

Waseca Band Boosters

January Minutes

January 12, 2025 @ 6:00 pm, Band Room

Board members present: Nicole Perrizo, Krista Kopecky, Wendy Dieker, Rebecca Schimming, Anne Gerber, Jeannie Feldkamp, Grant Scheffert, Anastasia Garza

Absent: Chantel Medina, Michael Malouff, Audra Veroeven, Angie Sipe

Others present: Devon Lawrence

Nicole called the meeting to order at **6:08 pm**.

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

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

DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS:

- Band trip 2026 - official student sign-up deadline is this week; We will be using the same chaperone application as previous years, that will be going out soon.
- February 8th Jazz swing event will be at Farmamerica, the planning committee is meeting and working on this. This year we will move tables to the hall to help give more space in the main dancing room.
- Percussion piece using wooden stools - stools that have been borrowed are getting dinged up so he would like to purchase new stools. At \$35 per stool, he is requesting \$140 total; Chantel and Nicole approved to pay from the booster account.
- New drill writer has been hired and his fee is paid for by the district, he has written for big drum corps shows; show will be decided soon.
- Wants to push out the SCRIP fundraiser soon because 8th graders are asking for fundraiser opportunities before the trip next year.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising (Jeannie and Annie)

- Alumni pep/chili - successful night with lots of alumni, great newspaper write-up, great alumni response. Profit = \$700ish, not finalized. 198 tickets turned in that night: 23 alum, 59 door, 114 presale, 2 comped to Hy-vee; Of the 158 pre-sale sold tickets, 44 were not redeemed. This is in line with previous years - has been

up to \$1000 profit. We discussed if we continue this event? Its a lot of work for the committee but we love the bringing back of alumni; We discussed maybe a new idea for food to offer that's less intensive, ie: soup donated from Kwik Trip, a chili cook-off between restaurants, potluck from parents. Do we simplify by just selling donated baked goods, ie: Christmas cookies or cinnamon rolls. Do we do a dessert silent auction? As we continue more and more alum will keep coming back to the event and we can have QR codes for direct donations to the band program.

- Volunteer requirement changing for next year? - We will have less people covering the same needs. We need to look at actual shifts and maybe combine/be realistic on volunteer numbers and what constitutes a credit; streamlining the events and what to keep/scrap/reorganize. Please send thoughts and ideas to Nicole about this.
- Burger Fry is on 3/21, this event needs a new chair; Jazz band set to play
- Garage sale dates were requested as Jeannie needs to talk to the Fair Board and Wendy reserves the NE Park Pavilion for the end of band camp party/parent social. Devon is thinking of streamlining the summer schedule and changing up the parent preview night but expects the 2nd week of band camp to be August 4-9th. More info to come on summer schedule changes.
- Raise Right/Scrip -(Krista Kopecky) - needs to get access to all band students emails to send this out, potentially come in to do with Devon from school?

Uniforms (Nicole and Angie)

- Old uniform selling plan/Devon needs help with this: Nicole is helping.

Food Committee (Wendy)

- Solo/ensemble - she needs numbers from Devon as this gets closer. The local event is Feb 17th here (March 22nd is the regional contest in Mankato).

Transportation/Trailers: (Krista)

- Moving forward with a committee for replacing the trailers: Krista can send emails to past volunteers to see who could be interested in being on the committee.

Concessions: (Audra) - no report

Treasurer: (Chantel) - no report

Marketing: (Michael) - no report

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Recruiting/filling open positions for the next season: start getting names and send to Nicole (Vacancies in Food, and VP. We will also need a training year for treasurer (Kim Hagen?) And a training year in fundraising (Dana Hoof?); Anastasia will be band representative for Marching Classic committee; for March meeting will review position responsibilities so this can be used to inform candidates of what positions entail.
- Moving the June parent's kickoff meeting to May, set the date, start to plan: This night could potentially act as the annual meeting if preview night is eliminated.
- Jazz/swing event (Anastasia, Anne, Angie): see above, director's business

TABLED BUSINESS: none

Anne made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting; **Krista** seconded; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at **7:38 pm**.

Next meeting: Sunday, February 9th, 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)