

Springville Band Boosters

MEETING MINUTES

Call to order: 6:30pm

News from the President: Monica

- Big thanks to Zaxby's for Spirit Night!

News from the Vice President: Todd

- No news at this time

News from Communications Director: Vicki

- No news at this time

News from Treasurer: Kristie

- No news at this time

News from Concessions Director: Amy

- No news at this time

News from Committees:

- No news at this time

News from Mr. Saxon:

- From Mrs. Riker: please make sure you get the medication forms in ASAP - these **must** be submitted before we leave if your child needs medications while on the trip.
- Still missing travel waivers from some people - updated list is in the BAND app. Must turn these in this week!

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- Introduced Mr. Ron Bearden from the travel company

Mr. Bearden:

- Lots of information given regarding Spring Trip
- Wednesday:
 - Buses arrive at 5am
 - Call time - to leave - 5:10am
 - Leave at 5:45am
 - First stop will be Tennessee welcome center around 8:30am
 - Lunch stop around 12:45pm
 - Next stop: rest area around 3:45pm
 - Dinner stop around 6:15pm
 - Arrival to hotel in DC around 9:00pm
- Hotel rooms posted
- Some groups have been moved around. Will be posted in BAND app.
- We will have two way radios for the bus captains.
- We have to get to and from very quickly. We will have 2 minutes to load buses. This keeps us efficient.
- You cannot go anywhere without your whole group.
- Group captains must lay eyes on everyone in the group. When everyone is there you All get on the bus.
- Once you are on the bus you don't get off.
- Treat the buildings like you are going on a plane.
- They will search all bags.
- Pack minimally and have your ID
- Arlington you go in the front. Then the side entrance. You have to have your photo ID if you are older than 16.
- No bags unless absolutely necessary.

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- If you can go without a purse it is definitely easier.
 - Ron - retired band director. He has done this trip a lot.
 - Terry Ownby will be with us as well. Also a retired band director.
 - They will be there with us when we get to the hotel.
 - If something crazy happens, stay with them and they will get us out.
 - Our first job is self preservation.
 - Safest city for tourists.
 - Be aware of your surroundings.
 - Itinerary is not a suggestion. It's required. Stick to it.
 - Have cash and credit cards for travel days for food.
 - No crossing the highway for food.
 - Breakfast will be at 7 AM each day
 - Buses will Roll out at 8:00 so be on at 10 till 8.
 - Stiff security at national archives
 - Licensed guides on each bus all day.
 - They walk fast. Get ready now.
 - Groups will have to be divided at the mall.
 - Straight up to the tomb of the unknown soldier. You can ride the tram. It's \$10.
 - Walk to the Kennedy graves.
 - Arlington is the home of Robert E. Lee. The mansion may be open.
 - Joe's basement is the translation for the restaurant we eat for dinner.
 - Kilroy engraved on a piece of stone around the backside of the monument.
 - Set alarms on your cell phone 10 minutes before the time we give you to meet back.
 - Iwo Jima memorial watch the flag
 - Walk through the tunnel to the 911 Pentagon memorial
 - If lunch is more than \$20 it's on you. Less you keep the change.
 - Menu online.
 - Working on gallery passes for the Senate.

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- Garfield Circle is where we will get dropped off.
 - Peace circle is where we will get picked up.
 - When you hear him whistle stop - look and listen they are about to say something important.
 - If there are protesters they keep everyone out.
 - We go to places that are safe. If anyone approaches you just walk away and let someone know.
 - Parade details are still coming in so the timeline is not solid.
 - Mr. Saxon will determine who is walking with the band.
 - Parents will be taken to the end of the parade to watch.
 - Parade is about a mile.
 - 14th-15th is the ideal place to watch if possible.
 - Hoping for an early spot in the parade.
 - When the band passes start walking
 - Photo will be taken after parade in uniform.
 - Change clothes - working out logistics.
 - 19 service men at the Korean War memorial
 - Chinstraps hanging down are marines fastened are army
 - Google fun facts about the memorials.
 - Cash and credit cards for the trip home.
 - Wear socks and comfortable shoes. You will be walking a lot.
 - Be aware of your surroundings, people, and events.
 - Be respectful when you are in the hotel.
 - Lights out - go to bed and get sleep.
 - It's not an easy trip. It's demanding. It's fun. You need to rest when you can.
 - Boys on one floor. Girls on a different floor. Use the elevator effectively.
 - This is not a family vacation. It is a band trip. The trip itinerary is the most important thing. If you ask to break away the answer is NO! Already answered so don't ask.

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- We have to be at these places on time or they do not have to let us in.
 - We have to stay on schedule for this all to work.
 - Students do not go out of your room after curfew. It's dangerous.
 - Any problems let us know immediately. Don't open the door if anyone is knocking. Call a parent.
 - Look at the weather a few days before.
 - Be ready with a jacket and rain gear.
 - Ponchos are better than umbrellas.
 - Make sure you lock your doors.
 - Don't open your door to anyone.

More from Mr. Saxon regarding trip:

- Working on parking. If students drive to the school the morning we depart, use their spot.
- On the bus, treat it like the school bus. The only time you should get up is to go to the bathroom if you have to.
- Hang out. Have fun. Play games. Watch videos. Sleep.
- We have a name to uphold. We have a standard. Anywhere we go we leave it better than we found it. Including the bus.
- If you get motion sick let someone know.
- Check your room when you get to the hotel. If there is anything wrong note it and let mr Saxon know.
- Do smart things not dumb things.
- No running
- No pillow fights
- No jumping on the bed.
- No throwing things
- We never intend for accidents to happen and that's how accidents happen.
- Everyone is held to the St Clair county code of conduct.

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- Dress code included.
 - If bad enough you will have to leave on your dime.
 - No alcohol at any point.
 - No smoking
 - Before we leave we will do a roll call in the band room.
 - Don't take hotel souvenirs.
 - Rooms get cleaned everyday. Valuables need to be hidden or locked up when you leave.
 - Luggage: please be smart and try to only pack one bag.

Meeting adjourned