

## Waxahachie Band Boosters

### Family Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

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

- I. Call to Order by Breanna Williams at 7:08 pm
- II. Reports
  - A. Approve Minutes - Chrissy Holmberg motioned to approve the minutes, Kristin Trejo seconded
  - B. Financial Report - Presented by Chrissy. Concession credits should be put in this week. Talk to the band directors or treasurer, Chrissy, if you need help getting fees paid off.
  - C. Upcoming Event Reminders
    - Jan 17 - Spirit Night at Chipotle - Need to have flyer or can be ordered online with the code for pick up.
    - Jan 26-29 - Crazy for You Spring Musical
    - Feb 4 - Jazz Cafe
    - March 4 - Winterguard Competition
- III. Accolades
  - A. Volunteer Hours - We had about 95 volunteers during football seasons. Had about 6300 hours, not including concession time. Thank you.
  - B. Will have a sign-up for volunteers to help with Jazz Cafe and Winterguard competition go out at a later date.
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Vote on proposed Bylaws - Chrissy motion to approve bylaws, Kristen seconded. John White has a point of discussion. He wants to revert back to prior bylaws from prior season (before current ones). Said there are several things that are in these bylaws he disagrees with. 1. He thinks there should be multiple people for different groups, specifically special projects. 2. Doesn't agree with the statement that no 2 family members can serve on the ET board. 3. That an individual cannot nominate themselves if they were not nominated prior to that. 4. Stating we still cannot get answers to questions previously answered. He believes it is not a good direction for the club to go in and stated he did what he could. He believes things were put there to limit his and Kathleen's capacity and ability to volunteer with band boosters. He thinks it was a vindictive thing to begin with. Breanna stated he was at all meetings to rewrite the bylaws and when asked if he was ok and everyone was ok, we all voted yes that they were good to go. And now he's saying no only because of the rule not allowing multiple people for one position when he

can create subcommittees to help with whatever he has. John said Breanna has no experience in the booster organization but was elected to president and has not done the special projects job. He stated she only did chaperoning and concessions and has no knowledge on how many people it takes to handle special projects. Kristen said she can speak to running special projects because she took over for them last year, and she did it by herself. The view point to doing one-person head is so that one person is the go-to person for that position. They have the ability to create a group of people under them to help delegate the position, but there is one person who has all the answers instead of two people. A single voice under that head. Concessions has been run by two people in the past, but now is run by one person with managers acting as the subcommittee. Delegate work from one person to others. John states there is a history of it being a dual position and it works well. Chrissy believes there can still be groups and each director can represent one "department". The ET board is just a group making basic decisions. John disagrees. Chrissy stated the board came to the table together to make sure the bylaws were fair and complete, to make sure that everything was transparent, and so no one would ever question what happened last year again. There was no vindictiveness. If you believe that the majority of the bylaws exist to make this a good strong transparent group then you need to vote yes. --Conversations veered to topic of personal attacks-- Chrissy stated the three bids is not a personal attack. It's to add transparency that even though someone is a board member, we are doing the stewardship we need to do. A parent says she does that and goes with the fastest turn around. Kathleen asked if anyone asked how Mr. Armstrong feels about having to get three bids. Mr. Armstrong said he gets 3 quotes from every dime he spends from WISD, even though he doesn't have to for purchases under \$500. Andy Baeza said it's standard business practice to get quotes. When it comes to having two people leading special projects, he doesn't see an issue if John is on the ET board and has a committee with Kathleen as the head. They are serving together with John being the one who comes to the meetings. They both have all the information. Andy stated if we go with the current bylaws John shouldn't be on the board because of the conflict of interest. Kathleen reiterated they want to go to the previous bylaws. Meaghan stated we cannot go back to the previous bylaws. The only options are the current ones and the proposed ones. Autumn Yarbrough asked why only one family member on the board. Andy said because a married couple shouldn't have more say than a single family. Meaghan motioned for a vote at this point. A parent asked to move the vote to the end of the meeting. Suggestion was declined. Two parents both seconded motion to vote at the same time.

Breanna took a vote by show of hands. 17 For/5 Against. Bylaws passed by majority vote.

V. New Business

- A. Winterguard Competition - March 4th: LaKedra Smith. Competition will be hosted at WHS and have approx 68 schools. Asked for volunteers once the signup goes out. It will be much bigger than last year. We will be having a program and selling ad space. If you know local businesses, we are working on getting ad packages together. As long as volunteers have PIE passed, anyone can volunteer (friends or family members). Students can also volunteer for community service hours. It's all day on Saturday. Will probably be about 6am-11pm with shifts. Lots of positions and things to do. Mr. Armstrong explained the we end up making all the money from the ticket sales and all the concessions and a percentage from the vendors that set up. The idea is we spend a little bit of money for judges and stuff, and make \$5-6K. This year we could hit \$10K. Planning to reach out to communities that are coming. Everything we make on the program minus the cost of printing goes into the booster program/kids. If you're a local manager of a restaurant, lets get your names on these ads. Usually food trucks are out front too. Breanna suggested making it a Spirit Day and putting the flyer in the program as an additional give-back fundraiser.
- B. Jazz Cafe-Feb 4, 6:30pm-10:30pm. A night of dancing, great jazz music, and a silent auction. Will be sending out a signup genius for volunteers to help set up, work tables, and take down after. Setup will be the day before. Students will be able to volunteer and serve. Cindy asked for donations from business owners such as a package, gift card, service, etc. It's for the silent auction for the Jazz Cafe. The silent auction is where we make the majority of the money, not the ticket sales. Kathleen asked for baskets and containers as well for the silent auction.
- C. Band Banquet - Still looking at doing it at the high school. Will save money.
- D. Uniforms - Students haven't turned in uniforms. Please check with students. If they haven't sent it back, send it back asap. They are going to be measuring for tuxedos this week.

VI. Director Reports - Reported by Mr. Armstrong

Thanked everyone for the help from marching season to now. It's been really quick. Believes we have what it takes to make state. We have 5 potential state champion schools in our district.

Boosters gave all staff members a Christmas bonus and they were all thankful.

Just got back from Region. One thing that has helped us get to state is the individual players. Work with them to make sure they have what they need. Had

71 make All-Region, 13 made area, and 6 made All-State this last Saturday. Changed our procedures to build players and because of that we are getting more in state each year. Leah Gonzalez was 1st in state on the English Horn. Other students are recording Thursday. There are 248-258 6A schools. We're in the top 18 of all schools producing All-Staters. Their kids pay a fee that allows them to pay their private lessons to come in and teach their music once a week for 90 minutes during marching season. And the kids take private lessons. It's a testament to our kids' work ethics. The kids that are All-Staters practice a lot.

Jazz Cafe, if you can afford a ticket, I would encourage you to get a ticket.

Changing dates for Solo & Ensemble to take stress off the students.

Summer calendar is out, Spring calendar is out, and Fall calendar is out. Trying to communicate in advance when we need the kids. 8th grade meeting is scheduled. Full band meeting is scheduled.

There are about \$24K outstanding without reconciling the concession fees. As an organization, we have to figure out how to get the funds in without penalizing the kid. Trying to keep the fees low. Figuring out a way to get more fundraising participation but at the same time teaching the kids they can help too. TNT donates about \$13K throughout the year because we help stock the workers. And those workers get paid individually.

We are marching more kids this next year. The show will be announced later.

Junior Highs are picking their UIL programs, getting ready for fan pledges, and doing the same thing the high school is doing: helping the kids get better. The district is growing, the numbers are growing, and we have more kids in band this year than last year. The goal is to have more kids in band next year.

VII. Open Forum - Q&A from parents - no additional questions

Q: Question if there was any change in personnel on the board. A: There is no change in personnel/the board with the bylaws passing.

Breanna mentioned the band student posters. Some have been collected. Working on getting the rest. Will have directors send out a message when they all are collected.

Andy Baeza motioned to adjourn at 8:08pm, Chrissy Holmberg seconded. All in favor.