

WHS BAND BOOSTERS MEETING – MINUTES

Monday, November 18, 2019 @ 6:30pm

Attending

Candice Batton (secretary), Theresa Delahoyde (historian), Carolyn Doherty, Ben Gerdes, Shana Gerdes (treasurer), Filo Habib, Jim Kucera, Mady Patire, Tami Prang (fundraising), Jenni Reiser, Brady Rohlfs, Kelli Thompson, Terra Westerholt (president), Dawn Witte

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting opened with introductions. Minutes from the October 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: \$4,170.28
- Golden Accounts: \$18,484.05
- Investment Account: \$897.79

It was noted (as in previous meetings) that the general fund balance has diminished over the last several years. Moving forward, all expenditures will require advance approval by the treasurer and executive team.

Directors' Reports

Brady Rohlfs

Mr. Rohlfs is meeting later this week with the District Superintendent, Brad McMillan, and Megan Myers regarding the band budget to discuss expenses covered by the district, comparisons with other school districts and their sources of funding, and colorguard expenses, for example. In other schools, colorguard and drumline instructors are often covered by the district. Given the size of the band program, additional staff would be requested. Budget being built in January. Recently learned that the budget included a \$10,000 allotment for instrument purchase in one year and that allocation possibly should have continued on an annual basis. The funds would be split between the middle and high schools. Looking into if this was one-time or ongoing allocation.

Currently no accompanist for the district. Difficult to hire accompanists from Lincoln at \$12/hour without the ability to pay mileage. Consider reaching out to UNL.

Jim Kucera

Reminders about upcoming events:

- 7th and 8th grade band concerts– Tues, 11/19
- Jazz band concert 12/3 @ 7pm

Fundraising

The fundraising report was delivered by Tami Prang.

Soup Supper

This is the 64th annual soup supper event. Heather Ferguson is chair. Co-chair still needed. Typically a three-year commitment (i.e., learn, chair, mentor). Kelli Thompson will help with programs. Jill Adams and a co-chair will handle set up. Decorations? In terms of soup, bids should be solicited from several places including Hy-Vee, Runza, Russ's/Supersaver, and Panera. Brady Rohlf's will come up with a theme for the event.

Several ideas to consider were suggested:

- Ask National Honor Society sponsor about signing up students to help with soup supper; also possibly middle school student council
- Consider corporate table sponsors, such as, \$250/table for four tickets and place logo/placard on the table and on PowerPoint slide show; or parent tables at \$100/table
- Consider a corporate sponsor for the program or a part of the program (e.g., back cover)
- District approval needed to pursue sponsorships
- Consider how we can better involve the middle school and 5th grade

Other

Consider if students should be allowed to opt of fundraisers by paying a band fee, which is common in other schools. Also consider a fun fundraiser (e.g., fill the tuba at the winter concert, pass an empty envelope with "show me the money").

Other updates:

- Band Night at Waverly Runza on Mon, 10/28 raised \$330
- Consider quartet serenades around Valentines
- Consider the Ford Drive for Your School program next year
- Muchachos has not made a contribution, but might make a small one
- Consider cake ball fundraiser for the general account in December or February, would need to contact Becky Goodban