet
 - Look for email asking for pit crew helpers – hopefully they can do all shows
 - Crew is timed when we are on the field so it's important to know your prop
 - Crew has fun/eat – pizza/subs – pitch in \$5 – e.g. play corn hole
 - Crew gets in to show for free – do not get to see other schools generally, but have great view of our show
 - Crew packs and unpacks truck/trailers; Bring all sets onto field; load truck to go back to school and then unload at school at end of night
 - May need 20+ people
 - Could be helping front ensemble move their instruments
- **Bylaws Committee** (Pat Moran)
 - By-laws / Constitution – needed for organization
 - If changes are needed, approach Pat Moran
 - By-Laws changes made official last meeting
 - Calendar now starts in June – membership aligned with that
 - \$5 voting member – Current membership exp. 8/23, new memberships exp 6/24
- **Chaperones** (Merari Pacheco)
 - Get into show for free
 - 6 chaperones – 2 per bus
 - 2 backups for each show
 - All full – some backups available
 - Help out in many ways – “mom”, “nurse”, “counselor”
 - Kids should wear deodorant
 - Medical kits on each bus
 - Colorguard on their own bus – other buses split into band sections
 - Pit crew & Chaperones – dedicated parents – they will take care of your kids!
- **Membership** – no updates
- **Fundraising Committee** (Gretchen Clark)
 - Nothing new to report
 - Red Wings / Nickelback (both locations) – ongoing fundraisers

- o Red Wings – raises money for band and individual - \$20 for each volunteer
- o Spiritwear / ROS – other fundraisers

7. New Business

- Volunteering at ROS – can be long day
- We are doing a trip next year – small fee from students
- Shows – plan on this taking the whole day on Saturdays. Kids practice late morning, then head to show location, practice, perform, wait for results, and then arrive home.
- Shows - every weekend for eight weekends - all of Sept and Oct
- Rainbow of Stars (ROS) – upcoming on 9/9/23
 - o Parents to provide baked goods
 - o Volunteers park across street
 - o Candy grams will be \$2 – announcement should be made when they are closing
 - Candy grams can be purchased for Eastridge kids at other shows
- Shout outs (for program) - can be purchased from Andrea tonight
- Reviewed calendar for this year and determined that September & October meetings need to be moved one day prior
 - o Motion to approve date change – Sinclair Erenstone / Kelly Moroni – unanimously approved
- After ROS – tradition for kids go to Applebee's – ROS committee will call ahead
- Senior Photo Banners – parents do not have to pay for
- Kids can wear show shirt (white) under uniform at shows
- Parent breakfast before ROS
- EPFM.org website currently down – will be fixed ASAP
- Kids need to wear white shirt, socks, shorts under uniform at shows
- Kids should have money with them at shows (in case there is time for concessions)
- Banner carriers - currently we have two (Aria & Jackson - 3rd & 5th graders)
 - o Carry our banner - one carries the rifle
 - o Need a third banner carrier - one kid raised hand (Olivier Stam)

8. Old Business

- Nothing to report

9. Questions / Feedback / General Requests

- Thank you for making the pot luck a huge success!
- Parents were invited to check out the garage (see the props) and check out kids performing to see what they've learned.
- General Information – EPFM is organization to support music programs in East Irondequoit Central School District
 - o Support Musicals, scholarships, marching band, indoor percussion
 - o Largest percentage of it is Marching Band
 - o “EPFM is not just Marching Band”

Adjournment at 8:16 pm (Motion: Chris Haidvogel / Andy Clarcq – unanimously approved)

Respectfully Submitted, Steve Gullo

Thank you everyone for your attendance!!