

Waseca Band Boosters

February Minutes

February 8th, 2026 @ 4:00 pm, Band Room

Board members present: Angie Sipe, Larry Sipe, Rebecca Schimming, Devon Lawrence, Nicole Perrizo, Chantel Medina, Dana Hoof, Grant Scheffert

Absent: Jeannie, Anne, Anastasia, Dominique, Michael, Raenee, Bob, Krista

Others present: Justin Pierce

Larry called the meeting to order at **4:00 pm**. No Quorum so no voting, informational meeting only.

OLD BUSINESS: None

DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS:

- Solo/ensemble is at WJHHS on Monday 2/16 from 5-8pm, judges food is being figured out by Dominique
- Swing dance Prep underway: Jenna Byron will sing, Devon and Paul will play, Claire Dieker is coming back to sing
- March 2 is Band-o-rama; there will be no large group meal as there has been in the past
- Large group contest is right after spring break
- Band Calendar for next year is being considered, asking kids input: Since Sept 9th is the first day of school, that is fewer competitions than years past and the schedule might be adjusted, There is a competition we could possibly do in Mankato or go back to Hudson.
- May kickoff date has not been picked yet - start planning kickoff meeting at the March Board meeting
- We should possibly consider discussing and updating the terms of the Herb Streitx rules/funds; The fund was established many years ago and the dollar figures are outdated - if we decide to do this, the board would discuss and vote and then give to Amy at WAF after we approve; Currently with the 300 per student rule Chantel says that is more than most students use unless there is an instrument purchase.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising (Jeannie and Annie)

- Raise Right -(Krista Kopecky): Keep discussion open regarding what to do with the graduated seniors accounts; General fund? Fair share? Specific fundraising goals (trailer or JH band needs)? We just don't want to let people pick a specific interest that then needs to be kept track of.
- Jazz/Swing Dance (Angie/Annie/Anastasia) - Feb 21: Signups are out, need setup/cleanup and dessert help yet - please help where you are able.
- Burger Fry - March 20 : no report on this event but watch for volunteer signups for working, bringing pop etc

Uniforms (Nicole) - many chin straps have snapped - Devon will check with the company; We have had more damage on these uniforms in 2 years than any other 10 year uniform; This is the same company we have used before; At this rate, they will not last 10 years; Could Devon check into possible warranty or guarantee?

Food Committee (Dominique) - no report

Transportation/Trailers: (Krista) - no report

Treasurer: (Chantel) - will send out financial report via email, she reports no concerns. With that financial information, we should decide if we should adjust the fee? We pay significantly lower fees than other programs.

Marketing: (Michael) - no report

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Board Recruitment (everyone) - Many have expressed interest: Justin Pierce (here today); Justin's wife, Melissa Pierce and Erika Linnes have expressed interest in doing uniforms; Kyle Johnson is interested in being on the board, possibly Chad Entinger.
- Follow-up from the Fair Share eval/volunteering committee (Nicole, Angie, Jeannie, Anastasia, Chantel, Devon): They talked through all of the fundraisers regarding money made, time involved, community impact, etc and gave recommendations
- GARAGE SALE: has issues with staffing but makes 6K for the band; leadership at this time is staffed and experienced so recommend keeping it for now, there will be adjustments to the sign-ups - making shifts longer to help even out timeframes (making shifts comparable) between fundraisers, re-consider dropping in the future based on leadership status because that is a vital part of its success

- CALENDAR AD sales nets about 9K, keep
- CONCESSIONS was well staffed this year and raised 7K, keep
- RAFFLE made \$5600 with a low enrollment year; Ideas were to stretch the sale time to longer or add more tickets? The committee decided to Increase minimum to 5 tickets sold per band student
- MARCHING CLASSIC - we need to make sure people know that it's a fundraiser, the success of the event affects us as we get funds from this group
- FROZEN FOOD sales - pretty easy to do and helps boost individual accounts, keep but look into a company that won't penalize for not hitting a minimum
- CHILI FEED - community wasn't too upset it didn't happen this year but do we look into doing a bake sale instead?
- BURGER FRY - continue as in past, fairly easy to execute - just need volunteers
- The group recommends restructuring fair share credits to a 3-2-1 requirement:
 - 3 specific volunteer credits: 1 competition; 1 garage sale or concessions; 1 Marching classic
 - 2 - Extra volunteer spots of choice
 - 1 - Raffle selling 5 tickets
- New Trailer (Larry, Nicole, Krista, Devon) - Director of Business is leaving and a new person is in place - need to start over with the relationship but previous items should stand - boosters come up with trailer cost and the school will help for fuel, driver, etc; Devon has about 10 grand in a vehicle account to pay for the extra things - drivers, fuel etc so those maintenance items should be covered under that.
- Junior High Committee (Anne, Anders) - no report

TABLED BUSINESS:

- March - discuss the May kickoff meeting

Next meeting: Sunday, March 8th, 2026, 6pm, Band Room