

Waxahachie Band Boosters
General Meeting
Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020
7:30 Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Minutes: The past month's meeting minutes were posted to Facebook at the time of the meeting. Krissi Holmberg made a motion to approve the minutes, and Jill Moore seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the board.

President Sherri Cooper welcomed all new team members and incoming new band families. Board changes for 2020-21 include:

Special Projects Co-Chairs:

Kathleen and John White, Kim Freeman

Coleman Reps:

Kristi Lehman and Misti Scott

AVP of Fundraising Co-Chairs:

Michelle Robertson and Michelle Jennings

Secretary/AVP of Communications

Sharon Boyd

Logistics:

Ron Brown will be joining the existing logistics team.

Director of Fine Arts: Mr. Phillip Morgan spoke as a guest, thanking existing booster members for what they do and offering his support if they needed anything. He assured band families that the district is working hard behind the scenes to provide a safe and successful 6A State year, ensembles, and band program given the current events. Mr. Morgan works to support Mr. Armstrong and the WISD band staff to ensure they have financial access and curriculum support throughout the year. If parents would like to reach out, they can contact Mr. Morgan at pmorgan@wisd.org or (972) 923-4727.

Mr. Morgan also asked that families respond to the district survey sent out to poll opinions related to the upcoming school year.

Financials: Alyssa Aldrich (Treasurer) stated that there was not much to report due to few expenditures over the past month. We are currently planning to purchase new equipment and close out the fiscal year on May 31. She stated that year end financials will be available soon and asked that families please pay their past due band fees from the current school year. We currently have \$13,000 in unpaid or past due band fees. These will need to be paid prior to upcoming band registration on August 1st. The plan is to arrange more convenient payment options including monthly autodraft payment plans for the 20-21 school year. If you have an invoice in your email inbox, you can click the link and pay it online via the

square website via SpiritofWaxahachie.com, but you must be sure to enter the student's name, otherwise we will be unable to know who the payment applies to. To set up monthly debits or a payment plan, wait until we close out the school year and then contact Alyssa at treasurer@spiritofwaxahachie.com to work something out.

Junior High Directors: Laura Seale (Finley) said there was not a lot to report. They are busy closing out the year and sending instruments in for repair. They hope to start band normally in the fall. Courtney Davis (Howard) echoed Ms. Seale's report and said things were fairly close to being completed. Mr. Ingram and Mr. Vera (Coleman) repeated the same message and reported that they'd seen a fantastic response so far in students turning in equipment and that they were excited to see what the district would decide on moving forward into the next year.

High School Directors: Mr. Armstrong thanked everyone who worked to put the senior gift bags together and stated that every senior came by to pick theirs up. The band program has been running a "Senior of the Day" program since May 1st with each senior highlighted on the website and social media. He also thanked Mr. Bell on the tremendous amount of work he had done to put the slideshow together for the virtual banquet, as well as Steven Castaneda and David Moore from the district, who helped collaborate the live streaming event. Mr. Armstrong stated it was a huge success and that they may look to streaming the banquet again in the future as well as ensuring that each staff has a moment to speak to the band. He also thanked Mr. Vera for coordinating master classes with the district's private lesson instructors as a way to both provide extra help to students and a source of income for professionals impacted by the pandemic.

Mr. Armstrong emphasized how challenging this time has been but how the band kids are learning new skills and working hard during virtual band camp, even with kinks in the process. They're completing four elements per day and should already know part 1 of the program by the end of June.

Students are asked to return any tuxes or equipment they may still have.

Upcoming Events: Mr. Armstrong stated that the June and July calendar is being adapted based on current regulations. As of the meeting, students would be allowed to come inside effective July 8. He reported that most TEA/UIIL rules are not very conducive to marching band at the moment. Multiple smaller sessions may be needed and Monday rehearsals may be added.

The July 4th parade is still planned by the city, but the band will only participate if it's approved by the school district. We are currently waiting on their COVID-19 protocols and will do what's required. Hopefully by August we will be back to band camp as usual, given the parameters that are set forth. If it is a virtual August camp, that's what we'll do. The schedule will be adjusted depending on what the district does to the school year.

Mr. Armstrong also stated that he had spoken with one of the UIL band officials and they intend to do everything possible to allow for a state marching band contest this November.

The garage sale fundraiser is on hold. The band luau and ice cream social are also up in the air. Continue to check the weekly sheet on the website for updated times. Families can also text @wisdband19 to 81010 to join the band Remind.

Graduation drink sales will happen this Friday beginning at 5:30.

Fanpledge is scheduled for August 4th.

Next Meeting: There will be an executive team meeting on August 3rd @7pm and then a general band booster family meeting on Tuesday August 4th @ 7pm, with general meetings continuing every other month on the first Tuesday of the month.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:14pm motion by Linnea Thompson and seconded by Nicole Dunn.