

Waxahachie Band Boosters

Family Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 11, 2022

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

Call to Order Amy Hollingsworth

Special Projects

- Jazz Cafe will be held May 7, 2022 at Midlothian Conference Center. All items will be set up from the previously scheduled Feb. date. We are asking parents to donate auction items or ask local businesses to donate items. Contact Amy Hollingsworth or Kristin Trejo, and we will create the basket for you.
- Band Banquet will be held May 20, 2022, at Waxahachie Conference Center. Last time it was held at this location was in 2018. It will be set up similar to the last time it was held there.
- There will be a family meeting in May to vote on the nominated members for the Executive Team officers.

Treasurer's Report: Passed out profit and loss and actual budget. We are at a negative for Jazz Cafe since we haven't had it yet. TNT money will go up. We have quite a bit in band fees outstanding. Please pay fees. Everything else is accounted for and doing well. Letters have been sent to seniors who have outstanding fees. Alyssa asked for questions, and none were presented.

Amy stated, "Winter Guard show profited \$6314.66. Next year we plan to have a committee to run this as well as move it away from spring break."

Directors Reports:

Howard: (given by Rich Armstrong)- Ms. Davis was ill, so she left after the ET meeting. Prepping for a beginner contest this week- Pinstack in Plano. Spring concert prep now. Solo contest May 13. Director on maternity leave May 6. With the Fan Pledge, we bought two prometean boards. Hope to get them installed soon. She wanted me to pass on to you, "Thank you for understanding that I had to leave tonight due to my pregnancy."

Our goal this year for all JH's is 100+ sixth graders for each junior high.

Finley: Ms. Seale. Both bands won sweepstakes at UIL. Sixth grade performed at Pinstack. The saxophones got section of the day there. Preparing for solo contest,

spring concert, and end of the year auditions. Tomorrow we will go to Dunaway to audition beginners. We already have over 100 kids signed up for 6th grade.

Coleman: Mr. Ingram. Both Coleman bands earned Sweepstakes a few days ago at UIL. Working on recordings to get into the honor band competition. The kids have worked well and have been fantastic with great attitudes. Spring concert May 10. May 19- will come and play on stage at the Performing Arts Center before the HS concert. We are very excited about this.

WHS: Mr. Armstrong. Had the all state competition, and it went very well. Alumni came to support. Recruiting is going very well. Feb 19th- Solo and Ensemble Contest- 86% of the students received 1's (the highest score possible). Feb. 26th- percussion concert was Face to Face, and it went very well. Jazz Cafe was rescheduled due to weather. This was a smart decision. Moved to May 7th. We didn't lose money rescheduling. March- Junior high kids came here for pre UIL. This was very successful, as they were able to become comfortable with the building before the UIL contest. They really did stand out among the other bands present. Thank you Kristin Trejo for meals for this and other events. She is always willing to help and make it happen. Disneyworld- 180 kids attended. Parents and kids had a great time. Long bus rides, but it was a great trip. They performed fantastically in the parade. Behavior was awesome. We got some fantastic pictures. We hosted the Winter Guard show right after Disney. It was very successful and well attended, and we ran out of food. We made a good profit. It went very well. Thank you to those of you that helped. JV was 5th in their round, 17th overall. Varsity was 17th also, 6th in their round. High school PreUIL was directly after that, and it was great. Junior high- all five bands, straight 1's at UIL. All were well prepared. April 2- Varsity Guard was 6th place, Jazz was at UTA. Second band was 2nd in class 6A. April 2- Ean replaced the regular piano player who could not attend. He went right in and did very well. A parent asked if we could play at a quinceanera for a student who is in band. They did very well and played great. The parent was very appreciative and excited. April 5th- show reveal was well attended- over 170 people. Truck was swiped and scraped at some point with a truck in the parking lot. It will need some repair. Many 8th graders attended the show reveal. We will need another family meeting to give 8th grade parents more information about the high school marching band. The show for next year will be titled "La Ville Lumiere"- The City of Lights. Early 1900- Paris, France. Guard will have a stunning sequin outfit, and the band will wear cool worker outfits with berets. We will use cloth instead of vinyl on the props due to no sheen or shine. There will be a 10 x 10 stage in four pieces. The base of the Eiffel Tower is under construction. We will juxtapose the guard with the band and visuals. Big flags, lots of color. We will be featuring the kids at the right times in the show. We are talking to 8th graders about their intentions. Band essays are in. The readers really like

the essays this year and what was said. One student auditioned for the music major scholarship- Mikayla Lehman. She will receive a scholarship. She was fantastic. Our program here will pale in comparison to what she will receive in college. We have kids at the school board meeting for board recognition tonight for 6 all staters. Tomorrow night- we are playing at Wedgeworth for art night. We are playing a pep rally at Cliff Wed AM. Jazz band will play this. Jazz band will be playing at Sim Library. If you want to see something stunning, come to the Special Olympics Pep Rally Thursday here at WHS. UIL is coming up. 23rd- Jazz Bands concert here and UTA's Jazz Orchestra is closing out the concert. It will be amazing- very talented. Will charge \$10 admission, \$5 for students and seniors- pay at the door. 28th- Jazz will be playing at Wilemon Arts night. Cliff- Jazz Combo will play. Jazz Band competition in Grand Prairie coming up. Color Guard auditions began today. Percussion began recently as well. We are playing and recording on the 21st at St. Edwards in Plano, where the acoustics are great. We are about to do band auditions in the last week of April and leadership auditions. By May 4, it will be wrapped up. Parents of seniors we need baby pictures and a senior picture for the banquet. Please send to Mr. Bell at jbelle@tch.wisd.org. Thank you for all that you guys do to support the band.

Nominations for 2022-2023 Executive Board Officers:

Amy read the duties of each position. She explained that in May, the nominees will be voted on by secret ballot. Two people who are not up for nomination and not involved in the election will count the votes.

Robin Jeter and Mr. Armstrong served as the nominating committee. After Amy read the position descriptions, Robin listed names that were put before the committee. Amy then asked if anyone else would like to put forward names tonight.

- President: Names put before the committee: Breanna Williams. She is not here tonight. Was a chaperone mom this year. Lisa Russell. Guard mom- worked in concessions. Kathleen White was present and put her name forward as well.
- Vice President: Names put before the NC: Robin Jeter. She stated that she has been a nurse with the band for many events. Helped with many things- meals, braiding hair, prayer. She views her role is to jump in and help and stand in the gap when needed. No other names were put forward tonight.
- Director of Volunteers: Names put before the NC: None. Name put forward tonight: Lucy Witt was present and stated that she would serve in this capacity if needed.

- Director of Concessions. Names put before the NC: Kristin Trejo. No other names were put forward tonight. A parent asked if she could manage the visitor's side. Amy explained that the Director of Concessions would work with her and thank you very much for offering to fill this role.
- Director of Fundraising. Names put before the NC: None. No names put forward tonight. Amy said if we do not have one, the fundraising responsibilities will fall on the President and VP as it was done this year.
- Director of Special Projects: Names put before the NC: None. John White was present and put his name forward tonight. He said that he and his wife, Kathleen, have been very involved over many years and have a lot of respect for Mr. Armstrong and what he does.
- Director of Communications: Names put before the NC: Meaghan Baeza. She has done a little of everything- lots of concessions, even pregnant, handled a fire in the concession stand while pregnant. She has always helped out when she could. No other names were put forward tonight.
- Director of Uniforms: Names put before the NC: Autumn Yarborough. She has done this job before with other children. She has experience, and we are so excited she is willing to do this. No other names were put forward. Amy asked if you are not on the ET, please help with uniforms because it is a lot of work, and much help is needed.
- Director of Props: Names put before the NC: Ben Rice. He was not present, but his wife was present. She stated that he is on board as long as he doesn't have to design it. He helped with props this year. Ron suggested forming a committee to help load props. Dr. Morgan suggested encouraging parents to help when they can.
- Director of Logistics: Ron Brown. This is his second year as an officer, and as such, will not need to be voted on.
- Treasurer: Alyssa is stepping down. She will be our bookkeeper. Names put before the NC: Chrissy Holmberg has been the treasurer assistant for two years. No other names were put forward. Margarita Hayden was present and volunteered to be the treasurer assistant.
- Guard Mom- Lakedra Smith. This position is assigned by Denise Armstrong and is not voted on.
- Chaperone- Kareece McKie and Lou Blackmon. This is the second year for their term, and as such, will not need to be voted on.
- Coleman Representative: Names put before the NC: No names. Put forward tonight- Jennifer Russell.
- Howard Representative: Names put before the NC: Amy Hollingsworth (current ET president). No other names were put forward.

- Finley Representative: Names put before the NC: Sara Lopez and Debbie Timmerman, who is on the school board. Names put forward tonight: Ms. Seale said Kristin Crier said she was interested.

ByLaws: They have been rewritten and were presented at the Booster Family Meeting in February. Amy asked for a motion to accept the bylaws as written. Motion from Sharon Boyd, Second from Chrissy Holmberg. John White asked for discussion. He stated that there are typos and many things that need to be corrected. Amy asked if he wanted to go through it tonight. He stated that it would take too long. He asked if there could be a clinic to edit. Sharon asked if we could approve them, and the next board could revamp them. Kathleen said since there are already errors and holes, it is a waste of time to do it that way. Jennifer Nash asked if there were any suggestions for corrections emailed after the February meeting. Amy said no. Kathleen asked when were they posted on Facebook. Amy said she didn't know the exact date. Kathleen said she had to look for it. Sharon said she provided them a few times to Mr. Armstrong. Autumn Yarborough asked if it could be tabled to the next board members. Dr. Morgan (Director of Fine Arts for Waxahachie ISD) said he was more than willing to serve in an advisory role and has been on many boards to review bylaws. He said he would be more than willing to help and advise. He stated that part of it is typing Parliamentary procedure. He suggested encouraging other parents to get involved with helping when needed. He stated he would be happy to help recruit parents to get involved. He explained that tonight, we have a motion, a second, and an amendment offered to table the bylaws right now. He stated that since Sharon made the motion, she can decide to accept the friendly amendment to table. She said she would like to accept and table and let the next board deal with it. Dr. Morgan explained the procedure again. Sharon stated that she would like to deny the friendly amendment and have the vote right now. Amy stated that the reasons we did this were to get more organization and more definitions. She stated that it is not personal, it's business. She stated that we are getting bigger, and more clarity was needed in the bylaws. She stated, "I am human. I make typos, and I am sorry. If that causes us to table it, we can let the new president type it." Dr. Morgan said the board can amend at any time. Amy stated that Sharon has declined the amendment and asked for members to vote tonight. The vote results are as follows: Yay- 13. Nay- 6. Bylaws were passed. Amy stated, "Next board, please feel free to change anything that I did not do correctly. Thank you for coming out. Will vote in May on new officers."

Motion to adjourn- Alyssa Aldrich. Voted to adjourn.

Next Meeting Time: May 2 at 7 pm WHS Band Hall