

Band Parents Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 6, 2023

I. Secretary's Report

- Kristina Reiter shared previous meeting minutes via email after the last meeting. The previous meeting minutes can be found on the WDHS band website.

II. Treasurer's Report

- Dave Miller, treasurer, provided a treasurer's report update. The bank balance is currently at about \$55,000. Dave reported that cash raffle has been added to MyMusic Office accounts. All cash raffle prizes have been paid out except one. The wreath order has been submitted to the company and provided to Dave but was unsure of numbers or amounts of sales compared to the last couple years. Discussion was held regarding all wreath orders fitting into the van.
- All trip payments should have been made, if payments were made on time and as requested. \$2,100 should have been paid per student. If families are behind on payments, they should get caught up soon. The group recommended Mr. O send out a reminder regarding the trip payment information. Trip amounts have not been shared at the time of this meeting.
- Someone inquired on the requirements for a student to go on the band trip if they aren't in band during that trimester. Dave shared he was told a student must be in band second trimester to attend the trip due to learning and practicing the music that will be played on the trip. Additional discussion was held in regards to this.
- Barb Pline has expressed to Dave that she would like to be done with scrip and a replacement should start around January. A participant of the meeting offered to reach out to Barb Pline to determine how much work goes into the scrip program. Mr. O currently doesn't have local scrip giftcards.
- Dave mentioned the large bank balance is not earning much interest, if any, and inquired about investing a portion of the funds in a certificate of deposit or by spending a portion on instruments, upgrades, etc. for band students to enjoy now. Wireless speaker for the rock band were discussed, easier props, along with sheet music for the kids, new instruments, etc.

III. Director's Report

A. Band Update – See attached

- Mr. O was unavailable to attend the meeting, but left his report printed for the attendees to read. The band has been really busy! The band has had an honor band, played at Friday night playoff football games, and played for UNI marching band day.
- Coming up we have more football games, a Veteran's Day Assembly, a Holiday Concert, and pep band performances. So class sessions/rehearsals are full of multitasking.

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- The trip is on track. There isn't a practical way to get all the band gear to Florida to play in the halftime show. The band will still be plenty busy with a parade, concert band performance, jazz band performance, and performing at the bowl game.
- Due to the recent fire, all band uniforms have been sent to the cleaners.
- The students are doing a great job and Mr. O is extremely proud of each of them.
- Thursday, 11/9 will be the playoff game at the UNI dome for the WD football team. Brief discussion was held regarding who was attending and admission being covered for the band students that are going.

IV. Old Business

A. Taco Tuesday

- Locals Bar in Epworth is sponsoring a Taco Tuesday with a dollar of each meal sold going to WDHS Band.
- Kristina Reiter will work up an advertisement for Facebook to help spread the word.

B. Grocery bagging

- Michele Thurm shared there will need to be students and an adult chaperone for each hour from 9-2 on November 19th for bagging groceries.
- 3 cans for donations will be needed for each grocery lane. An attendee volunteered to make these.
- 4-5 posterboards would be needed as well for signage prior to the check-out lanes. A volunteer offered to make these as well.
- Kristina Reiter will work up an advertisement for Facebook to help spread the word and also work up some flyers to hang-up on Randy's Market bulletin board.

C. Michele's project – Our Family sponsorship

- Scott Brimeyer shared that a newer longer trailer would be about \$16,000 to \$20,000. This would be for a drive on drive off 24 foot long trailer.
- Scott also shared that he inspected the trailer during a recent marching band competition and it is still in fairly good shape considering it is about 20 years old.
- Scott also mentioned the recent discussion that were held for needing a CDL is a combined weight of 26,000. Recently when Scott drove a van and trailer to a competition, it appeared to only be licensed for the amount of van and possibly not the weight of the van and trailer. Scott brought this to Mr. O's attention to look into this further to ensure the proper licensing is done on these vehicles.

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- Michele shared that the Our Family sponsorship application is completed and she received confirmation from Mr. O that it can be sent in. Michele will send that in and should hear back on it in the next couple weeks. Once we know more about this sponsorship, we can work in regards to ordering a new trailer or other options to help improve the band.
- Obtaining a wish list from Mr. O will be important at figuring out what some of the band money can be used for to help our current band students.

D. Competition Next Year

- Mr. O left some competition/clinic options along with advantages and disadvantages to each. Discussion was held in regards to these dates and the advantages and disadvantages outlined. The overall consensus was to hold a competition the week after state marching band during the day. Currently the band participates in the Clinton show that evening, which may or may not happen if we hold our own competition.

V. New Business

A. None Discussed

VI. Next Meeting

A. When – December 11th at 6:00 pm. Prior to Holiday band concert.

B. Things to discuss

- Upcoming spots to fill for next year will be flags, scrip, and wreath sales.