

Waseca Band Boosters

September Minutes

September 8, 2024 @ 6:00 pm Band Room

Board members present: Nicole Perrizo, Krista Kopecky, Rebecca Schimming, Anne Gerber, Wendy Dieker, Chantel Medina, Jeanne Feldkamp, Grant Scheffert

Absent: Anastasia Garza, Michael Malouff, Audra Veroeven, Angie Sipe

Others present: Devon Lawrence, Joe Fritz

Nicole called the meeting to order at **6:10 pm**.

Chantel moved to approve the agenda and **Anne** seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chantel moved to approve the **August** meeting minutes **Anne** seconded; there was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS:

- 3 good shows Friday and Saturday, show isn't done, Approximately 1:30 to add yet, kids improved every time; We were not the only school not done with their show; Will play to the end starting Saturday but drill is a maybe on how quick it gets learned
- Financial requests:
 - Drill writing - \$500 more needed for drill writer, The fee was in the budget but costs went up this year. Typically the district covers \$5000 and the band covers \$1000, this year the fee was \$6500 so we are needing to cover \$1500; Next year Devon might go with a 1-stop shop type service where they design the whole show top to bottom but it is less creative on our side and we are contracted in to use all of their ideas and is likely more expensive; Devon will make this decision around November
 - Guard uniforms arrived and were itchy and very tight; Gerri did major alterations - spent 3 hours per uniform, 11 uniforms total; Her fee would typically be \$10 per hour (\$330) but he is requesting \$500 to pay her for this work
 - Motion to approve the \$500 + \$500 requests to pay drill writer and Gerri - Anne moved, Grant seconded, motion passes unanimously
- We need to bring the Gatorade squirt bottles to the shows, bring them out closer to gate time to hydrate kids as they are waiting, we should keep them cool in coolers and put them in with other items that get taken to the field

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising (Jeannie and Annie)

- School Calendar: Being delivered to businesses still, some Owatonna, Mankato and Faribault left to deliver; Nicole can do Mankato, Annie to Faribault and was proposed to ask Anastasia for Owatonna; We are receiving great response from businesses upon delivery, people have been asking for the calendars
- Calendar Raffle: Approximately 75 left to sell, 525 of 600; calls need to be made yet on those that haven't been turned in; Someone could go to Legion or VFW to get big sales; We are not falsely advertising if we don't sell them all but we would just take the hit for profits; Idea was to have a dedicated table at the Classic at the field - but the seller will not be assigned to the student whose parent is sitting there, advertise over the loudspeaker that limited numbers are available ; **Drawing will be Sept 29th at 6pm at Nicole's** - she will send a text closer to ask for help
- Raise Right/Scrip -(Krista Kopecky): Krista will type something up to be sent out from Nicole when things calm down
- Frozen Food - **Oct 15-29 sales, item delivery week of Dec 9th**
- Chili Feed/Alumni band is **12/20** at the last home basketball game before break

Uniforms (Nicole and Angie)

- Sell old uniforms - currently being held in Kuschel's old room; Devon is working with the district, it has been approved but is working on how to sell; Devon is thinking of asking \$100 for a full uniform, they will not be sold in parts; Money will go to the band program - ideally funneled to WIS to lower costs of band instruments - see financial report below with more info on this idea
- New uniforms - Students had stuff on bus and it worked fine as a change; Nicole pushed deodorant use so the uniforms need to be cleaned less/last longer

Food Committee (Wendy)

- Volunteers should be included but not bus drivers in the count for meals
- Rosemount - Perform at 3, awards at 5:30; possibly leave at 5:30pm or 11:30pm; 1st year as a prelim-finals situation; After discussion, we decided that no meal will be provided whether we make it to finals or not as we typically don't provide food on a single competition day; Devon will put the decision to the students to stay v leave if they don't final
- Would love to hear from families who have special dietary concerns so she can appropriately order to include everyone; The Jimmy John's at Eden Prairie offered many options to families with certain needs

Transportation/Trailers: (Krista)

- Nicole will be meeting in October (after YIM) with a guy from Eastview who fits trailers for bands and everything that entails, he has walked other bands through that process; Nicole will reach out when that gets set up to see if others want to be involved in that meeting/process
- Krista bought new pool noodles to place on the trailer wires and a mechanics kit - zip ties, wrenches, etc so the trailer will have a stash of helpful supplies and she will get more duct tape to add as well

Concessions: (Audra) -

- Preview night is not worth having concessions; this year we got maybe \$300 profit and it's always hard to get volunteers - we decided we won't offer in the future; \$3400 was made from football concessions on the first night and business was very steady; 6-8 is ideal number of volunteers needed rather than 12 that we advertise for - we still need to brainstorm how to make this job more appealing, low sign-up numbers due to missing halftime show.

Treasurer: (Chantel)

- Chantel and Devon met with Amy Potter - There is \$19K in Herb Streitz fund, every year \$4K more comes in from interest and about \$1500 goes out. The app process is a lot for families to navigate; Since Herb has passed away, WAF gets to decide the rules/parameters; Devon would love to purchase 2 classroom sets (5th and 6th grade) of instruments to give kids a quality instrument to begin their learning on; Another idea would be to put the interest back into the principal in order to earn even more interest. The principal cannot be drawn from, only the interest; Devon wants Jim Kozan to be the final say if we buy instruments bc we don't want to affect his business but ideally all of this business would go through Jim anyway; We would also need a stipulation that we would not pull funds over a certain dollar amount so that there is still a balance for those families who do use the application/students who need the funds
- Preview night took in approximately - \$80 from merch sales; \$392 from admissions, \$326 from concessions
- Bank account currently has Chantel, Jeremiah Miller and Janel Schmidt as signors - Chantel will get info to add Nicole and Rebecca before removing Jeremiah and Janel.

Props: Dan Bomsta: Lead Design, Ted Yoder (Joe/Krista)

- Props crew will have a few more items needed to be brought onto the field as the show progresses; possibly more people needed for picking up these items

- Jobs on sign-up genius need to be re-named Props/Backstage to group these jobs together, currently there is overlap in terms of numbers needed; drivers are assumed to be on props, maybe we can advertise that there are limited spots to ride up in the trailer vehicle if that helps get people to choose these jobs.

Marketing: (Michael) Needs the Forged logo sent to him

OTHER BUSINESS: Waseca Marching Classic

- Volunteer needs are still significant: Concessions and cleanup are still in need of volunteers; we could push through mentors and/or Jeannie and Nicole can run the list of who still needs to be signed up, personal calls can be made; By Wednesday we could be pushing to HS students through Paul Marlin who need the volunteer hours for NHS, staff will be asked by Devon; Volunteers in concessions during the later shift are especially hard to fill - hoping staff and students can take these; By Friday Nicole or Chantel should talk with Classic staff where we are at with volunteer spots; we could/ should send to junior high parents to get them involved and mentioning the free wristband received for working as incentive.
- Parade concessions - wagon and tent needed; Wendy has a wagon to lend; Rebecca lending canopy

TABLED BUSINESS:

- Fundraising for a semi for replacing the trailers - needs to be considered for the future - meeting upcoming in October to talk with someone about the process. See above.

Rebecca made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting; **Wendy** seconded; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at **7:51 pm**.

*****Next meeting:** Sunday, October 13, 2024 @ 6:00 pm, El Tequila and bring spouse***

- 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)