

# Whitnall Band Booster Meeting Minutes

## October 6, 2010

### Board Members 2010-2011

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| Band Director           | Griffin James   | gjames@whitnall.com    |

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Tracy started the meeting by showing pictures of the band that could be found online and in the NOW newspaper.

### I. Minutes:

September minutes were e-mailed to all members and Mary Hermann motioned to accept them with a second motion by Lisa Kujawa. Motion passed.

### II. Reports:

#### Financial - John Kasper

John was not in attendance for the booster meeting so Tracy went through the report expenses and deposits. She explained that the donations were from families for food at camp and Roundy's is from the Pick n Save card. It was also pointed out that John wrote a synopsis at the end of the report.

#### Band Director - Griffin James

Mr. James requested that someone book a hotel room for our bus driver for the Chippewa Falls weekend. Mary Ellen Humpal volunteered to fill this request. Mr. James approved the date for

our Papa Murphy's fundraiser and will get the school district's approval along with the uniform dry cleaning approval.

Mr. James also gave us an update on how the band did at the Wisconsin Lutheran competition. The music performance score was the best in the division by approximately 2-1/2 points, but the music general effect score was not so good so the composite put us in around third place for the overall music category.

### III. Old Business:

#### A. Fundraiser Updates:

##### 1. Entertainment Books – Lisa Pook

In Lisa's absence, Tracy reported that Lisa is working on the monetary report, but could report that the band students sold 80 books.

##### 2. Miller Park - Mary Hermann

Mary reported booster families worked 13 games this season including Farm Aid. Miller Park cancelled 2 games, but we signed up for extra games. 33 people worked 13 games, which represented 24 families and 13 worked more than the required two games. The boosters brought in \$4,900 so far this season and with farm aid should be around \$6,500 for the year with all games and tips. The farm aid concert brought in \$900 and \$92 in tips. Mary noted there was a different atmosphere at the concert than games and commented that there isn't many opportunities to raise \$1,000 in one day. Mr. Hushek will take over Miller Park for next season and the band boosters might work along with sports in order to work in more profitable booths.

##### 3. Citrus Sale - Gail Hodkiewicz and Jill Kasper

Citrus sale packets will be distributed at the State Tailgate Party on Saturday, October 16th. Deadline for sales is the night of the banquet, Tuesday, November 9th.

##### 4. Boston Store - Jill Kasper

Mr. James received the go ahead from the district for the Boston Store Community Day sale. A signup sheet is available tonight. Jill explained that the cost of the Boston Store Coupon books are \$5.00 each with a 100 percent profit. Jill gave us the requirements of the sale which are:

1. Sell a minimum of 75 booklets by Nov. 4th
2. Provide organization members to sell coupon booklets at least 2 times prior to community day.

3. File necessary paper work by your organizations' representative.

The organizations that meet the requirements on or before Nov. 4th and are top sellers will be invited to sell coupon booklets in the store on Saturday Nov. 13th, Community Day. Also they will earn a portion of the sales sold by the Boston Store associates.

Volunteers for sell dates are still needed. 1 or 2 adults.

Sat. Oct 9th 10am-12

Sat. Oct 23rd Time TBA it will be either 10am-12 or 2-4pm.

Fri. Oct 29th 2-4pm Thank you Sharon Czerwinski for picking up these hours. (As reported by Jill Kasper).

5. Papa Murphy's - Gail Hodkiewicz

Papa Murphy's designates Wednesday as their fundraising day, however with the band's busy schedule and since our sale was successful last year, they agreed to hold it on a Tuesday this year. A signup sheet is available tonight for parents to work in 2 hour shifts and the band students will perform during the sale on the evening of Tuesday, November 2 pending approval from the school district.

## B. Reimbursement of Family Account Funds

At the September Band Booster meeting, reimbursement of the \$150 district fee from family accounts was discussed. We were informed that if this were to be done, we would jeopardize our 501-3c non-profit status. Tracy researched student accounts by using Google and found other bands in the same situation. Even though reimbursement was done in years past, it was for a different purpose. Mary mentioned that the band boosters required a fee to be paid which was in the neighborhood of \$500 - \$600 per student. This fee covered, for example, camp expenses, trip meals, bus upgrades and staff salaries. A few years ago, the district offered to pay for staff salaries in order for us to lower our band booster fee, however, they then imposed a district fee, which could not be reimbursed using student accounts. At present, the band booster fee is \$0 and the only expenses for the students are shoes, banquet tickets and show shirts and possibly a trip for the freshmen or sophomores. It was explained that putting Miller Park earnings into the family accounts was not done intentionally to get families to work at Miller Park. It was noted if families haven't paid the \$150 school district fee, that they should work out a plan with the school district.

It was brought up that fundraising should be done for everyone's benefit, for example, fundraising for a trip would reduce the cost for everyone. It is our hope that everyone works Miller Park for the band's benefit next year and in following years, everyone wants to fundraise for the good of everyone and to remain compliant with the rules of our non-profit status and the school district.

#### IV. New Business:

A motion was made by Ann Meyer for all proceeds from scrip fundraising starting October 1 to go into the band account with a second motion by Mary Hermann. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jim Moomey for all proceeds from the citrus sale go into the band account with a second motion by Mary Hermann. Motion passed.

Both Ann Meyer and Mary Hermann brought up that they have a large amount of money in their family accounts. They strategized different scenarios on reimbursement of their funds, but in the end it was decided that this would be for personal gain and the band boosters would not be comfortable with that situation.

Lisa Kujawa was asked if she needed anything for the after state party and at that moment thought that she was o.k.

Chaperones for the Chippewa Falls weekend are Lisa Kujawa, Mary Ellen Humpal, Gail Hodkiewicz, Mary Hermann, Ann and Tom Meyer, Jim Moomey and Andy Kitzke.

Chaperones for State are Rochelle Van Inthoudt and Tom Grosser on the bus.

Tracy requested a fundraising chairman or coordinator and also a hospitality chairperson for concert receptions. She explained that the hospitality chairperson would request bakery for concert receptions along with set up and clean up. If you are interested please contact Tracy.

Community night will be held on Wednesday, October 13. The State Tailgate Party will be held on Saturday, October 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the WHS cafeteria. The reservation forms are due on Wednesday, October 13.

Ann Meyer asked if there was money designated in the budget for the band banquet. She will need funds for cake, decorations, booklet and awards. The band students are free with a paid parent. Tom Scherbert moved to allocate up to \$300 for the band banquet committee expenses with a second motion by Jen Pratt. Motion passed.

Tracy explained the member at large nominations and asked for any additional nominations. Last month Sue Stockinger and Tom Grosser were nominated. No one was nominated this month, so a vote was taken to approve these nominations. All were in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Ann Meyer with a second motion by Jen Pratt. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Hodkiewicz  
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