

Band Parents Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 11, 2024

I. Secretary's Report

- Kristina Reiter shared previous meeting minutes via email after the last meeting with the Officers. The previous meeting minutes will be added to the WDHS band website.

II. Treasurer's Report

- Dave Miller, treasurer, reported there has not been a change since the last meeting. No financial activity has taken place in the last month.

III. Director's Report

A. Band Scholarship Applications

- Mr. O has collected the senior band scholarship applications received and provided them to Mindy Stoerp in an envelope. Mindy will remove names from the applications, keeping them strictly confidential and will scan and email to the group of parents that requested. Parents can review applications at their leisure and will be discussed at the next band meeting. The three recipients will be picked for the \$250 scholarship and then will be presented at the last band concert on May 4th.

B. Events

- Both bands performed well at the University of Wisconsin Platteville Jazz Festival. Big Band received first place and performed again in the evening of the festival.
- NEIBA Jazz Festival performance went well, but the band did not place in the top five to move onto another performance.
- Jazz night concert held Thursday, March 7th went really well. Unfortunately, due to an illness UW Platteville could not be at the performance.

C. Upcoming Events

- March 21st will be the Sweet Songs concert.
- April 4-6 is the Addams Family musical.
- April 13th is State Solo and Ensemble Festival for students who signed up.
- Other upcoming events can be found on the band website and are also shared in frequent emails.
- Mr. O will be retiring at the end of his contract. His contract will probably end around band camp and depending on the new director hired will determine if there is any overlap of duties. Mr. O reported there have been seven applications for the band director role. Mr. Feldmann has asked Mr. O to review the applications with a possible interview next week. Mr. O is hopeful they might have a decision in a month or so. Mr. O shared he went

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over expectations for the new director with the students already and it should go smoothly with the transition since the band students are very involved in running the band. The new band director may determine if a Marching Band competition will be hosted by WDHS next fall.

IV. Old Business

A. Our Family sponsorship

- There has not been a recent update.

B. Wish List

- Mr. O shared prices have been obtained on the majority of the Wish List items discussed in the last meeting.

C. New Officers

- We are still in need of some band officers at the end of this year. Currently looking for help with flags coordinator. Michele, VP will also be done after May. Mindy added a band camp coordinator might be another position that would be helpful.
- Discussion was held regarding a Succession book from past years for newer parents to the WDHS band roles. Mindy Stoerp will look for this book in a box that she received when she took over the President role.
- Discussion was also held regarding hiring a cook through the school for band camp and the costs that would be associated with that.

V. Next Meeting

A. When – April 15th at 6:00 pm.

B. Things to discuss

- Discussion was held regarding holding a garage sale this Spring. Consensus was to put this on hold for the current year.
- After the meeting, Mr. O confirmed the band trip video was sent to everyone on the app that was used for the trip and that he also has a flash drive.