

Unlike other team sports, where numerous teams are plentiful and weekends are spent at the local parks or ball fields competing, Pipe Band competitions are few and far in between. There may be one or two “local” competitions, but most will have a distance that will need to be travelled. QCJPD's goal is to focus on producing a highly competitive Juvenile Pipe Band, with the goal of eventually competing in Scotland at the World Pipe Band Championships! This is a big endeavor and can't be accomplished without the hard work and dedication of each playing member and their parents. Commitment to rehearsals, gigs and competitions are required. There are several things we would like to discuss tonight:

First: Travel to Games. There are several Games within 4 hours drive of the Charlotte area. We would like to try and attend as many of these Games as we can. A schedule will be made available at the beginning of January and posted on the TeamApp. We will make every effort to get these dates out to you in a timely fashion. Sometimes gigs come up at the last minute, but again, when we know, you will know!

A brief discussion ensued about the willingness to travel distances. Most were receptive to the idea of traveling within 3 to 4 hours to attend competitions.

This brings me to my second point: **Our TeamApp.** Is everyone satisfied with this App. Do you feel you are getting the information quickly. What can we do differently??

Everyone was satisfied with the TeamApp. It will be our main source for information regarding gigs, competitions...etc.

Third: Fundraising.

Fundraising will be our main source of income/financial support for QCJPD. The hope is to eventually offset travel cost to parents when traveling to Games for competitions. We are open to any and all ideas. Custom Ink does T-shirt fundraisers. We are looking into that.

Courtney had the idea for a Pipe-a-Thon! 50/50 raffles are an option.

One intrepid young gentleman in the band had a lemonade stand and raised \$8.00 for his uniform!

A few fundraising and concert ideas were discussed. This topic will be re-visited.

Fourth: Membership dues. Scott then made a presentation in regards to the new membership dues.

Please see the Membership Program document for full information.

Starting January 2019 QCJPD will start collecting a membership fee. The fee will be \$20.00 per month. Families with multiple students will be the first \$20 and then \$10 after the first student. Not to exceed \$40 per month.

The students then joined their parents for the rest of the meeting.

Expectation documents were handed out for the parents and students to read, sign and return. If you didn't get this it can be found on the Document section on TeamApp.

Students were handed letters about playing for the “lead tip” position in the drum section and making the next step to the practice goose for the piping students. (Please come see Andrea if you have any questions in regards to your child's progress in this department!). A criteria must be met before each individual piping student can make the next step. Parents were informed of the information available through our website in regards to audios and videos as help aides for students. Students will only get out of it what they are willing to put in!

The meeting was then adjourned and we ate cookies!