

Waseca Band Boosters

March Minutes

March 9, 2025 @ 6:00 pm, Band Room

Board members present: Angie Sipe, Nicole Perrizo, Anastasia Garza, Rebecca Schimming, Grant Scheffert

Absent: Jeannie Feldkamp, Anne Gerber, Chantel Medina, Wendy Dieker, Michael Malouff, Krista Kopecky, Audra Veroeven

Others present: Devon Lawrence, Anders Peterson, Larry Sipe

Nicole called the meeting to order at **6:07 pm**. NO quorum reached, this will be an informative meeting only, no voting. February minutes will need to be approved at the April meeting.

DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS:

- Solo/ensemble report: this event went well: students who qualified have the choice to move on to the regionals at MSU. 14 events (solos and groups) will perform on 3/22.
- Disney trip: 57 students currently signed up for trip
 - Chaperone selection will happen after regular meeting adjourns
- Calendar of 2025 season sent out with changes noted in email - email went to concert/symphonic band, currently enrolled for next years marching band, plus all 8th grade band
- UW-Eau Claire band came and played for and met with our band students and had a great experience; Mis Tres Flores donated lunch (about \$500) - we should comp them a calendar ad for that, the size ad equivalent of this amount
- Concert is Friday at 7pm in PAC, shorter one - large group pieces will be performed; JH concert was last week and went well; booster board to staff ticket seller/takers
- Pep band will go to the game on Thursday for boys' basketball at MSU; state games would be 18th-22nd and band will go
- Todd Dufault - leadership speaker now with a marching band background and from Waseca, Devon would like to bring him to talk with kids 3x (all kids in band), he would be on call for board questions, he would also talk with band/colorguard staff, have other helpful resources etc, cost is \$1975 - Devons asks if the boosters will pay for any/all of this? (Discussion was that we have a \$1500 drill writer expense that can be used since the school is covering drill writer this year); Anastasia indicates PTO could also probably cover some as this is the type of project proposal they like to support.

Chantel will be consulted and a vote can go out by email to approve dollar amount support from the booster account.

- Jazz Fest is on March 29th, Dave Hagedorn (percussion/vibe player) is the jazz artist in residence booked; His fee is \$500 and was budgeted
- Eau Claire jazz trip is for the day on April 12th, will be bussing kids to that
- Large group needs a chaperone for the bus, March 17th at USC in Wells, 9:30-2:30pm; Nicole volunteered
- Anders request: JH would like to take a jazz trip to Valleyfair as happened last year; 32 students plus 5 chaperones = \$2825 total cost for tickets plus bus plus event cost; Last year students were charged \$27 and \$30 for chaperones, That leaves \$1691 left to be paid, could boosters pay some of this? What portion could boosters cover: hoping it can be \$1000-1200, minimum \$800 ask (We can probably cover the \$531 for bussing + a certain dollar amount per student); Nicole will talk with Chantel and report back if voting is needed.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising (Jeannie and Annie)

- Burger Fry - cancelled due to interference with possible trip to Boys State BB; leftover pop from the jazz swing night can be paid to Chantel at .30/can and Devon and Anders took some to distribute to students as they wish
- Raise Right/Script - (Krista Kopecky) - We should have printed info for the band concert to hand out as attendees purchase tickets, maybe we can take a few minutes to promote before/after the concert as it is an easy way to earn money quickly for the trip, perhaps have a personal story shared from the Sipes (they earned \$65 from gas purchases alone)
- School Activities Calendar - Anastasia has offered to chair this/Nicole can assist

Uniforms (Nicole and Angie) - new cases for plumes needed; will talk to Chantel about purchasing, \$157 per case - we need 2

Food Committee (Wendy) - Pavilion is booked for pizza party event this summer at the end of band camp

Transportation/Trailers: (Krista) - no report

Concessions: (Audra) - no report

Treasurer: (Chantel) - no report

Marketing: (Michael) - no report

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Recruiting/filling open positions for the next season - Nicole has emailed out what is needed with descriptions, no response
- Booster board position job description reviews were discussed and passed around - President, Joe, General board member, Secretary, Food, Marketing, Uniform; Nicole will write up one for the VP. These will be in President's folder and in the shared drive and are meant to help in recruiting and continuity and so anyone could step in and do any of the jobs as anyone steps off the board; Grant is working on getting everyone drive access
- Kickoff meeting on May 28th: start to plan - Nicole completed a rough draft of a volunteer form questionnaire listing all of our interest areas in order to hand out at the kickoff meeting. Ideally people would be able to look over prior to coming out to talk to the table volunteers to get more information. It was noted to be sure to include photography.

TABLED BUSINESS:

- Trailer purchase/fundraising

The informational meeting was adjourned at **7:30 pm.**

Next meeting: Sunday, April 13th, 2025 @ 6:00 pm, Band Room

- Future Discussion:
 - Band Booster and School Fees