

Whitnall Band Booster Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2010

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Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Sign up sheets were passed around for concert receptions, the Papa Murphy's fundraiser and the December 3 boys basketball game.

I. Minutes:

Jen Pratt moved to approve the November minutes with a second motion by Lisa Pook. All approved.

II. Reports:

Financial - John Kasper

Copies of the financial report were made available. John pointed out the donation of \$1,000 by Jake Lepper's grandparents. He went through expenses and deposits for the month of November. Ted Humpal asked how family accounts can be used. The answer was t-shirts, banquet tickets and marching band shoes.

Band Director - Griffin James

Mr. James reported that he had a relaxing November and thought the banquet was great. The

Winter program is underway with drumline tryouts held on November 22nd. All members were placed on an instrument. There are 35 students in drumline and 12 students in winterguard. The winterguard is still exploring the idea of combining with Eisenhower High School, but for now, we will only worry about the 67 students that we have to transport to Minnesota. The first practice was on November 29th.

The first concert of the year will take place on Tuesday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. involving the WHS Concert Band and the WMS 7th grade band. The Papa Murphy's fundraiser will take place on Wednesday, December 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. with the band playing at 6 p.m. On Thursday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m., the WHS Sinfonietta/WMS 8th grade band concert will take place in the WHS Auditorium. On Tuesday, December 14 the WHS Jazz Band will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. Mr. James noted that there are 30 students in the jazz band. He also requested bakery for the concert receptions on December 7th and 9th.

The uniform cleaning request went to administration and they agreed to pay \$271 per Mr. Grosser's quote. We will be hosting the WSMA Solo/Ensemble festival at Whitnall High School and the Band Booster's will be responsible for the day's concessions and the Orchestra will be selling t-shirts at the event. Mr. James requested that the Winter program sign-up sheet be handed in even though the information is the same as when the student was involved in marching band along with the \$150 district fee. The weekend dates to Minnesota for the Winter program are February 12, March 19 and April 2. The talent show rehearsal and show dates are locked in those being 1/3, 1/6, 1/10, 1/12, 1/25, 1/27 and 1/29. Mr. James has the bus quotes for the winter season, but will talk about them later in the meeting. He reminded everyone that there will not be a winter camp this year due to enough rehearsal time during the school year. Mary mentioned that she was getting feedback from parents wondering the dates for the summer schedule. Mr. James will work on it, but they should plan their schedules with the dates that were previously used. Tracy brought up the fact that Mr. James will be attending the Midwest Band Director's Conference in Chicago, in which the school does not provide lodging. She will ask the boosters to fund the \$100 cost of lodging later in the meeting.

III. Old Business:

A. Fundraiser Updates:

1. Scrip - Ann Meyer

Ann requested that orders be handed in this evening and she will order twice this month due to the holiday season.

2. Miller Park - Mary Hermann

The contract that was due on November 29 was not signed due to the fact that John Quinlan

did not respond to e-mails sent to him from Mary. Mr. Hushek said that he would talk to John. Mary mentioned that working with Whitnall Sports would be advantageous to us.

3. Citrus Sale - Gail Hodkiewicz and Jill Kasper

Gail reported that the truck arrived earlier than what Florida Indiana River Groves estimated. The truck delivered 1,890 lbs. or 76 boxes of fruit at 5 p.m. on Monday, November 30. Thanks to Kevin Hodkiewicz, Nancy and Sharon Czerwinski and boys from the theater production for unloading the truck. All of the families who sold fruit were able to pick it up that evening and was especially convenient for the winter season families. In all, 19 families sold fruit, which consisted of 16 band families, two alumni band families and one WHS teacher. A total profit of \$485.13 was earned. Jill was thanked for helping distribute and collecting the sale packets in Gail's absence.

4. Papa Murphy's - Gail Hodkiewicz

Gail created a flyer for the Papa Murphy's fundraiser, which was xeroxed by Mr. James and cut in half by Gail while she waited for families to pick up their fruit. Numerous flyers were made available in order for members to stuff their neighborhood newspaper boxes. Gail also secured some peel off coupon cards from Papa Murphy's to be distributed among the members. The Papa Murphy's fundraiser will take place on Wednesday, December 9 from 4 to 8 p.m. with the band playing at 6 p.m. We will earn 20 per cent of all sales between 4 and 8 p.m.

5. Boston Store Community Day Sale - Jill Kasper

Jill reported that a total of 40 books were sold by 7 families for a total profit of \$200. She thanked Sharon Czerwinski and Mrs. Grosser for selling books at the mall.

6. New Idea - Tracy and Jessie V.

Tracy noted that she was receiving inquiries about band clothing or winter clothing for Christmas presents. She requested a volunteer to coordinate this. Ann Meyer volunteered to look into it. Jessie V. came up with the idea of stadium seats – Lisa Pook brought up that the Falcon Boosters were thinking about the same idea for fundraising – Ann Meyer will look into it. Jill looked into pocket peeler - \$10 a card, cash and carry 20 at a time, \$5 profit on each card. She also passed around a fundraising book. It was decided that we would not pursue this idea.

B. Banquet Overview: - Ann/Lisa P/Lisa K/Jessie L

Tracy requested a summary of expenses from the banquet committee. The lodging request from Mr. James was discussed and Tom Scherbert moved to approve \$100 for the hotel expense for Mr. James who will be attending the Midwest Band Director's Convention in Chicago, December 16 - 17 with a second motion put in place by Lisa Pook. All were in favor

and the motion passed.

C. Bus Estimates - Coach/Pioneer/School Bus: - Tracy

Mr. James presented the cost differences as follows on the Smart Board.

2/11-2/13 weekend - First Student school bus 818.50 - Riteway coach 3390.00 - difference of 2571.50

3/19-3/20 weekend - First Student school bus 630.80 - Riteway coach 2860.00 - difference of 2229.20

4/2-4/3 weekend - First Student school bus 527.41 - Riteway coach 2860.00 - difference of 2332.59

Total coach upgrade - 7133.29. Pioneer busses would be the same as Riteway coach.

It was discussed that \$3,000 was spent on bussing for the marching band season and the winter season would be around \$7100, which was estimated at \$160 a student. A discussion was held on how to provide for this funding. Gail suggested selling some kind of item at the WSMA Solo/Ensemble festival besides the concessions. It was brought up that families could donate to the cause out of their accounts. Lisa Pook suggested soliciting the winter season families for donations. Mr. James suggested that we use the Lepper family donation towards a coach bus for the first weekend trip. After much debate, Lisa K. moved to fund the upgrading to a coach bus for the first weekend trip to Minnesota with a second motion put in place by Lisa Pook. Mary Hermann abstained and there was one opposition. The motion passed. At the January meeting, we will discuss if the boosters will fund the coach bus for the following two weekends. Tracy asked for a motion to use the Lepper family donation towards the coach upgrade for the 2/11-13 weekend. Tom Scherbert moved and Ann put a second motion into place. The motion was approved.

D. Talent Show: - Rachelle/Tracy

The talent show will take place on Saturday, January 29. There is still a need for a stage crew coordinator who will take care of the needs of all students/groups at the six rehearsals and show. This involves lighting and sound besides set-up for each act. Mary inquired if we will be asking the Falcon Boosters to make a donation. It was noted that a donation was not made last year, but in years past they made a donation towards a "goodie bag" for all participants. It was discussed that current members did not feel comfortable with this proposition and thus, will not be soliciting the Falcon Boosters. Rachelle noted that Kohl's employees will donate their time to be ushers for the talent show. Applications for the talent show will be available in the WHS office and announcements will be made. All jobs are listed on the volunteer signup sheet that was passed around at the booster meeting. Mr. James volunteered to secure three judges.

IV. New Business:

Tracy requested a coordinator for the WSMA Solo/Ensemble concession stand. Lisa Pook volunteered to help along with Lisa K. and Ann Meyer. Mr. James brought up the idea of a coffee bar using an outside vendor. He noted that in California a coffee vendor would be paid a \$500 flat fee and our profits would be earned after that. Tom Sherbert volunteered to look into this because a coffee vendor would be at his church the following Sunday and this would be a convenient opportunity to request their services for our cause.

Mr. James informed us of the pep band dates of January 14, 21, 28, February 4 and 18. He will ask the Falcon Boosters to provide popcorn and soda for the pep band students at games.

Motion to adjourn was requested by Jennifer with a second motion by Jill Kasper. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Hodkiewicz
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