

## Waseca Band Boosters

### February Minutes

February 18, 2024 @ 6:00 pm Band Room

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**Board members present:** Grant Scheffert, Rebecca Schimming, Angie Sipe, Wendy Dieker, Dana Girtler, Carrie Miller, Annie Gerber, Chantel Medina, Jeanne Feldkamp,

**Absent:** Audra Veroeven, Nicole Perrizo, Krista Kopecky, Heather Stinehart

**Others present:** Devon Lawrence

**Dana** called the meeting to order at **6:04 pm**.

**Annie** moved to approve the agenda and **Angie** seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed. (Edit that minutes are from January not November.)

**Annie** moved to approve the January meeting minutes **Grant** seconded; there was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS**

Solo Ensemble: February 19, 2024

Bandorama: March 1. Not doing the dinner as we have in the past because Mr. Brandon said it was too hard for his kids to get out there.

Large Group Contest: Monday, March 18- during the school day at Maple River.

Storage: (previously tabled): tabled again

Swing Dance: Went very well, especially for being the first time and for short notice. Big THANKS to the swing dance committee (Angie Sipe, Annie Gerber, Devon Lawrence, Paul Davis \$44 presale, \$766 (116 tickets) at the door, and Swing Club from MSU got in free. Took in \$195 from concessions. Angie Sipe has notes on how all went to fine tune for next year.

Definitely do again. Consider a different space? Sound, floor. Want to keep it local. Maybe in the spring-street dance?

Junior High Band Committee: Do we have a committee, or a representative that is on the board for JH specifically? Miranda Merrill-JH Band director, include jazz. Devon will talk to Miranda about further details and starting a JH Band Committee and then a representative from that committee can then report to Band Boosters.

NYC Trip: Helping Meagan with logistics, and Devon is going, but otherwise don't need to do anything.

Musical/Beauty and the Beast: Need a couple of trumpet players. No highschool age trumpet players able to. Chuck and Anna have been working with some Band prop people for set design.

Calendar: Not going to Irondale Competition next year, going to Hudson, WI. Will not require coach bussing. Same driving distance.

New Uniform: Design with Todd Dufault. New and different. Has a feather aspect to front (Bluejay).

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

- Fundraising:
  - Idea: "Fill the truck" or "Move the truck down the road" (Kind of like United Way thermometer) and have competition between alumni and current students to raise \$. Current students reach out to 5 alumni and ask for donation. Have a picture of the current student with the alumni's band picture...
  - Volunteers:
    - Provide opportunities for students to volunteer as well as parents.
    - Goal of Band fair-share volunteering is to put money in students accounts for trip.

### Grant writing:

- We need a representative from the Band Boosters on the Waseca Marching Classic to request a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. Since the Boosters is too tied to the school district, which is state funded, we can't request a grant, but the Waseca Marching Classic could...
- Seek a grant to help fund Disney trip.

Frozen food fundraiser: Went very well. Close to \$10,000 in total sales. Great opportunity for the students to make a significant impact to their account. Chairs of the committee were: Michele Yoder and Jenny Goodlander.

Chili Feed: (December) went very well. Similar as last year.

Waseca Bands merchandise online: Digitized so we can do this at anytime again.

Burger Fry: March 15, 5:30-7:00 pm at the Legion. Jazz bands are playing. Suggest donated desserts instead of pie, because we didn't make \$ on the pie last year. Not a credit to donate items. Only a credit if you work the event. Annie Gerber-committee

chair. Jeanne will present tickets to kids on February 26. Ask each family to sell 5 tickets-\$10/ticket, set by the Legion, not by us.

School Activities Calendar: Almost all major sponsors are on board already-confirmed. If they give us the printing money we will do it, but wonder if we continue. Heather did it this last year (she got Adobe and did it). Prior to Heather, Stacy Dufault had done it. Heather saved us \$1000. Feedback from community about it is that dates change anyway...We need to discuss this in November. (\$7,400 2023 students got 35%, but on trip year students get 65% (2026)).

Disney: How do we help fund the students more for this trip? It is close to \$3000/student and that is a very difficult ask. How can we also make it more of a musical experience for them. Would like to get it to be \$1000/student. Donations, grants???

- Uniforms

New uniforms: in the process of getting them sized up and ordered. Working with Nicole, Angie, and Gerri to complete.

- New uniform racks: Do we need something here, or more for the trailer. How do we avoid the unloading of the uniforms. Carts are breaking, so best to probably keep them stationary. Thought is to check out the uniforms at the school and then they have them on the bus:gauntlets, gloves, and plumes on the trailer. Each uniform is also getting a new garment bag.
- Food Committee
  - Solo ensemble contest on February 19 we will have meals for the six judges. (Last year soup and sandwiches from Infinity Catering-Kendra (Janesville). Wendy is making food. Feeding six people again. Nothing else yet until season gets closer.
- Transportation/Trailers
  - Future alternative of the School Activities Calendar could be wraps for the trailer(s) for the sponsors to represented there and help transportation costs.
  - Email that Dana has for consultation: Justin Quilling (alumni from Eastview)
  - Dana will also talk to Jeremiah about his contact – is his contact the same person
  - Wendy Dieker knows Besel's from Mankato that bought and outfitted a trailer for the Lancers (Jen Besel was president of Lancers). Wendy will reach out and talk to her.
  - Really want a moving trailer because the undercompartments are useful.
- Concessions: No new business

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Pre-season survey: have it ready for May to give out to have answers by Parent meeting (June). (Nicole) Table until March-need Nicole present.

Board members terms: excerpts from Waseca Band Booster By-Laws

- Nomination and Election of the Board of Trustees
  - Heather Stinehart is done in May. Annie Gerber is interested in taking over Heather's position as co-Trustee of Fundraising.
  - Carrie is done in May. Rebecca is interested in Secretary Trustee.
  - Dana will be past president, advisor, Nicole will move from VP to President.
  - Chantel will continue as Secretary
  - Grant will continue as Technology & Website coordinator
  - Wendy will continue as Food.
  - Trailer and Concessions – ask Krista and Audra
- Nominating Committee for open positions
  - Nominating Committee for Open Positions :  
We will bring names to March meeting to invite to the April meeting. Dana will then send out an email, and we will make personal contacts.
    - Vice President
    - 2 – At Large
    - Secretary
    - Fundraising

**Grant** made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting; **Annie** seconded; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at **7:55 pm**.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting will be on Sunday, March 10 at 6:00 pm in the Band Room.

Rebecca and Annie unable to attend March meeting.