

Waseca Band Boosters

November Minutes

November 10, 2024 @ 6:00 pm, Band Room

Board members present: Nicole Perrizo, Krista Kopecky, Angie Sipe, Rebecca Schimming, Grant Scheffert, Anne Gerber, Michael Malouff, Wendy Dieker, Chantel Medina, Jeannie Feldkamp

Absent: Audra Veroeven, Anastasia Garza

Others present: Devon Lawrence, Joe Fritz

Nicole called the meeting to order at **6:05 pm**.

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

Wendy moved to approve the **September and October** meeting minutes, **Grant** seconded; there was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS:

- End of Season wrap-up: Indoor a success; Enthusiastic 8th graders (31 total) 18 are saying yes to joining marching band next year right now, trip year will encourage numbers hopefully; Devon will begin planning next year in about 2 weeks; The usual kickoff meeting in June will be pushed up to May and we need to reach the new parents in March/April to get them info early.
- Band trip 2026: Devon had heard info on the travel company we're considering and heard both good/bad; Bob Rogers mentioned a tax exempt status issue on the quote we were considering from LeisureTime - they had no tax in their quote. With tax the prices are practically the same between both companies; After adjusting some items, \$2200 is the new quote from Bob Rogers and we will go with them as they are a known company to us and easy to work with; Jan 14-19th 2026 (MLK Jr weekend) are the dates of the trip; Devon will be meeting in December with the travel rep from Bob Rogers to develop itinerary, Costs will breakdown to approx. \$350/payment, (Chaperone cost is \$2400, Boosters pay over half of this to make the rate for chaperones at \$1100); November would be the cutoff for sign-ups for the trip.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising (Jeannie and Annie)

- Frozen Food fundraiser numbers were down, finished at the end of October; \$7000 was sold, items come in 12/10; A sub-committee could look at other fundraisers that don't enforce penalties for not hitting a minimum order as this is a drawback with the cookie orders.
- Alumni pep/chili: a lot of work goes into this and is underway - we get donations from HyVee, Walmart, KwikTrip; The event is almost pure profit; WPS cooks the chili for us; Because of all of the work for this, it is suggested it needs a committee of 3-4 people or do we consider dropping the chili part and just host an alum night?
- Give to the Max Day: this was announced at Indoor; It will go out on Facebook and the website; Newer pictures are needed, an email will go to parents and alums encouraging participation; donations accepted anytime but the focus day is 11/21.
- Raise Right/Scrip -(Krista Kopecky) She will be sending an email mid-November to all band families and it will also be going out to 8th grade families to start earning to their accounts now for the trip; So far since beginning this, \$31.50 has been deposited (on 10/7) into accounts for 3 people.
- New fundraiser ideas: keep brainstorming ideas for less work but bigger payback, ie: "sponsoring a band student" - telling people what they are getting for their money; asking for money donations during frozen food selling, etc
- School Activities Calendar - Since major sponsors need to be contacted in January, after discussing the community support for this, we decided to continue making the calendars but possibly with some changes - only putting the district and band calendar items down since the sports schedules frequently change and it is difficult to get the sports schedule nailed down. Instead we could put QR codes to the online sports schedule which would remain updated. We could also put the QR to get to the Hometown Fan app in order to buy tickets; Heather is willing to put it together (with Quality Print still for printing) but we should compensate her if we decide to use her again - Michael has offered to look at this and work with Heather if needed; We used to print 2500 and now we print 2000 calendars and they all get distributed; 65/35 split of profits; This is the biggest student fundraiser (even on 35% year), this coming year is a 65% to student accounts year
- Calendar Raffle: per Grant this fundraiser profited \$6610, \$1430 of that went to student accounts; 546 tickets sold of the 600 printed.

Uniforms (Nicole and Angie)

- Selling old uniforms plan -TBD
- Cleaning and storing from this season - couple got holes and a bolt of fabric is requested from company to patch

Food Committee (Wendy): Has enjoyed the position but Wendy announced she will be done on the board at the end of the season. She has lots of spreadsheets/info to share with whomever follows her.

Solo/ensemble is the next event for her to organize meals for judges.

Transportation/Trailers: (Krista)

- Follow-up from meeting Nicole had with Justin re: trailers: Justin works with Eastview's band program and has driven semis for them; Justin is forming a company to purchase and outfit trailers for bands and is developing a product line to sell - ramps etc. Should we use his services, he can purchase the trailer for us and would work with our budget; he understands pull-outs/doors for each sections items; the trailer is the size of a Penske truck and is fully customizable; trailer has a DOT tab of approx. \$120/year; To rent the cab it is \$165/day however we would need a parent with a commercial license or he is putting together a fleet of drivers to rent out drivers for the competition weekends - since we are not in the metro we may run into time limits for drivers. \$75-85,000 is approximate cost of what we would need; insurance costs are low; Ideally and practically we want the school to own the trailer so then they will keep up and insure it; Gas costs are approximately \$100-120 per day; After much discussion we would need a timeframe to consider this as a future goal but we first need to work with the school district first to find out what they think about their responsibility is to own/insure etc; Devon will talk to someone on buildings/grounds to find out what vehicles are in service or plan to replaced; there is a new director of finance for Devon to speak to as well.

Concessions: (Audra) Audra enjoys this job and will continue to be the chair but she is unable to make most of the meetings so is willing to give up voting rights; We discussed that she will stay on with the duties and be a non-voting chair, so we can add another at-large position for next year.

We are likely selling all of our leftover items to the hockey program, Chantel needs inventory numbers so she can give them a figure to hopefully cover our costs.

Treasurer: (Chantel); She needs to have someone training with her next year so she can prepare to step down; accounts are healthy and bills are paid

Props: Dan Bomsta: Lead Design, Ted Yoder (Joe) - no news here until next year's show

Marketing: (Michael) - sent all board members the updated website on Wix for feedback; Priority is that the domains needs to be purchased, wasecabands.org and wasecabands.com purchased for 5 year terms and that is coming due; Hosting service

will need to be changed and is coming due (3 year) - Joe will find out when that renewal is due, thinking it is 11/29; needs a personal email address for the account, this should be whomever is assigned to treasurer.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Overall: what went well this season, things to note or improve for next year - please send ideas to Nicole yet
- All board members should write-out what your duties are and a timeframe so this can be a working document to keep in Google Drive as succession occurs. Ideally we have a packet created of what each position does; please submit to Nicole by/ before the December meeting.

TABLED BUSINESS:

- *Fundraising* for a semi to replace the trailers

Anne made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting; **Grant** seconded; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at **7:58 pm**.

Next meeting: Sunday, December 8th, 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)