

Minutes – November 3, 2008
Waxahachie Band Boosters

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

Minutes – Booster Meeting of October 10, 2008

Minutes were distributed by Virginia Tipton and reviewed by boosters. Edward Quintana made a motion to accept the minutes, Pam Maass seconded. Motion carried, none opposed.

Financial Report

Laura Kirton reported that as of September 30, 2008, there was \$18,721.67 in the checking account; and the money market account had a balance of \$109,429.08. As of today, November 3, 2008, the checkbook showed a balance of approximately \$50,000.00 (Ronnie noted that much of this amount was trip money). Pam Maass made a motion to accept the financial report, Robin Louque seconded. Motion carried, none opposed.

Director's Reports

Howard and Finley

Mr. Francis noted upcoming region auditions – inquired if it would be possible to purchase pizza for 21 participants. Additionally, Mr. Francis reported that students need to purchase concert uniform pieces – 75 seventh graders and 50 eighth graders need bows (\$4 each) and cummerbunds (\$8 each) for a total expenditure of approximately \$1500. Ronnie said there was no problem with these purchases, money was available in their account for these types of purchases. Mr. Francis said the Holiday Concert for Howard and Finley was scheduled for December 15, all boosters/parents invited.

High School

In absence of Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Cook thanked the Louques for the excellent marching contest food and for organizing the recent Trunk or Treat and UIL week events. Mr. Cook said that Mr. Armstrong had asked him to thank all parents and boosters for their help and support during football/marching contest season – said this year's complex show could not have been performed without lots of help from parents - band students and staff are very appreciative. Mr. Cook noted approach of region try-outs and asked parents to remind their students to get their forms in – Wednesday is the deadline. Lisa Popp asked if students were responsible for the region entry fee – Ronnie said the school covered the fee, the student had to reimburse the school if they did not appear at the audition. Mr. Cook said there would be no Thursday marching practice due to orchestra try-outs. Upcoming Midway game to be Senior Night, non-senior parents needed to chaperone, please meet at scoreboard at 6:30 p.m. It was noted that pictures would be taken of parents escorting their seniors, pictures to be shown at the Band Banquet. Senior Night activities to be held prior to game, regular show to be performed at halftime. Midnight Madness to be held

after the game. Students to wear “Own It” shirts under uniforms. Mr. Cook noted upcoming eligibility check, noted shorter interval between checks this year due to switch to 6-week grading period, - asked all parents to remind their students of importance of maintaining eligibility. Play-off game most likely to be held November 14. Jazz Band Concert scheduled for November 20, everyone invited – wonderful guest artist to perform with jazz band.

Campus Reports

Finley

Tricia Peyrot reported success of recent Fall Party – thanked all parents who helped with this event.

Howard

Edward Quintana said chaperones have been recruited for region try-outs. All progressing well – thanked parents for help and support.

By-Law Amendments

Ronnie noted proposed amendments to the by-laws had been distributed to boosters at the October 6, 2008 meeting for review (with copies being distributed at this meeting, as well). He asked for questions from the floor regarding the amendments. Hearing none, Ronnie said the amendments would be voted on during the next (December 2008) booster meeting.

School Board Presentation

Ronnie told boosters that the band boosters were slated on the agenda for the upcoming school board meeting, to be held December 8. Boosters to receive a letter regarding concerns that will be addressed at this school board meeting. Ronnie asked all boosters to save this date - all boosters are needed to attend December 8 school board meeting to show concern for issues facing band program. School board meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the school administration building.

March-A-Thon Final Plans

Lisa Richardson reported that parents will be contacted regarding details of March via Constant Contact, so asked all to watch their email. This will be pilot year for this program – will learn together as we initiate the March. March will step-off at 9:00 a.m. from the Target parking lot. Students/parents driving their own cars may park no later than 8:15 a.m. in front of the Fine Arts Center at the high school and a shuttle bus will transport them to the Target parking lot. Sharon Owens noted that paperwork needs to be resubmitted requesting district buses, as new paperwork is needed due to date change of March (due to Hurricane Ike). Lisa R. said that lunch will be served (burgers donated by Oma’s, with dessert donated by Occasions Unlimited) in the Occasions Unlimited parking lot at approximately noon. Jackie Bailey asked for details/specifics of lunch arrangements – Edward said he would provide details following meeting. Water breaks

to be held at various times during March, Perry Popp to coordinate water. March scheduled to end at approximately 3:00 p.m. Students to wear “Generation” shirts, jeans, white socks.

VP Report

Lisa Popp thanked all boosters/parents for their hard work selling concessions this year – band could not function without their efforts. Lisa thanked all chaperones and all who helped with food, equipment, and UIL spirit events – band could not have football/marching season without the help and support provided by the boosters and parents. Lisa said it is not over yet – she will be calling re chaperones for upcoming play-off games – thanks again to everybody.

Asst VP Reports

Concessions

Lisa Popp (in absence of Perry Popp) reported that amount targeted for concessions will most likely be met. Lisa said help is needed to get fryer (offered for sale for \$75); and for moving inventory from junior high stand to the high school stand. Lisa R. asked if there was water available to give to kids following March, Lisa P. said there were 20 cases of Ozarka, so should not be any problem.

Special Projects

Kathy Louque thanked all boosters/parents for help with contest food and UIL week/month events. Ronnie thanked Kathy for wonderful job securing donations from local restaurants for food during marching season. Kathy noted Heidi Perkins had coordinated the away-game sack lunches this year and had donated much away-game food – extended big thank-you to Heidi. Kathy noted that petition many parents signed at Trunk or Treat requesting that band be moved back into the stands for football games had been submitted – awaiting decision.

Communications

Carol Kimberlin reported that this month’s newsletter would be review of marching season – with appreciation and thanks to all who made this year’s season possible. Newsletter to be sent during upcoming week.

Fundraising

Lisa Richardson reported fundraising was going well – plans for jazz café underway. Southwest Airlines raffle to be held – approval process from district in progress. Lisa P. and Jennifer Dacy have contacted previous Silent Auction donors – items already beginning to arrive. Title underwriter for event still being sought – donation of \$2500 would provide food, etc. Possibility of setting up tables by Beall’s to sell raffle tickets, as in years past.

Upcoming Important Dates

Ronnie noted upcoming concerts:

November 20	Jazz Band Concert
December 15	Junior High (Finley and Howard) Holiday Concert
December 16	High School Holiday Concert
December 18	Clift Holiday Concert

Lisa R. noted that Buffalo Creek residents were interested in attending concerts – would let their director know of concert schedule.

Old Business

Ronnie asked for any other business. Lisa R. asked Carol if she could send out a notice to parents re Double Dave's buffet following Midway game (last regular home game of season).

Ronnie said that the next executive committee meeting was scheduled for Nov. 24; however, this would be during Thanksgiving Break – so next executive committee meeting to be held Nov. 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school bandhall.

The next booster meeting will be held December 1, 2008. Ronnie asked Mr. Francis if this meeting could be held in the new Howard bandhall – Mr. Francis said bandhall would be available on this date. Next booster meeting to be December 1, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in Howard bandhall.

Kathy Louque made a motion to adjourn meeting, Laura Kirton seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.