

**Courtland Band Parents' Association
General Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2024**

Opening Remarks (Chris Frezza):

Welcomed members to the meeting. Chris Frezza noted that on today's agenda was to present the slate of officers for a vote.

Reports:

President Report (Chris Fezza):

Slate of Officers for 2024-25 up for vote:

VP1 – Krista McGettigan

VP2 – Matt McFadden

Treasurer – Phillip Duggins

Secretary – Larissa Ruuskanen

Parlamentarian – Melissa Keylor

Chris Frezza asked membership if there were others who wished to nominate themselves, others, or held objections on those up for vote. Vote was held by voice vote/show of hands and was passed for all positions. The new board was approved.

Chairs (no vote needed):

Hospitality – Zandra Smith

Uniforms – Mitzie Weymouth

Chaperone – Erin Duggins

Raise Right – Melissa Keylor

Guard – None at present

Freshman – None at present

Director Updates (Eugene Mills):

- All Virginia Band April 20th
- April 25th Jazz/Percussion/Small Ensembles Concert at 7 pm
- April 26th Bingo Night Fundraiser
- Spring Trip to Busch Gardens, Williamsburg May 3rd.
 - Band and orchestra are combined.
 - Secondary to not having enough bus drivers, will not be able to bring/store instruments. The band will therefore not be able to perform.
 - Settled payment issue for spring trip. Should there be leftover funds, these will remain in the general CBPA funds to carry over to cover upcoming expenses.
- Spring Band Concert May 9th at 7 pm.
- End of the year band banquet May 13th.

- Senior gifts (24) – Blankets. These will be covered by the CBPA. The decision to do embroidered blankets was made, as the cost of photo blankets has gone up significantly and is no longer within budget.
- The food will be potluck.
- Awards
 - 1st year mini plaques
 - 2nd year letters
 - 3rd year honor letters
 - 4th year blankets
- May 18th Graduation
- May 20th and May 21st Mini Camp 5-7 pm
 - May 21st Parent Reception at 6:30 pm
 - Light refreshments and an opportunity for parents to get to mingle, laugh, and connect with each other.
 - May 21st Mandatory Parent Meeting at 7 pm
 - One parent for each marcher needs to be present.
- Band dues will hopefully stay at \$400.
- July 30th Possible trip to DCI that may impact band dues.
- Parent Preview Show at the end of rehearsal on August 6th or 8th with cookout to follow. Will need assistance with cookout portion of the event.
 - Hospitality (Zandra Smith as point) will help coordinate.
- Mr. Mills reviewed proposed budget.
- Stay informed!
 - Courtland Band Parents Association Facebook closed group.
 - www.courtlandband.com
 - Band App will be our primary source for communication.

Financial Report (Deanna Kau):

- Handed out and reviewed treasurer report.
- Need to start rebuilding funds as these are running low. Still need to make payments for the spring trip and begin payments for next season's drill.
- Upcoming fundraisers Music in the Park and Bingo Night will hopefully help.

Fundraising Report (Jackie Ignacio)

- Bingo night April 26th.
 - Each band member has been asked to sell at least five admissions tickets. The top two sellers get to "pie" Mr. Mills at the conclusion of Bingo Night.
 - Jackie Ignacio thanked Kristen Frezza and Deanna Habel for their help.
- Music in the Park dates (3) have been confirmed. The first one is this Saturday (4/20). Jackie will add additional volunteer slots for both parents and students to help. Mr. Mills indicated that there will be four bands and three choirs on this date.
- Possible Dominion Speedway Fundraising opportunity.

- A Leading Edge Fundraising (LEF) representative shared fundraising options through their company. He spoke about a high energy in-person fundraising program where students provided emails/phone numbers of friend/family that would be entered into a LEF database. Monetary donations could then be made directly through this via credit cards or to the students via cash or check. He stated that the split was 80-20 and that most groups were able to raise significant funds; average total donations raised per student reportedly around \$250. There are also merchandise based fundraiser options.
 - CBPA members raised concerns about security of contact information gathered (phone and email). Rep stated that this information was stored in the system, but not sold to others. If the student did another fundraiser with the same group, the student's contacts from the previous year would still be in the student's fundraiser account, which would only be active during the fundraiser window.

PIT Report:

No report

New Business:

Open Discussion:

New 1st VP (Krista McGettigan) will explore options for LEF or similar fundraising option. There was some discussion about the split possibly changing (lowering) with companies like LEF in subsequent fundraising years. Jackie Ignacio will also follow-up with Krista about the Dominion Speedway Option.

Next Meeting 5/13/2024 with transition of board. Meeting will be at the beginning of the Band Banquet.

Participants:

Eugene Mills
 Chris Frezza
 Jackie Ignacio
 Bill Sides
 Deanna Kau
 Larissa Ruuskanen
 Zandra Smith
 Melissa Keylor
 Erin Duggins
 Phillip Duggins
 Colleen McFadden
 Michelle Vafiadis
 Shennel Finkley
 Mitzie Weymouth
 Verne Rochford
 Lisa Hall

Kristen Frezza
Missy Broyles
Stephen Reamy
Michele

Executive Board

Director: Eugene Mills
President: Chris Frezza
1st VP: Jackie Ignacio
2ndVP: Bill Sides
Treasurer: Deanna Kau
Rep/Parliamentarian: Gordon Duncan
Secretary: Larissa Ruuskanen
Freshman liaison:

Chairpersons

Chaperone Chair:
Freshman Chair:
RAISERITE(SCRIP):
Marching Band Uniforms: Missy Broyles
Hospitality: Erin Duggins
Drum Line Rep:
Guard Rep: Shannon Frantz

Parent and/or Student Action Items	Due
Volunteer signup for Bingo Night	Now
Music in the Park Signup	Now
Check www.courtlandband.com calendar for important dates	As needed
Sign up to volunteer to chaperone, pit, hospitality www.courtlandband.com under CBPA tab	As needed
Donations of water and snacks	On-going
Become a band sponsor yourself or invite businesses to do so	On-going
Get the RaiseRite app to have your everyday spending earn (\$)points for your band kid. Ask Jackie Ignacio for RaiseRite code	On-going