

WAVERLY BAND BOOSTERS MEETING
Monday, October 26, 2020 via Zoom

Welcome and Introductions

Carolyn Doherty (treasurer), Theresa Delahoyde (historian), Tom Erlandson, Heather Ferguson, Jason Johnson, Jenny Johnson, April Michael, Mady Patire, Heather Perkins, Tami Prang (fundraising and golden accounts), Brady Rohlfis (director), Kelli Rohlfis, Shavon Rosenthal, Jake Senff (assistant director), Dawn Witte (vice president)

Minutes

Approval of October 2020 minutes - table until November meeting

Treasurer's Report

As of 9/30,20, the balances were as follows:

- General account: \$26,534.84
- Golden accounts: \$23,063.62
- Investment account: \$895.22

Treasurer's report delivered by Carolyn Doherty. Questions about antennas and post cards. Antenna is for sound machine to better pick up soloists. Postcards are a recruitment effort. Mr. Senff provided list of 8th graders; juniors and seniors will write notes to 8th graders to help bridge gap of middle school to high school.

Receipt of approximately \$101 for decorating senior bus and buying donuts for seniors. Plan on about \$100 as do budgeting for next year. Subway for Saturday in Kearney was \$770.

Newspaper

Recognize seniors and their accomplishments in the newspaper. Theresa Delahoyde will work on this. Band Boosters will pay for the ad. Approved unanimously.

Directors' Reports

Brady Rohlfis

Thanks to parents and volunteers for all of their help in making the shows go this season. A lot of challenges and work in the current COVID environment. Received a "kudos" phone call today from the Kearney High School band director, who congratulated Waverly on their performance and win, but also shared how impressed the students were with Waverly's performance.

Students have voted to march at Friday night's playoff football game. May not use props if other band wants to perform in order to save time.

Information for jazz band try-outs coming out tomorrow. Try-out materials will need to be completed and submitted by next Friday, 11/6. This is a Jazz Band trip year. Still lots of questions that Mr. Rohlfis is exploring with Mr. MacMillan, Dr. Myers, and Travel with Barb so

that an informed decision can be made about the trip. No deposits required yet. Other schools are having trips too. Exploring options (e.g., New Orleans), want to avoid COVID hot spots. Cost of flights is relatively low right now.

Honor bands cancelled or being held virtually. For example, UNO doing some online sessions. UNK doing an in person honor band on a Monday, but it would involve be a very late return to Waverly that night (after midnight).

Mr. Rohlfs has determined that rehearsal in the bandroom is possible for concert band. Can get 4' spacing, will use bell covers. Concerts likely held in gym rather than auditorium.

Jake Senff

Echo Mr. Rohlfs' thanks to parents. Middle school concert dates are below and on the website. Concerts will be in gym. Using bell covers, students are distanced.

- 7th grade band: 11/17 @ 7pm
- 6th grade band: 12/8 @ 7pm
- 8th grade band and jazz band: 12/15 @ 7pm

Attendance guidelines will be based on Lancaster County COVID meter. Strive live streaming will be available.

Honor bands – 12 students auditioned for 8th grade all-state. Will be selected/recognized, but no ensemble. No news from York Honor Band.

Recordings of this year's marching band performance? Kearney performance recorded and coming soon; Band Expo performance will be available soon as well.

Fundraising Report and Discussion

Fundraising report delivered by Tami Prang. Masks have been for sale at home games, about 50 left. Donations on Saturday night of \$75, but not announced at event.

Frisbee Golf: There were 11 participants, raised \$270. Register event with frisbee golf organization next time. Great experience and fun had by all who participated.

TAGG: Easy app to download to phones, list of businesses already signed up, get extra \$25 if get other businesses to sign up. Any type of business can sign up. Kelli Rohlfs can help connect businesses that are interested in learning more or signing up.

Online apparel store: Approximately \$275 donated to Band Boosters from sales. Consider some new items for the spring (e.g., tanks, short sleeves).

Soup (or Souplless) Supper: No eating will be allowed at school. Considering different options: vendor experience to allow people to make purchases, take/bake pizza, desserts possible, consider allowing parents to purchase "shout outs" for \$10 to recognize their student.

Consider if performance will be prerecorded or live; live is better for students, especially younger students. With live performance, distancing will be required, but should be able to do concert in gym. Will concert be streamed? Could schedule pick up times around time when students play. Preorder parts of a meal or an entire meal. Some local restaurants would likely work with us (e.g., Honey Creek, Vikes Corner), barbecue would be good too. Will not be able to use the band kitchen. Mammoth - \$8 for large is our cost. Support local businesses. Soup Supper date is February 13th.

Golf Tournament: Tournament date is Sunday, April 18th with 1pm start. Tom Erlandson will work on preparations over the winter. Tami Prang will get approval from Brad MacMillan. Consider having band there to help, support, and play.

Runza: Band night on middle school concert night. Tami Prang checking with them about doing a drive-thru night. Waiting on response.

Any big fundraising ideas being explored? Group discussion on big ideas is important. Consider idea introduced earlier in the year of connecting with the Greater Waverly Area Community Foundation for fundraising events. Would likely mean needing 501C3 status and involve less school control/authority. Need to learn more about how it would work and benefits. Small working group will gather more information: Tom Erlandson, Kelli Rohlf, Jenny Johnson, Carolyn Doherty, and Tami Prang. Also, learn more about Foundation For Education (FFE), which recently began building an alumni database. Would still likely need to work with the school on golden accounts, band camp fees, etc.

Any fundraising plans in the works? No. A few ideas checked into recently that have not panned out. Need to provide opportunities for students to raise money for upcoming trips. Idea shared: mattress fundraising underway, trivia night off site.

Team approach for fundraising might be useful. Review ideas and consider at Band Booster meeting (or by committee or officers) before advancing to Brad MacMillan. Small group can systematically consider ideas – too much for a single person to manage: Tom Erlandson, Tami Prang, and Mady Patire. Also need to try to get parents involved – a few from each grade.

Student Representatives Report

Student report delivered by Mady Patire. Students are very proud of the band. Huge thank you to Mr. Senff for helping this year. Students will help with fundraising. Boosters are proud of students too.

New Business

No new business.

Old Business

No old business.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday, 11/16 at 6:30pm