

Waxahachie Band Boosters  
General Family Meeting  
Tuesday Feb 2, 2021  
7pm – Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7pm. The previous meeting's minutes were available online as well as in the chat. They were approved.

Michelle R. discussed the need to get a date together to collect the band posters from area businesses. They will be returned to the band hall for students to collect.

A call went out to ask any parents that may have CDLs to help drive band trucks the next year.

It was noted that as of right now WISD is not allowing any gatherings until May 15, which is the week before graduation. The Jazz Café date of April 23 will need to be rescheduled.

Amy discussed the upcoming Winter Guard contest that will be held on the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup> and day of the 20<sup>th</sup> (March.) There are currently 100 teams registered to compete. Right now our focus is on volunteers and coordinating a judges room. We will feed the judges a boxed lunch and maintain social distancing. We are also selling \$300 and \$500 ads for the program, and the program will be available for free. Vendors can also pay \$100 for a spot with electricity. Participants will arrive, warm up, compete, and leave. We will send a signup genius out and set up committees for help on this event.

Nominations are needed for next year's board positions, including President, Vice President, Treasurer, Co-chair for concessions, Fundraising, Secretary/Communications, Head Chaperone, VP of Uniforms, and we've asked the JH directors to identify their own JH reps.

Alyssa shared that a donation of 40k has been arranged to purchase two trucks for the band boosters' use. The money is being donated for that purpose and will ideally be cheaper in a year than leasing a truck like we currently do.

Dr. Morgan shared that he wants to discuss the district's financial investment in the band program for the upcoming year and offered his continued support to seeing the success of our music program.

Junior High Directors (Ingram, Vera, Lee) shared their success in Fanpledge fundraising, working with beginners to progress, pushing top bands toward UIL and getting ready to recruit next year's students. Coleman is going to try to do something fun for the Region kids who weren't able to go to the clinic and concert. Lee shared that while taking their band to visit with the elementary schools the students shared what they liked about band. They're all working on strengthening their sections for now.

Mr. Armstrong thanked the boosters for all of their help over the last semester. They are currently planning the upcoming summer schedule and fall show. The current stage is being sold to Midlothian. The marching goals for next year are to go back to state as well as BOA Super Regional in San Antonio – which is the hardest marching contest in the nation. All top bands from Texas will be there. Then we can stay and play at state. The feedback from our performance at state was enough to support moving forward with more BOA competitions. San Antonio would be a Saturday BOA performance, spend Sunday relaxing or rehearsing, competing in state on Monday.

Unfortunately, our seniors didn't get to go to Disney this year, but we hope to plan a Spring Break trip in 2022.

A concert is scheduled for next Tuesday and it will be held in the basketball main gym to allow for proper distancing and preventing anyone from having to stay home because of close contact. A percussion concert is scheduled for Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. Right now, everyone is working on UIL and solos. Matilda was nominated for outstanding orchestra and in the running for an award from the Dallas Summer Musicals.

10 of our students made All-State, putting us in 7<sup>th</sup> for 6A All state schools. The theme among other schools is that those who came to in-person school and marched in the fall performed better at all state level.

Next year we will record for honor band. We are currently working on providing master classes for everyone.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm