

Waverly Band Boosters
Meeting Minutes- Monday, February 22, 2021
Meeting via Zoom @6:30

Attending

Candice Batton (secretary), Theresa Delahoyde (historian), Carolyn Doherty (treasurer), Tom Erlandson (president), Ben Gerdes (student representative), Shana Gerdes, Amy Gonser, Mary Havlovic, Jeff Johnson, Jenny Johnson, Angela Plugge (district 145), Tami Prang (fundraising), Amy Reuter, Jake Senff (director), Dawn Witte (vice president)

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for January not available; will be reviewed and approved at March meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was delivered by Carolyn Doherty. The account balances as of 1/31/21 are as follows: general account (\$21,147.47), investment account (\$895.50) and golden accounts (\$21,613.74).

Directors' Reports

Mr. Rohlf's (submitted via email)

1. I have not heard anything back from my presentation to the BOE, either from a member or superintendent.
2. Thank you to all that made the soup supper a success! I was really impressed how it all came together with all of the changes and guidelines we had to follow. Giving the kids a chance to perform for a live audience means so much to them and me!
3. We have a very successful Elkhorn Band Olympics with numerous high ratings and 8 medal winners! It had a very different feel this year as expected, but just great to hear what the kids prepared.
4. Waiting for a date from Delray ballroom on having a modified jazz band dance. Food would not be served either way.
5. District music contest - right now April 23rd and solos and small groups are a go. They have not decided on full bands large groups for sure. Will either be live, virtual, or not at all. If not the live version, I may just try to hire a judge to come hear us in concert and do districts/pre-contest concert all in one shot and then just move on to new music for the final concert.
6. Local music contest is still a go according to administration, being held in March 17th.

Mr. Senff

Thanks to Band Boosters for an awesome soup supper. It was a great experience for students and wonderful concerts.

Malcolm Music Contest will be on March 19th. Will be taking 5 middle school bands. Not sure about time of day yet, but all Waverly bands will have a single time slot. No audience this year, but students will be judged and get feedback on their performance.

Nebraska State Bandmasters Association is hosting a virtual band festival. The 7th grade band is submitting a recording for the clinic which will be on March 31st.

There is usually a 5th grade concert near the end of semester. Currently exploring opportunities for how to do this.

Elementary Instrumental Minutes Proposal

Presented by Angie Plugge, Curriculum Director, District 145

Approximately 50% of elementary students are not reading at level recommended by the state and are significantly underperforming in comparison to districts with similar demographics (e.g., Norris, Gretna, Bennington). District 145 recently adopted a new reading curriculum emphasizing reading skills and is also exploring changes to instructional time. Eagle and WIS have fewer instructional minutes than other schools for a variety of reasons (e.g., bussing schedule, within building scheduling decisions). Instruction varies greatly within and across schools. Current goal for K-5 is more consistency as well as more instruction time focused on reading. Recommendation is to reduce music and PE instruction time. No changes to the bussing scheduled are being explored at this time.

Soup Supper Summary

Kudos to Dawn Witte and the other Soup Supper chairs – they did a great job. Dawn Witte provided an update. The event was planned in about one month and overall went well. Tom Rhine did a great job as emcee. Approximately \$9,000-\$10,000 was brought in, about half of what Soup Supper brought in last year (i.e., February 2020). Shout outs (\$450) and “stuff Mr. Rohlf’s” (\$550) – great additions, continue to do in the future. If continue with Striv, need to get them on the side the band is facing. People watching could not hear well. Need to explore opportunities with broadcasting to reach more people; fundraising implications too (e.g., advertisements reach larger audience).

Foundation for Education

According to Mary Havlovic, the band campaign started in July 2017 and ran through June 2019. Purpose was for purchasing middle and high school instruments. Foundation is still accepting donations into this account. In December, Horizon Bank donated \$7,500 and approximately \$530 was donated in connection with Soup Supper. Current total available: \$18,694.71.

Fundraising Discussion

Golf Event: Saturday, April 24th at 2pm. Some donations already identified. Tom Erlandson will work on flyer. Still need prizes. Will also need to work on food for the event. Could be a couple of families that go together to help with pulled pork, food truck, etc.; estimate around 100-150 people.

Tami Prang is working on setting up a fundraising committee meeting next week. Tami and Jenny Johnson are working on a silent auction between 4/21 - 5/5 with items being picked up at spring concert. Website to host the silent auction has been identified. Looking at 90% for golden accounts and 10% for general fund. Some fees expected, could be covered by the 10% for the general fund. Tami is also working on selling umbrellas and hats, and will look at raffling the senior banner at spring concert.

An invitation to the Lincoln Memorial Centennial Celebration was mentioned, which would be the band trip in 2022. Mr. Rohlf is discussing with students and may need to make a decision in the next 10 days or so. Not clear what dates the trip would be, if students would have to miss school, or if personal fundraising opportunities would be available.

Student Representatives Report

Soup Supper went as well as could have given circumstances. Not the same as previous years, but really appreciate the Band Boosters support. Loved the shout outs! Thank you for supporting the band!

Middle School Funds

Band Boosters provided the middle school approximately \$2,500 in the past that Mr. Kucera used to support the middle school and jazz bands. Consider at next meeting how much makes sense. Review needs in advance. Instrument rental fees were collected by Mr. Kucera and retained within the building. For high school rentals, Band Boosters collects the rental fees. Mr. Rohlf needs to provide the list of rentals to the treasurer. Cost will be \$50 per student for the year (i.e., \$25 per semester).