

Waxahachie Band Boosters

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

7:00 PM - WHS Band Hall Face-to-Face Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Amy Hollingsworth (Booster President) at 7:10. The minutes were reviewed and approved (Lou and John).

Amy introduced the executive team and briefly stated their responsibilities.

- Treasury- Alyssa Aldrich.
- Volunteers- Sharon Boyd.
- Concessions- Jeremy Boyd
- Uniforms- Jennifer Nash- She is putting together a team and needs help.
- Special Projects- Kathleen and John White. This team feeds the kids. This includes Meal Deal before the games and sack lunches after the game.
- Fundraising- This position is currently unfilled. If you want to help, please let us know. Examples of duties include putting up pictures in restaurants, asking businesses for donations, and Jazz Cafe.
- Chaperone- Kareece Mckie and Lou Blackmon. If interested in chaperoning, talk to them. If you want to go to Disney, talk to them. You will need to chaperone two games, two contests, and two concessions in order to chaperone Disney. Senior parents will have priority, but we will need many chaperones.
- Logistics- Rick Williams and Ron Brown. They handle moving things around (props, equipment) and aren't here tonight, but they will need volunteers as well.
- Color Guard- Makisha Clark.
- Secretary and Communications- Jenna Lehman.
- Howard Parent Representative- Kristen Trejo
- Finley Parent Representative- still working on getting a representative.
- Coleman Parent Representative- currently two reps sharing the role for next year.

Financials Report: Alyssa. Fiscal year ended May 31. There is a profit and loss statement here for your review. Registration was last week, and make-up day is August 7. All band fees must be paid in full in order to apply money toward the Disney trip. Parents have the ability to work up to \$400 for one student in concessions, and any additional credits will roll over to Disney. Please pay band fees first, and then your earned concessions credits will be applied to your account in December. Everyone should have received a Quickbooks invoice if you were here at registration Saturday.

Current Business:

- **Car Wash and Garage Sale** - June 19. This is our first fundraiser. Pledge sheets are a way to earn money for band fees and Disney on your student's personal account. This event is at Lumpkins Stadium by the old dressing room where we used to practice (now the Coleman field house). Starts at 8 am. Students need to get there an hour before their shift. Garage sale- you are responsible for the stuff you bring. Bring it, set it up, keep the money, and spend how you wish. You can start setting up at 7 am and can have 1-2 parking spaces. Mr. Armstrong suggested setting up at 6 am.
- **Fourth of July Parade**- We don't know the route yet. There is a tentative route from the city, but it may be changed. Kids meet at a starting point, hydrate, march, then have a family picnic.
- **Concessions**- Jeremy Boyd gave an update. This year, we will have a full menu with cooked food. We will get more traffic with the hot food- nachos, hamburgers, french fries, funnel cakes. We have chili cheese machines this year. This year, the funnel cakes won't require mixing. These new changes will drive profit to help put more into the band program. Square program gives us good data on what sells and doesn't sell to make improvements. The goal is to fill up all the windows and turn customers as fast as we can. Last year, sales were down due to Covid. Please sign up. Each concessions shift worked earns a credit to your student's account. This year, the band credit is increased up to the maximum amount of band fees. The return on your investment is exponential. We have a group of coordinators with concessions. This year, we have some additional opportunities besides football games, such as the Fourth of July parade route, fireworks, and at the new railroad park in August- Friday Night Flicks. Sign ups will be communicated as we have need.

High School Director Report (Mr. Armstrong):

- Thank you for the banquet- it went very well.
- Spring camp was a great week. Bringing Todd Ryan with the Blue Devils was a great addition. We are in the process of making videos so the students can know what to work on at home. Thank you for coming to see the showcase.
- Registration- thank you very much for helping. 179 students came through, which was a majority of the band.
- Part 4 of the show is now online.
- One of our goals is to make finals for all BOA shows. San Antonio is the hardest show that this band has ever competed in. It has the best of the best in Texas there. Some of the bands from Indiana may come out.

- We plan to start helping the students plan and prepare for college. This will begin in summer band camp.
- Disney World- we are in the final stages of planning. Mr. Armstrong stated he usually does all the planning, but this year we will hire a company due to difficulties in getting in touch with Disney. The Disney Youth department is down to three people, and it was formerly hundreds before Covid. All payment is made online. Mr. Armstrong played a video from Greenlight- the tour company we plan to use. Mr. Armstrong projected and reviewed the itinerary. Trip details- leave Wednesday evening and ask the district for permission for the students to miss Thursday and half day Friday. The plan is to get back Tuesday and still have the rest of the week for Spring Break. He then showed a price breakdown. He stated this is our fourth time to take the band to Disney. The kids need to bring a portable charger to get in touch with chaperones for safety. Chaperones do room checks at night, and we will have a full-time security guard with us.
- Remind texting- Please go to the website if you're not on Remind texting. Mr. Armstrong sends out important information often on Remind. The information to join is on the website (www.spiritofwaxahachie.com). Remind group 19e has space for new members. If you haven't done Rank One forms, you can use that app as well.

Amy stated that if you want to chaperone, get an application and talk to Sharon. Don't fill out the volunteer form online because the district is about to wipe the site clean, and all stored information will be deleted. Talk to Kareece and Lou about chaperones if you want to help. Sharon stated that our band fees are still really low compared to our competition because of our concessions. Concessions make a huge dent in the band fee cost. We need many volunteers for concessions. Amy stated that we will have marching uniforms and competition uniforms. This year, the students will be more responsible for uniforms. We won't dry clean every week. The students will have to clean them at home. They will be taught by section leaders how to care for the uniforms. Special projects- please get the handout. Feeding needs many volunteers. For Color Guard and Uniforms, there will be sign up geniuses on Remind or Facebook or the website. If you see a sign up genius on Facebook, that means we need people to help. There is a private Facebook group, and you can ask questions there. If you're on the Zoom tonight, this is the last time using Zoom for the meetings. Please come in person next time, as it helps with getting to know people.

Next Meeting Time: August 2, 2021 7:00 pm WHS Band Hall

Adjourn- Motion Chrissy, Second Sharon.

Parents met with the area of their interest for more information.