

Band Boosters Meeting Minutes **Monday, July 13, 2020 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Sheila Hoff with 25 members present. Director Kiley Coyne was also present during the meeting.

Secretary's Report (Carey Deaver): The informal minutes taken from the May virtual meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report (Brian and Jan Questad): Since it had been several months since the last formal meeting, the treasurer's reports for April 4th, May 10th, June 8th, and July 12th were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve all four reports. An immediate change will take place with the treasurer's report so that it reflects expenses and revenue by calendar month versus the month between band booster meetings.

Director's Report: Mrs. Coyne reported on several items:

- **Marching Band**
 - There will be no parent preview this year.
 - Uniform checkout plan will be coming out soon.
 - Howard Wood Field practice is scheduled for August 9th currently, but plans may change. Discussion took place on food options for students if the event takes place as scheduled.
 - Sectionals last Thursday went really well. Thanks to everyone for following the new social distancing guidelines.
 - Plans are still being developed for fall learning. This may impact travel with the marching band. Looking at potential alternative options including having judges come in. The main plan is to keep doing what everyone loves with the marching band program – do all that we can and enjoy it.
- Emmanuel Michael wrote a letter of thanks to the band parents for their support of the students. Copies were distributed and shared with the parents at the meeting.
- Structures and plans for band classes this fall are being considered. Studies have shown how air, and potential viruses, travel through each type of instrument which may make regular band classes challenging. Alternative methods for band credits, such as studying music history, or implementation of barriers may need to be considered.
- An idea was discussed to build a plexiglass shell/divider to provide barrier between the conductor and the students who are all facing towards the conductor. Plexiglass is in short supply; however, there are options to purchase a pre-made barrier for approximately \$300. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to devote up to \$600 in band booster funds toward the purchase of two pre-made barriers.
- The sound equipment is in!! Thank you again to the WHS Boosters for their support in purchasing the new equipment at a cost of approximately \$7,000. It is a much improved (and lighter!) sound system.

Committee Reports

HyVee Shopping Cards/Batteries (Dawn Taborda):

- Cards and batteries available by contacting Dawn Taborda.

Scrip Cards (Linda Weidner):

- Next orders due July 17th.

Fundraising (Alaina Lewis):

- Alaina is looking at a fundraising option with Juice Stop for the purchase of cards where 50% of the fund raised would go toward the band. Another event at Weisser Distributing is planned for August 18th. Approximately 12 volunteers (two of which must be adults) are needed to package boxes. The event earns approximately \$45 toward students' accounts.

Band Cards (Heather DeWit):

- This fall's band card is designed and at the printer. It will look significantly different this year. There are several more business offering discounts to anyone purchasing a band card. Given that, the band card will be larger and foldable. Heather also found an ordering method that will save on the total cost which is only approximately \$74 this year for the cards and \$38 for thank you notes. Cards are sold for \$10 each. Students typically receive \$9 of the profits in non-trip years and \$10 in trip years. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to have the full \$10 per card go to students who sell them since this is a trip year.

Parent Preview Dinner (Kristi Cornette):

- Canceled due to COVID.

Chicken Dinner & Raffle (Anne Jensen and Jason Cruse):

- Instead of the traditional chicken dinner, a suggestion was made to have a taco buffet which is more fitting with the marching band theme show and a fun change. Several bids were gathered and the group agreed that having Inca cater at \$7.50 per person was the best option IF the dinner can be held this year. A discussion took place on boxed dinners if a buffet dinner is not possible. The goal for this year's event is to raise \$5,000. October 12th will be the last date for securing items for the raffle. Jason has been hard at work to secure volunteers to help underwrite the cost and/or provide matching or in-kind funds. Marching band sections will be asked to plan ahead for their raffle basket contributions. If the event can't take place in person, back up arrangements are being made for an on-line auction. Either way, there will be more publicity about the event including having band students on radio shows. Discussion took place on having the money from the raffle go towards the band trip.

Concessions (Carey Deaver and Dawn Taborda):

- No dates set yet for upcoming year.

Uniforms (VOLUNTEER NEEDED):

- Michelle Ellis, who had this volunteer role last year, was present to explain the uniform process. It is fairly straightforward and involves making arrangements for uniform check out at the beginning of the year and ensuring uniforms are cleaned and put away after the season ends. Anyone interested in being the volunteer for uniforms for the upcoming year should contact Mrs Coyne or Sheila Hoff.

Chaperones (Laura Cruse, Ginger Pelley, and Jan Questad):

- Anyone interested in chaperoning for the upcoming year should go on the school's website and complete the volunteer and background check form.

Spirit Wear (Betsy Kringen & Linda Weidner):

- Forms for ordering spirit wear are being distributed. Short discussion on color of the band parents' shirt.

Warrior Pride (Tim Bulick):

- No report.

Pit Crew (Brad and Sheila Hoff):

- Short discussion about uniform racks being empty and ready for new wheels.

Sewing (Mrs. Coyne and, for the future, Heather DeWitt):

- No report.

Newsletter & Publicity (Amy Benda):

- Welcome of Amy Benda to her new role with the newsletter and publicity!

Festival of Bands (Sheila Hoff):

- Meeting will be held this Wednesday at 10:00.

Student Accounts (Jan and Brian Questad):

- Accounts are up to date.

WHS Booster Club (Sheila Hoff):

- No meeting was held in July, but there will be one in August.

Old Business

- New officers:
 - President Sheila Hoff at 940-0206 or SLHoff78@gmail.com
 - Vice Presidents Heather and Jaron DeWit – 212-2793 or heather.dewit@gmail.com.
- Need volunteer for uniforms.
- Need volunteer (underclass parent) to shadow chicken/taco dinner leaders in preparation to take over next year.

New Business & Additional Discussions

- Band camp cold treats: Volunteers are needed to bring treats to the students. This year, it'll be split into two – one treat distribution in the morning (recommended granola bars, fruit, or breakfast like items...although ice cream is always good) and one in the afternoon (anything cold such as popsicles, fudgesicles, FlaVorlce, and ice cream is always good). Sign up genius will be sent out soon.

- At this point in the meeting, the WHS band boosters supported a local law enforcement officer who drove up with a question. Many thanks to all of the band booster members who were able to assist the officer and to our local law enforcement for keeping our community safe. (Okay, it was just answering a quick question for the officer.)
- Band Trip: There will be a minor change to the band trip scheduled for February. Instead of leaving at 4:00 a.m. on Friday, plans are to leave right after school on Thursday. You can use Charms money for the \$200 required for the trip commitment; funds and form due by September 10th.
- PowerAde gifts were made for marching band students. Orange flavored bottles (but of course!) were decorated with a note reading "Orange you excited for band camp?!" 90 were made.
- Field dotting takes place on Sunday, July 19th at 7 p.m. Come join us!

Next Meeting

The next meeting is August 10th at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD.

Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to end the meeting at approximately 8:23 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carey Deaver, Secretary.