

Waxahachie Band Family Meeting
Tuesday, Oct 6, 2020
7:00 PM Zoom

Minutes

Call to order at 7pm.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from August's meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Alyssa A. reported that we're just now getting into our yearly expenses and still have over \$30,000 in outstanding band fees. We are reaching out to the families with balances to try to set up payment arrangements. A note was made that like library fees, band fees must be paid before graduating so as to avoid any diploma holds. The band boosters are covering the price of the meal deal (away games) in full. Generally there is an \$80 concessions credit if you work 2 varsity or 4 JV or 4 JH games. We need help with concessions but due to COVID we cannot guarantee that there will be a credit this year. The hope is that there will be, so we will continue tracking who is working. If we are able to meet financial goals and the volunteers meet their game requirements (2/4/4) we will see if we can apply a credit to their account. The last football game had 42 empty spots in the volunteer signups. This is the easiest year to work concessions, as there is nothing to cook, clean up after, and everything is pre-packaged. It's easy, but we're extremely shorthanded.

Junior High Directors: Howard, Finley, and Coleman report that they have all held band parent meetings and are starting to hand out Christmas music. The online payment options are working well. Howard is selling hoodies and Finley just passed out band shirts to everyone who paid their fees. All three schools are in the thick of recording their region music as nothing will be live this year.

Volunteer Opportunities: Amy H. reiterated that we need more volunteers at the concession stand. She reports that there are games during most week nights, so there is an opportunity to jump in at any time. Jeremy and Randy are at the Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri games and Rick and Jenny are at the Thursday games. More helpers are needed.

Right now we need the same meal deal volunteers each week to minimize covid exposure.

Please complete online registration as well as get a copy of the DPS form and copy of your DL to send to WISD admin. Or email amy.hollingsworth11@gmail.com.

We need help this weekend to pass out posters. There will possibly be a painting crew this Saturday – watch for details.

Fundraising: There is a Chipotle spirit night planned for 10/27 between 4-8. The band will collect 33% of all profits.

We will be starting an individual fundraising opportunity with Jordan E's Popcorn. Students can collect preorders for \$5 bags of flavored popcorn (4 cups each) and \$2.50 per bag will be applied to their band account.

High School Director: Mr. Armstrong reports that choreography is coming in on the 24th. The props are almost complete (the Burkhalters are finalizing plans.) All region jazz tryouts have begun and the recordings sound great. It's been a learning process and we're gaining some insight as to who things are programmed and coded.

Some of the practice times in October will change, including extra hours of practice and a family performance. Since we cannot afford to take 9 days off for Thanksgiving break (with area competition the next week) we will plan to have three practices during the week, and there is a game scheduled for the 27th. We can work with you if you're out of town, but if you're in town we expect you to come to rehearsal to keep the show fresh in your head.

Homecoming, the parade, and bonfire are still on. Mrs. Harris also wants to have the Christmas extravaganza. Mr. Armstrong spoke with her about a modified Trunk or Treat and she encouraged us to continue with those plans. Parents can remain in their car and dress up, allowing the students to have a walkthrough as they exit practice. The designated booster volunteers will have a pre-made bag of candy to give to the students. We will try to arrange it so that there are no other events going on at the high school at the same time.

The students are doing well about staying home when they don't feel well.

We're seeing an uptick in freshman parent volunteers.

We will perform in DeSoto on the 23rd. If Cedar Hill does not bring a band to HOCO we will do a half-time show and a post-game show for the concessions parents. We need to perform as much as possible.

Meal Deal: John and Kathleen say we're good on the meal deal and have ideas for the coming weeks.

Pit Crew: Kristen McClain says they have everything they need.

New Business: We will be asking for trunk or treat donations to put the goody bags together.

Next Meetings: General Meeting, Tuesday, December 8th (Potential conflict with Howard Holiday Concert so may change at a later date) @ 7:00 PM via ZOOM

Adjourned at 7:47