

## Waseca Band Boosters

### December Minutes

December 8, 2024 @ 6:00 pm, Band Room

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**Board members present:** Nicole Perrizo, Rebecca Schimming, Chantel Medina, Anne Gerber, Angie Sipe, Grant Scheffert, Wendy Dieker

**Absent:** Jeannie Feldkamp, Anastasia Garza, Michael Malouff, Krista Kopecky, Audra Veroeven

**Others present:** Larry Sipe, Devon Lawrence

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

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

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

#### **DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS:**

- Christmas concert, coming up quickly, will be during class on Friday the 20th, "Santa the Barbarian" with narration; Will be videotaped and sent out and put on website as well.
- Working with Peterson about changing how lessons will go - more integration by pulling from the other's classes, Peterson doing woodwinds lessons, Lawrence doing brass, each doing their own percussion; they meet weekly to discuss ways to improve the program, a new junior high band website is live now or will be soon.
- Band trip 2026 - On Tuesday December 17th Devon will have a meeting about the trip and registration will open and go until mid-January.
- Jeff Jensen of buildings and ground says we should go ahead and look at the semi-trailer idea as they do not intend to replace school vehicles; we discussed that we should keep the larger of the 3 trailers (sell the other 2?) The larger trailer is still helpful to us and could be pulled by the express van for parades; We need to decide how to promote/move forward with fundraising: - timeline, dollar amounts needed; we could send a letter out soliciting donations; a sub-committee should be formed - Nicole and Krista, check with other parents; Concerns raised about numbers being low, is now the time? We need to build and put infrastructure in order to grow was the consensus; Could the school pitch in if it might be used for storage? Look into grants through WAF, Rosenau, Grace Lutheran, Prairie Lakes, etc; Nicole will email Justin questions, will talk with Mark Christenson for guidance on the process.

- Enrollment concerns - consolidating with other small schools would mean rehearsals would have to move to evenings which is not practical for sports kids; time commitment is a concern of students - do less competitions? Not as long of days? We want the effort/time put in to be worth it; Changing class has pros/cons, we are appropriately placed. 1A is difficult to compete with larger schools; Devon isn't happy with last years' drill writer and is looking at other options. Do we try to put out a simpler show that can be cleaner - achievable but is still challenging - finding the balance; Students might need a boost of morale, can alums come talk with them?

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

### Fundraising (Jeannie and Annie)

- Frozen Food fundraiser - Tuesday the 10th food is coming in - Nicole will send reminder
- Alumni pep/chili - Friday the 20th, alumni reception, all is coming along and a reminder should be sent to families this week that tickets and money is due by Monday the 16th
- Raise Right/Scrip - (Krista Kopecky) - no report
- Jazz/swing band night - date set for February 8th and will be held at HS gym this year for more space, Devon will reach out to get more people on committee as this gets closer
- Burger Fry - March, more info coming

Uniforms (Nicole and Angie) - cleaning and patching happening now; Black pants are being saved for Top Velocity, remainder of old uniforms are boxed and stored in an empty classroom

- Old uniforms selling - Devon will need to discuss with the district's new finance guy and use proper communication chains to make sure community is aware of options to purchase

Food Committee (Wendy) - no report

Transportation/Trailers: (Krista) - no report

Concessions: (Audra) - Chantel reports that the hockey program (Kristi Jenzen) bought most all of the leftovers, we should consider for the future as timing works well for both programs.

Treasurer: (Chantel) Give to Max day earned \$875 and will be deposited on December 10th. May-October financial statement report was distributed separately via email and Chantel reports healthy accounts.

Marketing: (Michael) - Grant reported that there was a website meeting with Grant, Michael and Joe; old photos are still on the Give to the Max site and need to be updated, Give to the Max link can be put on the website now; the website hosting contract was up so they decided to renew on a monthly contract now; website will hopefully be changing to the new host/look soon.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Position Descriptions - everyone should have done/working on/turned in - send to Nicole; each position has been assigned a band booster email so we will all (and future board members) can use Google Drive and have better continuity and sharing of documents.
- What has been working well/could be improved: Board meeting frequency has been working well; we should be advertising board positions soon (these are set in April as the new year begins in May); We need to find a food trustee to replace Wendy and need someone to have a training year to work with Chantel for treasurer, an at-large to replace Audra's voting position?

### **TABLED BUSINESS:**

- *Fundraising* for a semi to replace the trailers - move to monthly agenda, see notes above in Director's Business.

**Grant** made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting; **Annie** seconded; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at **7:18 pm**.

**Next meeting:** Sunday, January 12th, 2025 @ 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)