

Waseca Band Boosters
October Informational Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2024 @ 6:00 pm, El Molino

Board members present: Nicole Perrizo, Wendy Dieker, Rebecca Schimming, Angie Sipe, Michael Malouff, Anastasia Garza

Absent: Grant Scheffert, Anne Gerber, Jeannie Feldkamp, Chantel Medina, Krista Kopecky, Audra Veroeven

Others present: Joe and Gerri Fritz, Devon and Brye Lawrence, Chris Dieker, Larry Sipe, Tia Malouff, Tim Perrizo

Nicole called the meeting to order at **6:12 pm**. No quorum so the meeting is informational only, no voting, minutes from September will be voted on in November.

DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS:

- Season Review - YIM went well, best run to date; Kids worked hard and it was a good season.
- Indoor -
 - Programs will be made by Heather
 - Recognition recipients/gifts - any ideas for who to honor, send to Nicole, gift will be a magnet with the band picture and ornament, Nicole ordering
 - Volunteer sign-ups - Sign-up genius is ready to publish, needs to get emailed to parents and put on website
 - Advertising on social media (Michael), website (Grant), radio and paper (Jeannie?)
 - Tickets will be available at 4 Seasons and Music Store beginning week of Oct 25th
 - Posters - Devon making these, theme is Elemental - hanging at businesses (Jeannie?), let others know if help is needed to distribute around town
 - JH helpers for programs :Jeannie asked Mr Peterson to ask 8th graders to help
 - DVD sales - Joe will contact who we have used in the past to create these
 - Senior slideshow and season video is being made by Kya Hoof
 - After party plan - use up concession food, pizzas ordered by Wendy, parent volunteers needed for concessions at indoor and for after party

- Next year is 50th indoor! Start thinking of fun ideas for fundraising and how to commemorate
- Band trip 2026 - working with travel companies on Disney, Devon got a Bob Rogers quote and discovered that a January trip is cheaper than March, timeframe would be Wed before MLK to Monday, Quote came back \$200 more than previous year (2500) ; LeisureTime travel (a company Lancers have used) is \$1800 with roughly \$450 being per flight, with the earlier date we would need to start registering in January; talk is in works of potentially combining the band trip with the choir trip in the future; Rose Parade came up as an idea for a January trip but there's a minimum 150 people for a parade as it looks better - Devon is in talks with area schools to group up to go together potentially; MN Gophers for pep band opportunities being looked into as well
- Recruitment ideas - quartets (2 older and 2 younger members), inviting junior high to pep band (already being done), asking younger students to march in the Classic, Expanding the jazz fest at Eau Claire to Jr high group and going for 2 days, taking all jazz bands to Valleyfair; It's as much about getting parents on board as students.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising (Jeannie and Annie)

- Frozen Food fundraiser
- Alumni pep/chili
- Give to the Max Day - this will go on Socials, Michael needs a list of what all the Boosters do in order to show what any money raised will go toward
- Raise Right/Scrip -(Krista Kopecky)

Uniforms (Nicole and Angie)

- Selling old uniforms plan - hopefully by Indoor, being worked out with district; potential button fundraiser showing the uniform and year

Food Committee (Wendy) -

Transportation/Trailers: (Krista)

- Nicole is setting a meeting in October with a guy who fits trailers for bands and everything that entails, others who are interested in helping and discussing are welcome

Concessions: (Audra)

Treasurer: (Chantel)

Props: Dan Bomsta: Lead Design, Ted Yoder (Joe) - We need more of a consistent team that is excited and maybe make T shirts or find other ways to glamorize this job

Marketing: (Michael) - FB has 16 new followers, reach and engagement is growing; creating a Waseca band logo is something to pursue - something that can be tweaked each year per show maybe? He is working on a website redesign on Wix,, we talked about including info about all bands - 5th grade band, jazz, etc, but that requires a plan/buy-in by who would be responsible to update the info in those sections, preview of the new site will be ready by next meeting to look at and give feedback and/or approve.

OTHER BUSINESS: We discussed that binders should be made and updated for board members - this would include duties of their position, important documents etc; we should consider recruitment videos for board member positions and what they do like a little commercial snippet; We need to make sure all board members can access the Google drive, consider creating a specific email for each board member that can just be turned over as new people join and would just need to change out password and personal info;

Devon would like to discontinue using the Remind app and start using the "Band" app for communication with parents/students, it would be much more user friendly and easier to update/share documents, can have more users, better able to send group messages

By December, each board member should have a position description ready to bring and a summary of what is done per month

TABLED BUSINESS:

- Fundraising for a semi for replacing the trailers

Next meeting: Sunday, November 10th, 2024 @ 6:00 pm, Band Room

- Future Discussion:
 - **(Month?)** Continue with Lake Crystal Parade after this year? Owatonna Parade 2025? Do both Lake Crystal and Owatonna parades in 2025?
 - **November** School Activities Calendar
 - Band Booster and School Fees
 - **March** Changing kickoff meeting to May (vs June)