

Hamilton Southeastern Royal Guardians, Inc.

Band Parent Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2019 @7:30pm

Attendees:

Board Officers- President, Sheri Elfreich; Vice President, Kim Weber; Treasurer, Jim Pearce; Student Accounts, Joann Kolesar; Secretary, Jill Halverstadt

Directors- Audrey Torres

Parents- 24 on the sign-in sheet

Meeting began at 7:36pm in the Orchestra Room.

Director's Report-

Mrs. Torres explained how Friday home football game performances work.

- Students rehearse after school till about 5:15pm. They will then have dinner in the CCA provided by the parent coordinator/committee. After dinner, the students will dress into uniform.
- Students will march through "Tailgate Town" and continue into the stadium to the endzone stands. Students will play throughout the game, creating a spirited "college football game" atmosphere. At halftime, the students will perform their show.
- Parents will be needed to help with giving students water throughout the game
- For Homecoming, students will perform before the game due to halftime festivities. A schedule will be communicated once it is received from Athletic Directors.
- Rain/bad weather conditions are "tricky" and often are a waiting game. Sometimes the weather will improve, and the game will go on as well as our performance. The athletic directors will make the call about cancelling the game and communicate that with us. If it is a downpour, we cannot allow our electronic equipment (used in the pit) and our uniforms to get wet.

Mrs. Torres explained how competition days work and the 3 different types of competitions.

- Competition days are long days beginning with a rehearsal time at school before preparing to depart for the competition venue. For each competition, a very detailed itinerary will be provided once our performance time is given to us (usually about a week before the contest). The itinerary will be included in the Sunday newsletter and posted on the website. Arrival times can fluctuate, and we do our best to estimate when we will return to the school. We ask that the students send you a text to let you know when we are getting close.
 - **Bands of America (BOA)** also called, "**Music for All**" are national competitions that take place all over the United States. Bands are not divided into classes to determine finalists. We will perform at 2 BOA competitions. Oct. 5th at Ball State will be a long day because both Prelims and Finals are held on the same day. If we do not advance to finals, the students will still stay to watch the top bands perform. Oct. 25 (prelims) and Oct. 26th (finals) at Lucas Oil. If we do not advance to finals, we will still go to watch.
 - **Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA)** is our state contest circuit that we must qualify to advance in. On Oct. 19th we will perform at Regionals. In order to advance to Semi-State, we will need to score in the top 10 bands in our class at Regionals. To make it to State finals, we will have had to score in the top 10 bands in our class in the State. We will rehearse Thursday and Friday of Fall Break to prepare for Regionals.
 - Invitationals are local school hosted contests that do not require qualification to participate. These contests are great in that they provide valuable feedback from the judges. We usually perform later in the day and will leave after awards.

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On Sept. 28, we will go to Fisher's Invitational to support them and receive feedback from an awesome judging panel.

- **Additional notes:**

Students bring their own meal to eat after rehearsal and before dressing on contest days. They may bring money to buy refreshments at concessions after our performance and out of uniforms (if time allows).

Students sit on the back side of the performance field after competition (no paying seats). Students must travel in groups of 4 while at the contest to go to restroom or concessions.

Parents are encouraged to arrive early to watch the performance (allow time for parking, getting through ticket line and to the stands- they close the stands once a performance starts.) Band parents try to sit together to cheer loud. Look for parents wearing spirit wear.

If it rains, the contest could either be canceled, or bands may move indoors for a standstill performance. Guard may or may not be able to perform depending on room.

Mrs. Torres explained that video taping of our performance at contests is strictly prohibited due to a violation of copyright and could result in you being asked to leave the contest venue. Please do not take videos and post them on social media as we do not have permissions to do so with the music in our show. You may record our performance at a home football game, but again, you may not post it on social media. Photos may be taken at contests and shared on social media.

President's Report-

Sheri Elfreich introduced 2 new fundraising events.

- **Blood Drive-** On Saturday, August 24th, we will be hosting the first "Matt Spoonmore Memorial Blood Drive. Matt was our guard director who recently passed away after battling stage 4 cancer. The Blood Mobile will be in the parking lot from 12-5pm. We will receive \$5 per person for 25-50 donors and \$10 per person for over 50 donors. The Flyer will be in the newsletter and on our website. Please advertise!
- **Mattress Sale-** On Saturday, September 7th from 10am- 5pm we will have a mattress sale fundraiser provided by Custom Fundraising Solutions. This is a great fundraiser in that all we need to do is provide the space and promote the fundraiser. They will set up in the band room and take care of all the sales. Carmel Bands recently made \$10,000 from their mattress sale fundraiser. Advertising is crucial. Flyers and Facebook page are available for sharing. Here are the fundraising details:
 1. We receive \$250.00 for hosting the event.
 2. Your student will receive \$25 in their band account if the buyer presents the flyer with your student's name on it. (We have a stack of flyers in the band room your student can take home)
 3. HSE Bands will receive the following from each sale: \$50/twin, \$75/full, \$100/Queen, and \$150/King

We would like to put banners out to advertise. Sheri will be contacting the town get one approved for the corner of 116th and Brooks School Rd.

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Todd Elfreich had a prop informational meeting prior to the band parent meeting to begin planning for show props. If you could not make the meeting and are interested in helping, please contact president@hsehsbands.com

Student Accounts Report-

Joann Kolesar reported that at this time, 193 car wash tickets have been sold. Students were to have turned them in today; if they haven't, please bring them in tomorrow. The car wash schedule is 8-10:30am/winds and guard and 9:30-12pm/percussion and woodwinds. Joann expressed a need for more volunteers and old towels for drying cars.

The 50/50 Donation Fundraiser has generated 47 donations at this point. We need to push the 50/50 in the upcoming and last week of the fundraiser.

Please make your payments for your student's band fees.

Treasurer's Report-

Jim Pearce reported the current balance: \$46,099.95. It's very important to make your band fees payment as many of the band's operating costs are due at the beginning of the season.

Other Business-

Sheri is looking for someone experienced in aluminum welding that could fix the Drum Major stand.

Volunteers for contest days must have a background check. This can be completed on the HSE Schools website.

We are looking for a semi driver- one who already has a truck is a bonus, otherwise we rent one. Our past driver is not as available as she used to be.

Our spirit wear store is up and open until August 18th. We do not have a show shirt yet, but we are hoping it will be ready in time for our first contest.

Meeting end time: 8:35pm