

Whitnall Band Booster Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2010

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

All board members present.

The meeting started with all present introducing themselves.

I. Minutes:

June minutes were e-mailed to all members and John Kasper motioned to accept them with a second motion by Lisa Kujawa. Motion passed.

II. Reports:

Financial - John Kasper

John introduced his new budget format that he created. The new format includes a listing of expenses and deposits with a description by date and a running balance. He stated that this document shows everything that we need to see financially from June. He noted that Miller Park is down from previous years and the expenses were larger due to the purchase of the drumline and contrabasses, however, in his opinion, we are in good shape financially. He admitted that the form could be a bit more clear and would be open to any suggestions from members. Tracy asked members if they had any questions of which there were none.

Band Director - Griffin James

Mr. James mentioned itineraries for the weekend were available and could also be found on the website. Friday, September 17 is a home football game in which the band will perform the Star Spangled Banner, half time show and play in the stands. The band will be done around 9 p.m. Saturday, September 18 is the 50th anniversary block party and parents are needed to oversee the band participation. The band will arrive at 3 p.m. and will perform a standstill show in uniform at 4 p.m. on the middle school football field. Sunday, September 19 will be the band's first field show competition at Waukesha North. The band will be critiqued but not ranked by the judges in this competition. We are competing at Waukesha North instead of Mukwonago as previously scheduled, because Mukwonago cancelled their competition. The review starts at 2 p.m. and the band should be back at Whitnall by 6 p.m.

Mr. James will email a list of who paid what concerning band fees to the executive board. Mr. James is pleased with the good start and progress of the marching band. Even though it is a small group of kids, he compared them to students you would receive from a select group (all stars). He is thinking about props. One idea is trees for different seasons.

Mr. James is already contemplating the winter season and asked the principal, Mr. Brazouski about travel. Mr. Brazouski will discuss this with the new superintendent and get back to Mr. James. Mr. James reiterated that we will receive money for transportation.

He asked if there were any questions about the calendar and noted that there was a mistake for the date of Community Night. The correct date is Wednesday, October 13.

Ann asked Mr. James to secure the cafeteria for the banquet, which he will double check on along with securing the cafeteria for the tailgate.

The bus bill for Alice Chester will be paid for out of Fund 80.

He mentioned that the classroom bands are fine and are increasing in size from the past, but the size of the marching band is still disappointing. Having the marching band put back in the curriculum is being investigated by Mr. James.

III. Old Business:

Tracy made a listing of fundraisers and explained that this information could also be found on our website. She encouraged the members to use the website as an update to band events and schedules.

1. Entertainment Books – Lisa Pook

Wednesday, September 22 is the official end date of the sale and all money needs to be turned in by this date. The soccer team will then start selling their books and we are not allowed to overlap other sales. If a student sells five books, the sixth book is free and this can be split between the different student groups from one seller.

2. Scrip - Ann Meyer

Ann Meyer explained the scrip program and it was announced that one can print out the form from the website, however, it is now located under fundraising not forms. This will be changed and will be found under both categories.

Tracy informed the membership of our Pick and Save number, which is 934400. She also showed a chart of volunteer opportunities. We need a CPR coordinator, prop coordinator, publicity for community night and fundraising chairperson.

3. Car Wash – Gail Hodkiewicz and Ann Meyer

Due to inclement weather the car wash that was to take place on Saturday, September 11 was cancelled. The cancellation was noted on facebook and the website and it is hoped that everyone was informed.

4. Miller Park - Mary Hermann

We have one more contracted game with Miller Park. Last Saturday, Sept. 11 the band earned over \$600 and tips. For the Farm Aid concert on Saturday, October 2, we will combine with Whitnall Sports in order to obtain a premiere booth on field level behind home plate. We now have 6 people for the first shift and 5 for the second shift and are in need of one more second shift worker.

5. Citrus Sale - Gail Hodkiewicz and Jill Kasper

Gail has obtained all information from Red River Groves and will start the sale on Saturday, October 16. Mr. James will need to obtain permission before we proceed. The sale would end on our banquet date of Tuesday, November 9.

6. Boston Store - Jill Kasper

Jill explained that the Boston Store fundraiser would earn 100 percent profit to the band. The coupon book which sells for \$5 is available for purchase, however, Mr. James needs to obtain permission before we proceed. The sale date for using the book at Boston Store is Saturday, November 13. Groups can begin selling the book in the mall this coming weekend. Jill will initiate volunteers once approval is set.

Tracy explained the outcome of the reimbursement study and determined that we cannot proceed further without a review from the original attorney who drafted the by-laws. Until contact is made and a response is received, no revisions to the financial policies will be initiated.

There is a subcommittee being formed to look at future improvements at Whitnall High School and Randy Ratkowski will represent the bands perspective. Sue Ratkowski stated that if anyone has any ideas, they should get those to Randy.

IV. New Business:

Ann Meyer mentioned that all show shirts were ordered and, hopefully, will arrive in time for Sunday's show. Buttons were distributed to the students and the parents need to ask them for it.

Lisa Pook, our chaperone coordinator explained that there are signup sheets on the music stand for the upcoming shows. We will need 2 for the bus and the others will help load and unload the truck.

Lisa Kujawa stated that she will host the after state party at her house and handed out an information sheet to everyone.

Mr. Scherbert talked about the tailgate party. Fees and count were discussed. A flyer will come out next week.

Tracy talked about noisemakers and put out an invitation for someone to head this committee.

The Papa Murphy fundraiser from last year was explained and if we proceed this year the earnings will be put into the fund 80 account. Gail will look into securing the sale for this year.

Tracy put in a request for a fundraiser chairman and explained what would be involved with the task.

Tracy explained the board position of member at large. Jim Moomey, our current member at large, gave his perspective and explained that he learned a lot about the band from trips and being involved. He mentioned that he wasn't in band during his school years and this opportunity opened his eyes to a new world.

Nominations were taken with voting to be held at our October meeting. We can have up to two members at large on the board at one time.

Tom Grosser and Sue Stockinger volunteered to be put on the ballot.

Discussion took place in reference to videotaping the state show for the after state party. Further discussion will take place at the October meeting.

Ann Meyer thanked all of the families who donated food for the Alice Chester camp.

At 8:35 p.m. a motion was made by Lisa Kujawa to adjourn with a second motion by Tom Scherbert . Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Hodkiewicz
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