

Waxahachie Band Boosters

General Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2020

Call to order: 7:33pm

Minutes: The previous months' meeting minutes are unavailable at this time due to the secretary being out. They will need to be presented and approved at the next meeting.

Financials: Alyssa Aldrich (Treasurer) reported that financials were last updated 1/31/20. She presented that the board had approved (during the executive meeting) to purchase a Quickbooks account later this month. Doing so will allow for invoicing and online pay. We should have it set up by the 2020-21 band registration day. The purchase was approved by vote, with Amy Hollingsworth making the motion and Maria Smith seconding the motion.

Junior High Directors: Pre-UIL begins tomorrow. Coleman recently completed solo and ensemble competitions the Saturday before last, with 141 medals earned. Finley is preparing for the "Pie in the Face" event next week, based on previous fundraising at the Jazz Café.

High School Directors: Mr. Armstrong thanked everyone for their support and asked for volunteers at pre-UIL to help keep the junior high students quiet. Adults would need to be there from approximately 9:00-1:15.

At this time the high school is preparing for sectionals and listenings, with focus on the individual players. Students are encouraged to keep a practice journal and come down during Tribe Time to pick on specific items to work on, with a deliberate focus on certain musical topics.

WHS sent 11 students to TMEA All-State, with students performing in five different bands.

The marching show for 2020-21 is still being developed.

We plan to go to Disney during the 2020-21 school year, but not Universal. The plan would be to go during spring break, taking a 24-hour bus ride there and back. It is a possibility that the band would practice at the ESPN Wide World of Sports fields and

either stay on-site at the Coronado or in an off-site condo where they could prepare their own meals. WISD is taking schedule requests up to the end of this month.

There will likely be no side-by-side with 8th graders this spring. We are currently working on recruiting 5th graders for junior highs, with dates in April or May for signups.

Nominating Committee: Michelle Robertson presented volunteers who have stepped forward for next year's board, including 1. Special Projects – Kathleen White, John White, and Kim Freeman; 2. Coleman JH Reps – Kristi Lehman and Misti Scott; 3. Uniforms – Lou as a helper, but not in charge. Linnea is happy to help train her replacement; 4. Fundraising – Michelle Robertson and Michelle Jennings; 5. Logistics – Rick can stay on but will need to try to train a replacement; 6. Combining Secretary and Communications – Sharon Boyd.

The board also discussed amending some of the bylaws to extend the 2-year limit and will present them at the next general meeting. The goal is to bring in new lowerclassmen parents and train them to step into future roles.

Winter Guard: Michelle Robertson discussed the recent 2nd place for our varsity team. The JV team was promoted for the 3rd time this year, increasing the competition level so that they are now competing in the same division as the varsity team. Our guard has contacted the president of the circuit, administrator, and WGI contacts in an attempt to negotiate the unfair level at which they are now ranked, to allow them to drop back into a lower level where they will be more competitive.

Amy Hollingsworth presented information regarding the winter guard competition scheduled to be hosted by WHS on the 21st. There are still several volunteer spots that need to be filled. Students are welcome to help and we will feed them. Tickets for the general public are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. We plan to sell ads in the program. Pricing is approximately \$700 per ad.

Fundraising: A popcorn fundraiser opportunity was presented for individual band fee fundraising where students can earn up to 50% of each sale and apply it to their band account. There is also a possibility of a mattress fundraiser in the future. The car wash needs to be scheduled so that it lines up with camps and possible 7 on 7 games in June. There will also be a garage sale for families to earn money for their students. The Cowboy's raffle is still up in the air as to whether we want to have it again for 2020-21. Due to the success of the Fan Pledge event, the HS plans to host it again at the beginning of the year and then the JHs to follow about six months later (so that they aren't at the same time for band families.)

Band Banquet: The banquet will be May 2nd in Midlothian. Tickets are \$25 each. Students may not buy tickets or be admitted to the banquet if they owe band fees. A maximum number of 500 tickets will be sold.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm (Motion, Jeremy Boyd; Second by Michelle Robertson.)