

Waseca Band Boosters

February Minutes

February 9, 2025 @ 4:00 pm, Band Room

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

Absent: Krista Kopecky, Audra Veroeven

Others present: Devon Lawrence, Larry Sipe

Nicole called the meeting to order at **4:06 pm**.

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

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

DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS:

- Band trip 2026 - we need to schedule chaperone application review (after next month's board meeting on March 9th); 55 students confirmed, at 80 there's a price bump but not significant
- Swing dance was a success, there were lower numbers of attendees (weather?/ roads? 2nd year dip in attendance? We could be advertising more; think through location choice - do we bring it in town?); It is a positive junior high performance opportunity
- 5 judges secured for solo/ensemble contest on Monday February 17th; kids are required to do either a solo, an ensemble, or both. Timeframe is 5pm-7:40pm (break for judges at 6:30)
- Next year Marching calendar changes: Get in Step will be end of May (30th Friday eve/31st all day Saturday) with a performance for parents at the end. No rehearsal in June, summer rehearsals will start after July 4th; Parent preview will be on the last Saturday of band camp; Take Hudson competition weekend off for a mini break during the season; Parent meeting will likely be Wednesday May 21st; No Lake Crystal or Owatonna parade.
- Craig Brendan will be out for 6 weeks and so Devon and Anders are filling in, Feb 18th - April 10th; 1st and 6th hours need to be covered; we suggested bringing a high schooler to help do some lessons/watch an older student as they practice? This is a

good opportunity to get younger students familiar with high school instructors and a good chance to promote marching band but will be a schedule juggle.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising (Jeannie and Annie)

- Burger Fry - details set with Bruce from the Legion for March 21st; signs to go up around town (passed out at the meeting); Friday Feb 28th Jeannie will come to talk to students/hand out tickets; Anastasia to help with advertising; volunteer dessert donations and workers needed, sign-up genius is published; jazz bands set to play; no school day; past event has had about 300 pre-sale tickets (plus 60-70 at door); Devon to promote/announce at March concert.
- School Activity Calendar - coming up next; Michael will do Adobe to design layout of calendar; We need to consider finding a chairperson/committee as it is very time-intensive
- Raise Right/Scrip -(Krista Kopecky) - flyers with info could be put out at ticket table for concerts

Uniforms (Nicole and Angie) - need new cases for plumes, they are longer than previous years, under \$200 investment - being looked into; washing uniforms is still happening; Sarah from the business office is ready to meet regarding the selling of past uniforms; Nicole will reach out to new owners of 4 Seasons regarding unders ordering through them, Chantel will reach out to Miller's regarding if there are still any band items in storage in the basement of 4 Seasons.

Food Committee (Wendy) - no report

Transportation/Trailers: (Krista) - no report

Concessions: (Audra) - no report

Treasurer: (Chantel) - see separate report, Activity statement May - January, finances are stable.

Marketing: (Michael)

- Website provider/status to switch v keep: Mock website on Wix is done, see the link he sent and review and give feedback directly on the site; can go live as soon as

everyone has given feedback; Michael needs the credit card info from Chantel to set up new account and as soon as new site is up, will cancel out the old provider.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Recruiting/filling open positions for the next season: Nicole writing up something to send to everyone; We will have better luck if we make personal asks of people; Most positions are 3 years with training in the new person happening during the 3rd year however this is flexible as long as our rotation of members coming and going is spaced; We will look at job descriptions at March meeting.
- Moving the June parent's kickoff meeting to May, set the date, start to plan: see Director's business for date.
- Recruiting JH: March 3rd JH concert (directors remind as an announcement) and after the May 12th concert, give a quick slideshow presentation after the concert and new students can be measured for uniforms.
- Jazz/swing event (Anastasia, Anne, Angie) report: see Director's notes above
- Ticket taking responsibilities at concerts will be covered by board members (since it is not the value of a full volunteer credit), perhaps we have buttons/shirts to identify board members and/or we are standing available for parents to ask questions as they arrive/leave.

TABLED BUSINESS: Trailer fundraising

Rebecca made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting; **Anne** seconded; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at **5:17 pm**.

Next meeting: Sunday, March 9, 2025 @ 6:00 pm, Band Room

- Future Discussion:
 - Band Booster and School Fees (Month?)