

Whitnall Band Booster Meeting Minutes

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Call To Order: 7pm

Welcome-Jennifer Pratt

I. Minutes review and approval May & June, 2011-motion to approve May minutes and Tom Hushek second approved. June minutes-Tom Grosser and seconded Sharon approved.

II. Reports

A. Financial Report-John Kasper

i. outstanding reimbursements

1. Handed out a report from the last meeting. Band camp expenses are included. \$715 was donated from parents for food and families helped out with the meals. Only \$200 was spent on food for Alice Chester.
2. Miller Park-splitting the revenue with the wrestling team but all of the money is coming into the bands' account. Currently the band boosters only have \$2000 and the remainder will go to the wrestling team.

Fundraiser-666.75 was raised for the carwash.

ii. budget software update

1. Quicken was purchased to generate budget for the band expenses. We are determined what kinds of reports are needed and what needs to be worked out yet.

B. Band Director Report-Chris Nowak

1. Whitnall has had a strong tradition of music for many years. The mission is to bring the band back to the glory days.
2. Mr. B wants to have a focus group to consider having the band be part of the curriculum.
3. Kids have been doing a terrific job and a lot of adjustments
4. Help with camp Alice Chester, thanks so much because it would not have been possible. Would not be able to do it without you! Food was spectacular and thanks for everyone's help. The entire show was developed. The ballad was the most complicated and will be the hardest. We need to work on this the most. We did receive a lot of donations for food and some will be frozen.
5. Competitions schedule will be passed to students. Do not have the 24th yet to be announced. The Whitnall Block Party will be at 3:45 with students be here at 2:30. We will not be doing the 18th Waukesha North. Want the kids to be here to tune. 1:15 is the performance. Tom Meyer will be here to help bring out equipment and also parents to help out pushing. Bus is leaving on the 18th at 11:00.

October 1st Wisconsin Lutheran performance-6:45-

October 2-10:00 a.m.

October 15-12:30 perform-WSMA music/marching band-Tailgate will be celebration and awards and then return back to back to school. The times will stay until the awards are done. Tailgate at their house and possibly go to the drum major's house.

6. Chris needs to send out things through email to the parents. John H. will give Chris the emails so that he can send out reminders.
7. Chris will look at possibility of trips for the future. He will look at other venues to look at after marching band season and will work with the boosters after that.

III. Old Business

A. Fundraiser Updates:

Scrip-Ann Meyer

1. Kohl's' scrip is always available for purchase. Pick and Save are on hand for purchase. A few parents use them but not a lot. There was a sign set up at Open House but no one bought any scrip. If you need to purchase any of these cards, Ann has them on hand. Also have forms available for anyone to take. This is also on the website if parents want to print off the information.

Miller Park- John H.

2. Splitting the proceeds with the wrestling team. Due to the fact the Brewers are doing so well the stands are earning up to \$1200. As of September we were half staffed by band members. Two dates left, Saturday the 24th and Wednesday September 28. We may have opportunities for playoff dates and have some perspective date for that. It is a lot of work but it can be fun. We have earned less than in the past but still have some gates that have not been paid.

Citrus Sale-Gail Hodkiewicz

3. Lyn Moomey (covering for Gail H.) stated that at the tailgate party forms will be given. The deadline will be accurate on the forms. Paperwork will be handed out the day of state.

Stadium Chairs-Jim Moomey

4. Stadium chairs are for sale. \$25 each and the band earns up to \$7 each. Jim Moomey has up to 25 that can buy with checks made out to Whitnall Band Boosters. Cannot be sold before the football games and possibly sell before the concerts

Car Wash-John Kasper

5. Successful carwash at a new place called Nolan Accounting. A lot of traffic earning \$676. Previously we were thinking of having Gold's Gym but that did not work out. If we do it again then we should indicate who could be there. The notice was short but still about ½ band members participated.

Entertainment Books-Tom Scherbert

6. .Today the money and books are due. No final figures are available. The profit is variable depending on how the school as a whole sells. Could be more or less around \$10.50 profit. Anyone that wants to be the chair for this position. Money goes into the white box in the band room

Marcus Tickets -Sue S/Scherbert

7. This fundraiser has not been approved. Currently still open for discussions. The ticket packages included a \$7 which allows you to have entrance into most any movie. If you buy two, then you get a \$3 voucher. We were trying to decide which level of tickets should be sold. Originally, the group decided which ones they would sell, and determined that we would pick the \$7. Sue Stockinger will talk with Hales Corners elementary to determine when they will be sending this
8. Former Athletic Director analyzed the need for fundraising. Current replacement is Rick Ellertson and determine if the rules have changed or status quo. This will hopefully talk about subsidizing the drumline program.

B. Trip Update-Ann Meyer

1. This year the trip is not a possibility because of the newness of all of the information. The trip will be put on hold and postponed for future bands. At this point there is not enough time to fundraise all of the money to go to Washington D.C. Over spring break.
2. Another parent (?) asked about a shorter trip perhaps something closer. These opportunities are limited and at this time the new director is possibly considering a shorter trip for the future. The opportunity in Gurnee includes entrance into Great America but no performance.
3. In the 2012-2013 school year, Mr. Nowak will work with the parent organization to determine future dates.

C. Purchase of budgeting software-John Kasper
Quicken was purchased

IV. New Business

A. Nominations for 2 members at large-Jennifer Pratt

1. Member at large is freshman parent participation. The traditions are new to the group. Satisfaction is that you have a voice for the direction of the band. Does not necessarily have to be freshman or new parents.
2. Nominations:
 - a. Bob Kotowski-
 - b. Tom Grosser

(Elections at October meeting)

- We will need someone to coordinate. Ann does a lot of activities that may need to be done.

- Tail gate would be something to work with this. Mr. Kasper and tentatively schedule to have at the house.
- New business: Selling the jackets again. \$35 each and if you want anything embroidered on the front it can say different things and more order forms will be coming. Orders are due on September 28.
- Gloves are needed we only have about 15-20 pair. Kids needs gloves and Ann has ordered gloves and has the paperwork will be given. Bought longer gloves that maybe the school could cover this. Maybe this year the boosters would cover the costs and gloves are \$3 a pair. Children should bring money.
- Show shirts are working with Ann and Ashtin. Ann will get the design from Chris to see if the design is fitting for the kids. This is usually something that the kids like to wear.
- Reimbursement for Ann is \$113.70 for purchasing the gloves. No one will get gloves unless they pay for them. Ann will keep a list of who paid for the gloves. John Kasper will reimburse, Tish seconded motion passed unanimously. Approved
- Reimbursement for wheels for the series of carts that are used to move the train. Wheels were \$97.08/Tish, Tom second motioned carried.
- and the gas total was \$100.Tish, Tom second, motioned carried.

Updates from the principal:

- The school BOE wanted to encourage music based focus group to decide decisions related to curriculum based decisions. For the 2012 season the committee needs to work and propose their ideas by late November. The principal would like to have 2 parents involved for this group. Tom Scherbert and Tom Grosser would be interested.
- Also in the past there used to be a parent forum and ended up being the same people without a direction. This will convert to a site council representing parents, students and staff to determine next step. Site council reps include one name for this group. Mr. B. is a strong supporter of marching band and is a passion for it. Not to make the decisions but to bring up ideas etc. Linda Piacentine will be the representative. Ask that they touch base with Penny who has a child that attends Wisconsin Lutheran to get their perspective.

- It is important that the guidance counselors understand the dynamics of kids that are participants in both sports and marching band. Invite Mr. B. back to talk to the group.
- Drumline will not be run by Mr. Nowak. The position is currently in the budget and will be unable to take this on. The school will be posting with the advisor for this position and if they get it this person will be in charge. We would not have a winterguard this year, but next year is up in the air. Competitions are in Minnesota and it might difficult to find someone. Drumline is a high liability because members are out of state.
- The podium collapsed on a student. Any repairs that we see should be reported immediately to Mr. Nowak so that an approval can take place. Any time that there is a modification made it should be approved by the school so that liability is taken care of. A new podium has been purchased and the school district has paid for it.
- Signage in front of the school is old and the school is looking to possibly update. Everbrite may work with the school and want so have one that has a LED screen. There is a request that boosters provide some donations to help pay for the sign. The class of 2011 donated \$4000 towards the sign.
- Need parents with a pick-up truck to pull the trailer. One parent may be available. Needs to be a big truck

Talent show contact-Tracy Wunrow will be helping a lot and she will get the kids together. Rochelle is willing to help but will not be able to run it. Should start reserving the auditorium and others are willing to help. If there is someone that has a passion and then we will need someone to help with this. The front person may be, Rochelle has a volunteer list. Tracey Wunrow may be interested in organizing this activity.

V. Meeting Adjourned by Tish Tutkowski and second by Ann Meyer at 8:45.
Everyone voted ☺