

Minutes – September 8, 2008
Waxahachie Band Boosters

Ronnie McMahan called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes – Booster Meeting of August 4, 2008

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

Financial Report

Laura Kirton reported that as of July 31, 2008, there was \$108,885.79 in the money market account; and \$12,692.67 in the checking account. As of today, September 8, 2008, the checkbook showed a balance of \$16,540.71. Pam Maass made a motion to accept the financial report, Janet Patterson seconded. Motion carried, none opposed.

Directors Reports

Clift

Donnie Owens said construction of new facility is ongoing. He reported the recent theft of several items, including a musical instrument and tools (all personally owned by Mr. Owens), from the bandhall. Due to scheduling delays, the band truck sat loaded for two weeks, meaning that instruments needing to be repaired were inaccessible. Hopefully, things are progressing well now and the band is looking forward to getting settled in new facilities.

Junior High

Mr. Francis reported that preparations are underway for the move to the new 8th grade center.

Ms. Ray reported that the junior high students will sit with the high school band during the upcoming Lancaster game – kids are looking forward to this time with high school band.

High School

Mr. Armstrong thanked parents and boosters for their help and support with pit equipment, water, meals, etc. He expressed thanks to Perry Popp and Ronnie for their help in constructing the boxes for the show.

Mr. Armstrong said help would be needed with upcoming Region Jazz audition, to be held at the high school. All interested volunteers please email Mr. Armstrong.

The show is coming together, contest season is approaching. Lots of hands will be needed to get the pit equipment moved, especially during contests. Woody Perry noted that three new students have been added to the pit.

Mr. Armstrong said he needs counsel from the boosters on best approach regarding numbers for the spring trip. To date, 101 students have signed-up to go on the trip, with 21 adults and 2 directors. This is too many people for the two chartered buses we currently are planning on using. Possibilities are: 1) taking another bus and increasing travel expenses either for everyone or for adults or 2) asking adults to voluntarily withdraw from the trip. It was noted there was not enough extra people to charter another entire bus. Kathy Louque noted that senior parents should have first priority, general agreement from boosters. It was noted that not all adults will be able to meet the requirement of having traveled on two occasions with the band prior to being able to serve as chaperone for the trip, however, most probably would. Ronnie noted that it was essential to have at least eleven chaperones, in order to have a safe and successful trip, and to be able to get all tasks performed. This means that 10 extra adults have signed-up to go on the trip. Lisa Popp said that it was important for all adults to understand what is required of chaperones, and that a job description should be provided to all who have signed-up for the trip. Lisa P. said that it was important that the cost not be raised for the students, general agreement from boosters. Several boosters who had signed-up for the trip said they would be willing to not go. Further discussion ensued and it was decided that adults would be provided with chaperone job descriptions; there would be strict enforcement of both payment schedule and previous travel requirement with band (on 2 separate occasions); and priority would be given by seniority.

Campus Reports

Junior High

Edward Quintana reported success of recent parent meeting – 47 7th grade parents and 25 8th grade parents were in attendance. Two were possible recruits to help with concession stand. Edward reported that junior high students are available to help with banners during upcoming March.

New Business

Travel Reimbursement Vote

Ronnie said that a proposal has been forwarded to the boosters from the executive committee regarding reimbursement for those volunteering to haul the band trailer to away games and contests. Ronnie reported that the executive committee has recommended that reimbursement in the amount of \$.40/mile be made to those pulling the trailer, based on Mapquest city-to-city mileage amounts. Ronnie noted that this amount had been donated by those pulling the trailer in the past, but that with rising gas prices this amount is becoming significant. Ronnie asked for questions from the floor. Joey Kirton asked how many vehicles pulled trailers during away events. Ronnie said

that probably one vehicle would be used for away games and that two vehicles would probably be used for contests. Hearing no further questions, Ronnie asked for a voice vote, motion carried, with none opposed.

Bus Driver Payment Increase

Ronnie noted that it would be mutually beneficial to bus drivers and band for drivers to receive a pay increase from the \$7.50/hour they are currently being paid to \$10/hour. Ronnie said it sometimes difficult to get drivers, and the extra payment would encourage drivers to drive regularly for the band. Edward Quintana asked if this would be only for drivers at high school events – or for junior high and sixth grade, as well. Ronnie said this would be across the board pay increase for bus drivers at all band events for all grades. Ms. Ray asked if we would run into conflicts with the district – Sharon Owens noted that the district was currently short two bus drivers. It was noted that the district and band would work together to get bus driver needs covered. Lisa P. said that happy bus drivers would be a good thing for the band and that a thank-you note had already been received from an Everman game driver (Lisa P. had provided the drivers a small extra amount as a token). Kathy L. asked if this would include drivers of chartered buses – the answer was no, only district school bus drivers. Woody Perry noted that it might be necessary to get driver social security information, if the same drivers are assigned each time. Lisa P. and Ronnie said that probably few drivers would exceed the \$600 limit for non-reported income. It was noted that if the extra money is counted as a “tip,”and, further, is in the form of cash, this might be treated differently. Woody to would investigate further. Mr. Armstrong said a W-9 can be provided to any driver, as needed. Ronnie asked for a motion from the floor. Edward Quintana made a motion to increase non-chartered bus driver pay for all band trips (all grades) to \$10/hour. Kathy Louque seconded. Motion carried, none opposed.

Asst VP Reports

Concessions

Perry Popp said all went well in concession stand during first game, a few volunteer spots remained open. Help is needed for all upcoming home games; those interested please contact Perry or Lisa P. Tomorrow night is first junior high game, everything is ready. Funnel cakes sold very well, were backed up at times – however, are now being made three at a time. Are very popular, taste much improved over frozen funnel cakes. Profit per funnel cake greatly increased, as well. Perry reported that someone had fried fish in the fryer and left a mess, so fryer to remain locked. Carol Kimberlin reported that approximately 180-200 snowcones were sold, with \$1.80 profit per each \$2.00 snowcone. with more sales being possible in future games.

Special Projects

Kathy Louque reported that all posters had been distributed to area businesses.

Preparations for contest food are underway. Chick-Fil-A to be contacted regarding contest food, as they provided food for UIL last year. Plans for UIL week are ongoing, parents to be contacted regarding UIL week activities.

Newsletter

Carol Kimberlin reported that all is going well – apologized for lateness of last newsletter due to computer issues, which have been resolved.

Fundraising

Lisa Richardson reported that approximately 100-125 people had attended Double Dave's post-game pizza buffet for the band. Double Dave's reported approximately \$600 in receipts for this event, and will be offering it following each home game for the kids. A Double Dave's banner will be displayed to the right of the band during games, advertising the post-game pizza buffet.

Lisa R. noted that date for March is approaching. If weather is good, students should arrive at 8:15. Five concerts are planned, to date (with one being a free concert for the assisted-living facility by the stadium). The band will be displaying banners from two patrons, one six-foot long banner and one eight-foot banner. These will hang from trailers. Additionally, the band will march with a flag displaying the Daily Light's logo, as they have run several ads for the band. The students will march with a flag displaying Oma's logo, as they have donated hamburgers for the March. Occasions Unlimited has donated use of their parking lot for a water break and will be providing cookies to the students. Currently, the band will perform concerts for four sponsoring businesses: Aaron's, Wal-Mart, Citizen's National Bank and Double Dave's. Rain date is November 8. It was noted that, as this is a new event for both the band and the community, as awareness increases, sponsorship levels will increase for future years. However, the band has already increased its number of patrons from last year's levels.

Location for lunch is to be determined. Once plans are finalized (not possible until all sponsors are known), the city will have to approve lunch area, as we will be cooking with an open flame grill. Lisa P. said that Edward is coordinating lunch, and Perry is coordinating water. Discussion ensued as to possible lunch locations (difficult to set until final schedule is known). Various possibilities identified, including the Fine Arts parking lot, where restroom facilities could be easily accessed. Laura Kirton said Occasions Unlimited had requested a picture of the band and that their parking lot could be used for lunch with no problem. It was decided that location for lunch would be decided upon once final schedule is known.

Discussion ensued over starting point for March. Lisa P. noted that starting March in parking lot of Penney's and Home Depot, instead of by Target, would eliminate concerns with crossing 287 at that spot. It was noted that a route starting by Target had already been published in the Daily Light, and folks might be expecting band to start at that

location. There was general agreement, however, that it would be good to eliminate a major street (highway) crossing.

Ronnie said it would be necessary to have a meeting for parent volunteers prior to March. Lisa P. asked best way to handle getting kids to/from restrooms during March, suggesting use of shuttle bus to Lumpkins from lunch location. Sharon Owens said she would check on availability of a district bus for the day, flat rate would be \$40 as the event is in-town.

Lisa R. said that Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. before the March would be good time for parent meeting, asked Carol to send out an email.

Old Business

Ronnie asked for any other business – Lisa P. said concession stand sign-up sheets were located in back of the bandhall, asked all boosters to volunteer for upcoming games, including JV games.

Joey Kirton made a motion to adjourn, Laura Kirton seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40.