

3.18.18 Irondale Band Boosters Band Parent Meeting Notes

Attendees: ML Wermager, Mikie Kivi, Andrea Grasse, Jeff Nordell, Sarah Nordell, Julie Stromberg, Stacey Okan, Bri Shaw, Tom Shaw, Amy Alberts-Raketich, Rosendo Lima, Kim Davis, Janie Hecht, Robin Breeden, Vincent Breeden, Chris Parks, Judy Marchiafava, Maren Hawkins, Alicia Graf, Ginna Pearson, Erin Seel, Paul Weber, Missy Yelton

Mattress Sale

- **Missy Yelton** presented an overview of upcoming Mattress Sale
 - *Video describing the program* - <https://youtu.be/NlrvOq6pRrY>
 - **IRONDALE BANDS MATTRESS SALE** - <https://www.facebook.com/events/374014419739102/>
 - **PROMOTION IS KEY!**
 - **Our goal is to get 100 people in the door** - can you help?
 - *NOW: Share FB event to all of your FB friends; promote on your favorite social media channels*
 - *NOW: Tell friends and family! Your kids get cash for each sale AND the band receives a portion of sales; hand out flyers to neighbors/friends; posters/flyers are available in band suite - can you post these around businesses you frequent?*
 - **NEXT MONDAY: PUT A LAWN SIGN IN YOUR YARD!** Signs available @ practice
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Director Updates

- Paul Weber updated parents about the season.
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Board Updates

- **President Update**
 - *Each year, MPA awards several scholarships for MPA students and eligible instructors going to college or marching junior drum corps. Applicants are evaluated on the basis of merit and need. **DUE APRIL 2.***
 - <http://www.minnesotapercussionassociation.org/index.php/mpa-resources/154-2018-scholarship-application.html>
 - *If you're aware of any other 'music' scholarships, please send to Erin and I will compile a list. president@irondalebands.org*
- **Treasurer Report**
 - Waiting on some expenses for WMOTK, but we are going to be down about \$3,000 due to the weather. Just a bit from concessions, but mostly ticket sales.
 - March dues invoices and shoe invoices have been sent out. If you've sent payments - thank you. If not, please send payment in, or turn into Gold Box.
 - A few folks have not turned in their earnings from the Super Bowl live.
 - We have donations coming in each week from folks who have used their work volunteer hours to help support our program, so that is awesome.
 - Q's - please email Tina at treasurer4ibb@gmail.com

Volunteer Needs

- NEEDS OPEN
 - Info Night Help!
 - Parent volunteers to help with sign in, staffing various stations etc.
 - Connect with Alicia Graf tonight, or post meeting.
 - Help us grow the band!
 - Golf Tourney/Fundraising
 - Be part of a committee to solicit businesses for hole sponsorship, donations and prizes. Work with Chris Elscot and Kathy Graf for planning and with the board to fit into the overall sponsorship plan. Email/contact Erin to help.
 - Business Sponsorship
 - *If anyone can help with this, we need someone who can lead this for 2018. It's an important program for the Boosters as we are engaging businesses in our community, and last year we raised over \$6,000! We'd like to meet that goal again in 2018. More info forthcoming!*
 - Semi-Trailer Driver (update)
 - *Working through options with Morrell.*
 - Grocery Bagging + Dine Outs (April forward)
 - *Judy suggested we communicate to parents how important fundraising events are to the band, and how much money they bring in. Also can we communicate duties better.*

Fundraising

- Grocery Bagging
 - March 25 at Northtown from 10am-6pm
 - <https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/volunteerR.asp?s=irondalehsb&v=4114502>
 - *Sarah noted we have a lot of help already from the color guard, however we **still need parent and student help for this event -- shifts are short, please take a few hours to help out!***
- Dine Out Events
 - Arden Hills Davanni's - Tues Mar 20 from 4-8; 20%
 - New Brighton Taco Johns - TBD
 - St Anthony Chipotle - TBD
- Mattress Sale
 - April 14, Same day as DL send off show
 - IHS Cafeteria
- **Drive4U - April 28th**, More info coming from Robin Breeden
- Scrip
- Swing Dance - May 5th, Irondale High School; Mark your calendar for a super fun evening!
- Golf Tourney - Working on July 14 date
- Superbowl Live -

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- Volunteers, please send payment if you are planning to donate your paycheck

Winter Program Update - Logistics

- Registration, Health Forms - no updates
- Rosters - emailed out several weeks ago
- Uniforms & Props - no updates
- Merchandise Orders - completed
- DL Show Shirts - delivered before spring break
- Season photos <https://sites.google.com/site/marchingknightsirondale/>
- Meals -
 - Drumline
 - Mar 24 - meal provided
 - Mar 31 - Food stop
 - Apr 7 - meal provided
 - Apr 14 - meal provided
 - Apr 18-22 - some food provided; kids provide ~ 4 meals
 - Color Guard
 - March 24 - meal provided
 - March 31 - ?
 - April 7 - meal provided
 - Apr 11-14 - meal plan TBD

Winter Program Update - Drumline and Color Guard

- Drumline
 - Transportation Logistics
 - Bussing to Dayton reserved
 - KEY DATES
 - February 17 - Henry Sibley
 - February 24 - WMOTK @ Irondale
 - March 3 - WGI Regional- Cokato
 - Prelim and Final
 - **March 24 - MPA Prelims- Burnsville**
 - **March 31- RCR Show- Champlin Park**
 - **April 3 - Marching Band Info/Reg Night**
 - **April 7- MPA Championship- St. Cloud**
 - **April 14 - WGI Send-Off Show**
 - **April 18-22 - WGI Championship- Dayton, OH**
 - **Drumline Banquet -- no date confirmed**
- Color Guard
 - Busses - reserved
 - Shows

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- January 27 - Premiere Show- Minnetonka High School
- February 3 - MBI Show- South St. Paul
- February 10 - Sauk Rapids
- February 24 - WMOTK @ Irondale
- March 3 - Coon Rapids
- **March 24 - Eden Prairie**
- **March 31 - ?**
- **April 3 - Marching Band Info/Reg Night**
- **April 7- North Star Circuit Show- TBD**
- **April 10 - WGI Send-Off Show (not April 9)**
- **April 11-15 - WGI Championship- Dayton, OH**
- **April 19 - CG Banquet**
- *Question was raised about whether this meeting is drumline-only, or for both color guard and drumline. Erin confirmed the meeting is for all Boosters, regardless of what group they are in. The agenda includes item pertaining to color guard, drumline, and some curricular band items. Eric Thill noted that Becky has been short-staffed this season, so that may be getting in the way of her attendance at this meeting. Erin noted Jessica has been communicating regularly with color guard parents (middle school and high school) via detailed, weekly emails, so parents are getting information more frequently than is provided at the band parent meetings.*
- *If you have suggestions or topics for the band parent meeting, please contact Erin or Stacey.*

Winter Program Update - WMOTK

- **Chair Update - Andrea and Kurt Grasse**
 - *Andrea gave a brief update of the event. Several color guards didn't come due to the weather. Concessions were on target, even though fewer people attended than expected. Andrea thanked all of the chairs and committees for their help in putting on a great show. They could not do it without parents. The chair position/s are open for next year.*
 - *Erin thanked Andrea and Kurt for their leadership and work in putting on another amazing show, and ensuring things went smoothly.*
 - *What was feedback from the groups that came for the drumline clinic? Paul sent a survey but no one has responded. Feedback at the show was positive. Paul said having the KHS team here to give input to the show was great, due to the team 'getting' what his vision was, and providing ideas and suggestions to make the show better. Feedback from the kids was that having the clinicians for two hours was amazing!*

Winter Program Update - WGI

- **Drumline - Alicia Graf + Missy Larson**
 - Hotel

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- Parent block of rooms at the **Hope Hotel & Richard C Holbrooke Conference Center**. The address is 10823 Chidlaw Rd Area C, WPAFB OH 45433 - it is right next to an Air Force base. <http://www.hopehotel.com/>
- The number is 937-879-2696. The reservation is under Irondale Parents WGI 2018. Rooms are reserved Wed, Thurs, Friday nights; 4/18-4/20. They are queen rooms for \$110.95 and that does include daily breakfast at the restaurant/bar on the property. Roll-aways are an option for an additional cost (\$15 a day) if they are available. If someone needs one, you might want to mention that when making your reservation.
- **Parents, you have until 3/23/18 to make your reservation under this block.**
- *Alicia mentioned Frontier is flying into Cincinnati for \$24 one way (no baggage).*
- *TBD how the show will be broadcast. Jeff believes the band has purchased a one-year subscription to flowmarching so we can use that license to broadcast the show (in the band room). Alicia to check with Bill. Robin offered to run the broadcast from the band room if no one else can do it.*
- *Will parents be asked to provide food for the trip? Amy/Jon are working on the meal needs with Paul. They will figure out what donations would be helpful prior to the next parents meeting and communicate through charms.*
- Busses - Reserved
- Color Guard - **Jessica Thill**
 - Hotel
 - Rooming at the Comfort Inn Miami Valley [Comfort Inn](#)
 - Contact Jessica Thill for registration details
 - Busses - Ride sharing with RCR
 - Parents

Marching Band Sneak Peek!

- **Save the Date - April 3: Marching Band Info/Reg Night**
- **Other Key Dates**
 - 5/5: First Saturday MB Practice/ Boosters Bagel Breakfast
 - 5/11: Mingling Overnight
 - 5/12: Sponsorship Day
 - 5/28: New Brighton Memorial Day Parade
 - 6/11: Raffle Calendar Sales Kickoff
 - 7/16-20: Mini Band Camp Week/Captain's Bond Camp Week
 - 7/23-27: Band Camp Week @ Morris
 - 7/26: Morris Preview Show

Calendar will be finalized shortly!

JOIN US for the April Band Parent meeting!
TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH; 6PM-7PM
COLOR GUARD SEND OFF SHOW IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING