

# Whitnall Band Booster Meeting Minutes

## April 13, 2011

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Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

### I. Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes was done by Ann Meyer with a second motion by John Kasper. All approved.

### II. Reports:

#### Financial - John Kasper

John clarified his Treasurer's Report by confirming the \$2531.00 was not from talent show, but was from WSMA concessions. John looked back at last year and thought we did pretty good job this year in keeping up with expenses. We stayed even with last year, which meant we had a pretty good year.

#### Band Director - Griffin James

Mr. James was happy to report the boosters made money from the WSMA Solo/Ensemble Festival. \$700 went into the Band Fund 60, which was the leftover money from WSMA that was not used.

March 16 was the WSMA group festival.

March 19 and 20 was the second drumline weekend.

March 22 was the first concert of the week and March 24 was the concert band and orchestra concert.

March 26 was the jazz gig, where students played in a small tent. \$350 from that evening went into Fund 60 (\$1,000 is now in band Fund 60).

March 31 was winter ensembles community night (about 100 people in attendance).

April 2 were both colorguard and drumline championships. Both groups did well with the colorguard placing 4<sup>th</sup> and the drumline placing 7<sup>th</sup>, but dropped to 9<sup>th</sup> because of penalties.

April 11 drumline went to the middle school to perform for 8<sup>th</sup> grade band and some other classes. Mr. James talked to 8<sup>th</sup> grade band about joining WHS marching band.

Last night was the winter banquet and all went well.

April 19 a marching band informational meeting will be held at 7 p.m.

Mr. James went over the marching band 2011 calendar, which was made available at the meeting. He is hoping to do three parades on the 4th of July to earn more money for the band. The band will not be traveling to Chippewa Falls this year, due to WHS homecoming.

Community Night was missing from the calendar, but will be held on Wednesday, October 12.

Next year, Mr. James expressed an interest in hosting a colorguard show, now that they are in the Illinois circuit, drumline would be in exhibition. All members agreed and Mr. James will look into it.

### III. Old Business:

#### A. Fundraiser Updates:

##### 1. Scrip - Ann Meyer

The question was asked whether Pick N Save was ever added to the list for scrip. Ann said that she would look into it. There were three scrip orders this past month.

##### 2. Miller Park - Mary Hermann/John Hushek

John informed us that the next training date for Miller Park is Wednesday, May 4 at 6 p.m. The band booster meeting will be moved to Wednesday, May 11. The next training date will be in June. Our first three game dates are Saturday, May 14 (3:10 game), Saturday, May 21 (6:10 game), and Saturday, May 27 (7:10 game). 11 games are approved with a chance to get more. A sign-up sheet will be available at the marching band information night.

##### 3. Clothing - Ann Meyer

Fleece Jackets are in, but cannot be embroidered on the arms because of a seam. It was suggested that the embroidery be on the back of the neck or on the front. Ann will call everyone who placed an order for their desired placement of embroidery.

##### 4. Citrus Sale - Tracy

The opportunity exists for our annual citrus sale upon approval from Whitnall. Gail sent in the commitment form and will coordinate the sale again this year, pending approval from Jill Stobber, Asst. Principal.

#### 5. Stadium seats - Tracy

The president of the Whitnall Falcon Booster Club, Marty Ordians, contacted Tracy to see if there would be any interest from us to sell stadium seats in the fall along with the Falcon Boosters. We would go in 50/50 with the cost at \$18 and a selling point of \$25. The band boosters were interested and Jen will look into it further as new president.

#### 6. Fundraiser Chairperson - Tracy

Lynn Moomey is exploring the idea of being the fundraiser chairperson, since she has a background in grant writing. We will need an audit done. Does anyone know a CPA??

#### 7. Car Wash - Gail

Gail double checked with Wal-Mart and they are no longer providing their parking lot for car washes. Gail secured Andy's on Hwy. 100 and Layton Ave., but members decided that this was not feasible due to an onsite car wash and not enough room for the band to practice. John H. suggested looking into the parking lot by the former Pick N Save, where we had the winter ensemble banquet. Gail will contact shopping centers with abandoned parking lots for possibilities of holding a car wash.

Tracy, Jennifer and Lynn will meet with Jill Stobber to discuss fundraising for the band. If you have any questions or concerns dealing with fundraising, you should direct them to this committee before May 4. Tracy emphasized that student accounts are against school policy and will not exist, because of legal reporting issues with the tax exempt status 501c3.

#### B. Trip Update - Ann:

Ann reported that the band trip to Washington D.C. would cost \$171 per person for the bus. The total cost would be around \$600 per person, which would include most meals. The band would play at one of the war memorials and would be 4 days and 3 nights in duration.

#### C. Banquet Update - Ann Meyer:

Tracy thanked Ann *and team* for the wonderful job that she did in planning and executing the winter ensemble banquet. The banquet hall was full and all had a good time.

#### D. Battle of the Bands Volunteers - Tracy:

The Battle of the Bands will take place on Saturday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. and is the Annual Senior Fundraiser. So far, Tracy and Rochelle, the Meyers, Mr. Kitzke, Mr. Grosser and Lisa K. volunteered their time. Tracy is looking for two people to tally up the scores – let Tracy know if you are interested.

#### IV. New Business:

Mr. James requested to be reimbursed for the bus driver's hotel room and the coach bus upgrade from the last drumline weekend.

Jennifer has received all of the 8th grade band member's home addresses. She will send out a follow-up letter to each of them after the marching band informational night.

##### A. Presentation to the Band - from an Alumni member - Tracy:

A Whitnall Marching Band Alumni from 1976, Jodee DiGiovanni with fond memories of the band, donated her Getzen trumpet to the band. She paid \$72 at Cascio Music to have it restored. She also suggested that the band host an "Annual Booster Dance" and invite the alumni. This would be a fundraising idea.

Jennifer announced that the website is updated and mentioned all of the information that one could find there.

It was suggested that we thank Mr. Brazouski for his approval of multiple trips for the winter ensembles and the walk of champions.

##### B. President's minute - Tracy:

Tracy said that she had a lot of fun being president and has a lot of memories. Her advice would be to keep the information current in the continuity book. She thought that fundraising is a bigger challenge now because we don't have student accounts, but that ideally everyone should benefit equally in the band program from these fundraisers. Not everyone can equally fundraise, and if we remind people that everyone's effort benefits the entire band, we can overcome the challenge. Years ago, that is how fundraising was. She told us to always be positive, because just like any other organization, we represent Whitnall Schools, and be open to suggestions. We have tremendous school support and we should treat that with respect and honor. Keep lines of communication open and keep reaching out. Groups recognize that we are more than willing to work with anyone and everyone..., If we need any help with anything, Tracy will still be able to help out, so feel free to contact her. Thanks for the opportunity to lead an amazing group of dedicated parents.( Mr. James played the taps on the new donated Getzen trumpet when Tracy was finished 😊 )

Mary motioned to adjourn with a second motion by Jennifer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hodkiewicz

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