

Waseca Band Boosters

November Minutes

November 16, 2025 @ 6:00 pm, Band Room

Board members present: Angie Sipe, Larry Sipe, Dominique Jewison, Anne Gerber, Rebecca Schimming, Chantel Medina, Nicole Perrizo, Grant Scheffert, Anastasia Garza, Michael Malouff, Jeannie Feldkamp

Absent: Krista Kopecky, Dana Hoof, Bob Hagen

Others present: Devon Lawrence, Kim Hagen, Raenee Nelson, Anders Peterson

Larry called the meeting to order at **6:05 pm**.

Grant moved to approve the agenda and **Nicole** seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Anne moved to approve the **October** meeting minutes, **Anastasia** seconded; there was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Staff Appreciation gifts - adding something extra with the December checks: Kwik Trip gift cards would be easy to add since many staff live out of town, We should consider something in person (like the student gifts) during week of YIM while the staff are still around - add to next September/October agenda for future. Anne moves to approve adding a \$20 Kwik Trip gift card to put in with staff checks if funds allow (nothing added this year if not). Nicole seconds, all approve and vote passes.

DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS:

- Indoor - great response, Dufault's were appreciative
- Trailer driver for Disney - Still no second driver at this time. Justin is willing to drive to/ from FL by himself, the board is not comfortable with this for safety reasons. Raenee is going to consider as she is a professional driver and will get back to Devon. Justin might also have a friend to go with him instead. If no one can go, do we add extra time (which increases costs - hotel). Will discuss if we have to.
- Trailer storage before Disney - Dana or Ted Yoder?
- Van parking costs at Disney - Devon and Chantel are not sure if this was included in the cost already, will check. We do have the Classic donation if needed.
- Classic Donation ideas - Nicole proposed the Memory Makers pass/books at \$180; perhaps one per every 2 chaperone groups?

- Devon has the final Disney trip itinerary and will send it out: Instrumental clinic will happen at Epcot on the Hollywood Studios day, the parade is confirmed on Friday at Magic Kingdom
- Trailer jack for small trailer - needs replacing, this trailer is not going to Disney so it just needs to be before next season, non-hydraulic/electric one is what Devon recommends; add to Krista's radar just needs to be done before next season; It would be nice to have someone to look over all the trailers for regular and routine maintenance in the off-season as there are other items that need attention. A job for a parent?
- Headset donation/purchase for Indoor: We use several sets and normally borrow from the football program. Anna Pollock found a group from the Cities who gave us headsets to borrow for the weekend; Should we send them \$50-100 as a Thank You? Anne moves we send \$100 donation, Michael seconds, motion passes. A consideration would be to buy our own set for the future which costs about \$800 to buy 4. Potential to split the cost with drama and/or choir. Anastasia recommends Devon to ask the PTO after the Bluejay Blast. Closed captioning device could be added into this ask as well?
- School Activities Calendar fundraiser - Devon has been asked by the principal that for the future we don't put sports activities on the calendar, just put band events and put QR code to find the most updated info; We have concerns that major sponsors will decrease without sports on it; 2000 calendars were given out this year - we know that people use them and ask for them. Jeanne, Anastasia, Devon, Johnston and Hedevare will meet to discuss; Chantel will give Jeanne the financial information from that fundraiser before that meeting.
- Anders Peterson would like a Jr High band committee with own group/fundraising, Annie volunteers to help on the committee; This would be a great way to plug-in junior high parents to get them involved; ideally this a jr high group who can act under the umbrella of the Band Boosters. Anders foresees a jazz band Valleyfair trip fundraiser; He has an idea for the Spring concert to be more of an art showcase with choir and band; For now perhaps this could start as a committee and report to the board with any updates as needed; Devon and Anders will chat about specifics/ concerns/issues; Perhaps a committee chair could come to our monthly meetings to report; at this time, the easiest thing financially would be to have one account that represents the whole junior high band vs keeping track of funds raised per student.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising (Jeannie and Annie)

- Raise Right -(Krista Kopecky) - no report
- Alumni Pep Band - (Wendy/Rebecca/Jeanne/Anne) - Dec 23; alumni pep band celebration - no chili feed; we will be asking parents to donate desserts and just put out a basket for free-will donation; Jazz band/combo will maybe play - Devon will ask
- Frozen Food (Jeanne) - that fundraiser closed last Monday, \$6387 total sales, 19 students participated, pizzas accounted for over \$4000 of those sales. Food arrives on Dec 8th; This is an easy fundraiser to add to students individual accounts. In the future maybe look at a different company besides Cherrydale that doesn't have a penalty if a certain limit isn't hit.

- Jazz/Swing Dance (Angie/Annie/Anastasia) - February 21st at Starfire, dance instructor is from Owatonna and will charge \$100 for her and a partner to instruct, she is a professor who can promote the event at college campuses
- Burger Fry - switching dates is not possible. We will keep March 20th which shouldn't interfere with BB this year.
- Raffle calendar - netted a \$5600 profit - a little less than last year but less kids selling tickets.

Uniforms (Nicole) - no report

Food Committee (Dominique) - thank you for the food for the Indoor after party! She asked about more homemade food items which she may incorporate more of next year.

Transportation/Trailers: (Krista) - no report

Treasurer: (Chantel) - finalizing credit disputes etc - future consideration to send out fair share status at the end of each year so parents are aware and possibly set a statute of limitations so old disputes cannot be brought up; Full student account balances going to Bob Rogers have been paid, families getting reimbursed for overpayment have not been paid yet.

Marketing: (Michael) - he will be making save the date for alumni pep band, burger fry and swing dance; Jeannie will send Michael the winners from the Indoor alumni table to post on Facebook; Devon requests that events are posted on the Monday and Friday of concerts; IG access should be able to come from Devon, YouTube account - Devon will look at; Website idea would be to link to a google drive of old photos and have links to old indoor videos.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Fair Share/Volunteer Credit Evaluation for Next Trip Cycle - Committee needed: Nicole, Angie, Jeanne, Devon, Anastasia and Chantel will report at January meeting.
- Raenee Nelson is interested in joining the board - Fundraising trainee; Anne moves to approve her appointment, Nicole seconds and vote passed. (Her vote starts in May)
- Trailer fundraising - Larry will reach out for district meetings; The company we want to work with is decided; A timeframe for this project will be set based on the dollar amount needed to raise which depends on how basic or advanced we set up the trailer and how much money the district might be willing to help pay for.

TABLED BUSINESS:

- Board Recruitment - January
- Indoor Committee needs to be formed in the future - September?
- Jr High committee follow-up
- Calendar follow-up
- Trailer follow-up

Rebecca made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting; **Anne** seconded; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at **7:13pm**.

Next meeting: Sunday, December 14th, 2025, Sipe home (31184 W Wilton River Rd):
Social hour at 5pm, Potluck dinner at 6pm, Spouses welcome