

## WHS BAND BOOSTERS MEETING – MINUTES

Monday, February 24, 2020 @ 6:30pm

### Attending

Candice Batton (secretary), Theresa Delahoyde (historian), Carolyn Doherty, Heather Ferguson, Ben Gerdes, Shana Gerdes (treasurer), Filo Habib, Cindy Heinzman, Jason Johnson, Jenny Johnson, Jim Kucera, Mady Patire, Tami Prang (fundraising), Bernice Reiser, Jenni Reiser, Brady Rohlfs, Tina Sonderoth, Kelli Thompson, Grace Wendel, Terra Westerholt (president), Dawn Witte

### Welcome and Introductions

The meeting opened with introductions. Minutes from the December 2019 and January 2020 meetings were shared and approved.

### Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was delivered by Shana Gerdes. The general fund balance was reported as \$9,670.72 as of 1/31/20, golden accounts balance as \$18,428.83, and investment account balance as \$898.45. As of the date of the Band Booster meeting, no financial data on soup supper was available. There was discussion of how fees associated with band competitions should be handled when the student is a "no show". This is not usually a problem, but for a recent event, \$147 was paid in fees for students who then did not participate. There was discussion about if kids should pay these fees themselves. A decision was made to monitor situations like this and revisit if needed in the future.

### Directors' Reports

#### *Brady Rohlfs*

Mr. Rohlfs reported on several items:

- Thanks to the Band Boosters for their support, promotion of, and work at Soup Supper and noted that there was standing room only – all in all, a great event.
- Thanks to Band Boosters for Elkhorn Band Olympics sponsorship.
- Senior wall has come down, but pictures not yet picked up.
- Participation at UNO cancelled by District 145.
- There is still no accompanist. There will be 50-60 solos for competition. Mr. Rohlfs has talked to Dr. Worrell about the current offer not being attractive without mileage reimbursement. Dr. Worrell will look at improving the offer.

#### *Jim Kucera*

Mr. Kucera reported on several items:

- Thanks to Band Boosters for Soup Supper event, especially successful because of volunteer efforts of parents.
- Bus parents are needed for upcoming events: 2/28 UNO Jazz Festival, 3/12 EMC (Tom Erlandson, Chair), 3/12 High School Jazz Band at Plamor Ballroom, 3/19 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade going to Malcolm, 3/20 solos and jazz band at Malcolm, 3/21 York Honor Band, 3/27 Jazz Band Dance, and 4/16 Hastings (tentative). Theresa Delahoyde will be working on helping identify parents who can meet these needs.

## Fundraising Report

The fundraising report was delivered by Tami Prang. There are a few opportunities coming up: 2/28 concession stand where 10 students are needed for the district finals, and 4/18 for the UNL Spring game. Continue to work with Anderson Auto to identify a potential date for a fundraiser. Address painting on curbs was also discussed as a potential fundraiser. This has not yet been looked into, but Grace Wendel offered to take the lead.

## *Soup Supper*

There was general discussion about Soup Supper, but final numbers are not yet available.

- There has been positive feedback and people seemed happy with the theme, décor, and programs. Soup Supper chairs and committee chairs were thanked for their efforts.
- Too much soup was ordered; some bags sold following the event.
- In 2019, there were 1,787 tickets sold; in 2020, there were 1,480 tickets sold.
- It was noted that most freshmen did not help with clean up; need to think through how to address this for next year, consider asking them to do all of clean up.
- Difficult to get donations for the silent auction and raffle this year – 28 last year, 11 this year. Next year, will ask for contributions earlier. Also, not everyone understood the 90/10 split and thought that all proceeds would go to golden account (as opposed to 90%).
- Table and event sponsorship very successful, consider doing it all year? Could be opportunities for marching band season sponsorship, especially if televised on Strive TV. Consider forming a committee focused specifically on sponsorships. Also, could consider doing ads in the program for seniors.
- For next year, consider price of a second bowl of soup and how to do this. Some concerns expressed that bowls were smaller than in the past and that more soup should have been an option.
- Next year, have opportunity for a free will donation.
- Committee chairs asked to keep their binders if planning on serving as committee chairs again next year.
- Band cage identified as the place for items for next year though it was noted that a new lock is needed. Current lock not often used and items have been stolen (e.g., tarps).
- Next year more assistance is needed with crowd control.

## Other Business and Announcements

Jazz Band Dance is 3/27. Planning is starting and SignUpGenius will be used to enlist volunteer support.

Students reported that there were students participating in honor bands at UNO, Wesleyan, and Doane. They also mentioned the Masonic Marching Band honor band (June 2-6) and that there are 17 applications, but only 10 will be allowed to attend from Waverly. Thanks were expressed to the parents for everything they did for Soup Supper and a potential theme for next year was identified: the wild, wild west.