

Minutes – June 2, 2008
Waxahachie Band Boosters

Ronnie McMahan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes

Minutes were distributed by Virginia Tipton and reviewed by members. Edward Quintana made a motion for the minutes to be accepted, Joey Kirton seconded. Motion carried, none opposed.

Financial Report

Laura Kirton reported that as of April 30, 2008, there was \$108,071.51 in the money market account; and \$14,135.73 in the checking account. As of today, June 2, 2008, the checkbook showed a balance of \$5060.92. Kathy Louque moved to accept the financial report, Robin Louque seconded. Motion carried, none opposed.

Directors Reports

Turner (Soon to be Clift)

Mr. Owens reported that 80 band students had advanced to seventh-grade band, with another 8 or 9 signing up for beginning band.

Mr. Owens noted that recruitment is down somewhat from last year, with 98 students enrolled, but these 98 students were excellent recruits and he is looking forward to an wonderful group for next year. Band has received recognition on a national level this past year, and three-quarters of students receiving awards at Turner this year were band kids. Tremendous parental support – Mr. Owens thanked parents and boosters for their help throughout the year. Preparations underway for next year – all progressing well. Instrument rental sign-up night is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3 and Thursday, June 5.

Ronnie said it had been a wonderful year at Turner – he extended thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Owens for all their dedication and hard work. He noted the entire district is proud of the program at Turner. Mr. Owens said these kids would be strong students for the band all the way up through high school – they had a great deal of enthusiasm. Mr. Owens reported that twenty percent of all seventh graders were in band for the upcoming year.

Junior High

Mr. Francis said it had been an excellent year at the junior high. Mr. Francis and Ms. Ray thanked all the parents for their help and support. Ronnie noted that the junior high had made the district proud – and that the high school is looking forward to welcoming the new freshmen.

High School

Mr. Armstrong thanked the boosters and parents for all their help and support during the past year. He thanked all the directors at the other campuses – said their great talents, camaraderie and hard work is a tremendous asset to all our band students and to the program as a whole.

Drumline camp progressing well - Lacy Guyon and Daniel Hunt (from the Blue Knights) have been assisting. Colorguard camp to begin next week. Registration and uniform fitting day scheduled for June 7. Student leaders have been making preparations for welcoming the freshmen.

The marching show opener is nearing completion. The percussion part will be coordinated with the rest of show. All music will be available for download hopefully by mid-June.

There will be two June and one July rehearsal to help the kids retain focus for next year. Students desiring a contest spot for marching season are highly encouraged to attend these rehearsals.

The band was well-represented at State Solo & Ensemble: 20 kids out of 29 received medals, with 18 gold medals awarded and 3 silver. Mr. Armstrong said that most likely funds will go towards master classes next year rather than a bus trip with overnight hotel stay for State Solo & Ensemble.

Mr. Armstrong noted that, in addition to drum major/valedictorian Matt Neal, 4 other band students were in the top 10 of this year's graduating class.

A link for the new band website www.spiritofwaxahachie.com to be posted on the district band website soon. Mr. Armstrong thanked Lisa Popp for her hard work in getting this new website up and running.

The jazz band will be scheduled for ninth period next year. It will be a for-credit class, and the new scheduling will enable jazz band to reach new levels.

Next year's marching schedule will include three morning rehearsals on MWF, with Tuesday nights in the stadium and the Thursday practice left as is. This new schedule is in response to parents and students who were requesting more afternoons free for work, etc. Morning practices are new for the kids – other districts have had them with success. New schedule to be adjusted as needed as the marching season progresses, as in years past.

New Business

Purchase of Travel Grille

Ronnie reported that in years past the Bailey's had had access to a large portable grille, however, they would not have availability for this coming year. A grille has been located that will meet band's needs – it is a 7-burner propane grille, 5 feet by 2 feet, and will fit in Ronnie's trailer. It is available at Costco for approximately \$800 with tank(s). Ronnie noted that the executive committee had made a recommendation to purchase this grille and tanks for no more than \$800 and asked for a second. Robin Louque seconded the motion. Motion carried, none opposed.

Asst VP/Communications Nomination

Ronnie reported that Carol Kimberlin has agreed to continue in her role of Asst VP/Communications for the 2008-2009 school year. He placed her name in nomination for this office and asked for other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Pam Maass moved that nominations be closed, Robin Louque seconded. Nomination of Carol Kimberlin for Asst VP/Communications for 2008-2009 school year was voted on by voice vote, all ayes, none opposed - Carol Kimberlin installed in position of Asst VP/Communications for 2008-2009 school year.

Ice Cream Social

Ronnie reported that the date for the ice cream social has been changed from August 22nd to August 15th, due to a scrimmage being played in the stadium on the 22nd. Ice cream social to be held from 8-9 p.m., with freshman parents continuing the tradition of bringing ice cream for the event. Band will perform the opener at the ice cream social. Mr. Armstrong reminded parents that the band will also play at Meet the Indians night on August 21st.

Asst VP Reports

Asst VP/Fundraising

Ronnie said that Asst VP/Fundraising Lisa Richardson had been investigating plans for the First Annual Indian Warpath fundraiser. This fundraiser would involve the band marching, on a Friday or Saturday, to local businesses who had made varying levels of donations to the band. Based on donation level, the band would play a concert of varying lengths at each sponsoring business, would display banners and would have differing sizes/placements of ads in programs throughout the coming year. Lisa noted that single-day earnings of \$15-20K have been reported by other districts who have tried this type of fundraiser. Other goal besides fundraising would be to heighten awareness of band for both the community and for younger students who may not have exposure to the high school band. Mr. Armstrong has reported on the success other districts have had with this. For example, Allen made approximately \$100K in a single day during their marching-event fundraiser and Plano West made \$25-30K.

Ronnie said that Lisa Richardson and other boosters had just returned from a city council meeting, at which they requested approval for possible upcoming Indian Warpath

fundraiser. Ronnie asked Lisa to report on the city council meeting. Lisa reported that the city council was very receptive, was already familiar with fundraisers of this type, and made a motion for September 13 as the date for this event, with a resolution that the boosters tweak the map because TXDOT has to be involved since the proposed track will include highways. The proposed track would be approximately six miles in length and would include newer businesses in the north end of the city as well as those in the more established areas of town. The city council further said they could provide city services – police and fire, etc. The city council would need to approve this yearly should it become an annual event. Lisa said it would be important to contact local businesses in July, before funds for donations have been allocated.

Mr. Armstrong noted that proceeds from the Indian Warpath would be in addition to the budget and could be used to offset costs for trips, etc. (It was noted that the carwash was scheduled for August 9th.)

Lisa said that 4-6 water breaks and a lunch break would be scheduled. Much parental help would be essential. Parents to be contacted as plans progress. Lisa said current plan is to make this an annual event, if it is successful.

Asst VP/Concessions

Perry Popp reported that the concession stand clean-up date was scheduled for June 7, which was the same day as registration/uniform fitting. Perry said all volunteers, parents and students, were welcome - bring power-washers if you have one.

Asst VP/Special Projects

Kathy Louque said that the pavilion has been reserved for the July 4th picnic following parade – cost was \$25 and the band has the pavilion from 8-2.

Asst VP/Communications

Carol Kimberlin said the newsletter has been emailed and that the hard copy will be mailed tomorrow.

Ronnie said that he will provide the Asst VP's with a “start by” list of dates – an overview of the year.

Ronnie read a thank-you note from Tori Popp, scholarship recipient, thanking boosters for her scholarship.

Ronnie noted there will be no booster meeting in July, as we will have met for the July 4th parade/picnic.

Next executive committee meeting to be held June 30, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the bandhall.

Robin Louque made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joey Kirton seconded. Motion adjourned at 8:09 p.m.