

## WHS BAND BOOSTERS MEETING – MINUTES

Monday, October 21, 2019 @ 6:30pm

### Attending

Candice Batton (secretary), Theresa Delahoyde (historian), Ben Gerdes, Shana Gerdes (treasurer), Tami Prang (fundraising), Brady Rohlfs, Emelia Rourke, Kelli Thompson, Alison Trueblood, Grace Wendel, Terra Westerholt (president), Dawn Witte

### Welcome and Introductions

The meeting opened with introductions. Minutes from the September 2019 meeting were shared and approved.

### Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report (handout) was delivered by Shana Gerdes. The following balances were reported:

- General Fund: \$15,115.92
- Golden Accounts: \$18,703.55
- Investment Account: \$897.57

It was reported that the general fund balance has diminished over the last several years. There was a discussion about the budgeting and expenditure approval process. Neither formal budget planning nor expenditure approval is occurring in a systematic way. This is an ongoing source of concern as the general fund balance has diminished over the last several years. There was a discussion about how marching season fees are established in relation to anticipated expenses. Band camp expenses and marching season expenses (e.g., band camp food, marching competition food, props) are estimated and used to establish a band camp fee. This has not been a problem in the past, as there were sufficient funds to cover any overages. However, with the balance diminishing, more budget planning is needed.

There was discussion about how to engage corporate sponsors and raise money for the band (e.g., spray paint addresses on curbs, Vikings on driveways, corporate sponsor names on t-shirts). The importance of engaging the District 145 Board was recognized to ensure that support from the district is in line with what is happening in other districts. An in-depth discussion of what the district covers and what the band boosters covers ensued (e.g., the district covers the truck, Band Boosters pay for fuel; the district covered two charter busses for SD trip, the Band Boosters paid for the other two). It was also noted that while the district covers the cost of the music and the drill rider, there are not sufficient funds for the full range of band-related expenses (e.g., drumline or colorguard coaches, instrument repairs). A band instrument loan was considered a few years ago; it may be time to revisit this idea. Mr. Rohlfs will do a presentation to the board after marching season.

The possibility of a marching band season fee was considered. This is done at other schools. Once the turf is replaced, Waverly will be able to host marching band competitions and that will be a new source of revenue. The possibility of private or corporate sponsors for particular items (e.g., new instruments, trailer for the band) was discussed. It was also noted that it is important to also

engage students in support of the band. Consider requiring 9<sup>th</sup> graders to help support the band (e.g., pit equipment).

### Directors' Reports

*Jim Kucera*

Reminders about upcoming events:

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade band and vocal music concert – Mon, 10/28
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade band Veteran's Day concert at middle school – Mon, 11/11
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band concerts– Tues, 11/19

*Brady Rohlfs*

Mr. Rohlfs expressed his gratitude to all of the volunteers for their help and support during marching band season. It was a great season and wonderful to see the band move to and compete successfully at the next level.

### Fundraising

The fundraising report was delivered by Tami Prang. Several updates were provided:

- Band Night at Waverly Runza is Mon, 10/28 and 15% of sales between 5-8pm will go to the band
- A Soup Supper silent auction chair needs to be identified
- Need to decide if we want to do Village Inn pies as a fundraiser for Easter
- Consider the Ford Drive for Your School program next year
- Muchachos has said that they will send a check to support the band
- Consider marching through town – too cold now, but maybe during warmer months
- Poinsettia sales – ends 10/31; need to send reminders about this one
- Plan on stadium clean-up for at least one playoff game

### Vacancies

The Band Booster vice president's position is current open.