

Combined Waukee/Northwest Band Parent Organization Meeting

September 9, 2021

Location: Waukee Northwest Band Room

Minutes prepared by Michelle Kurtz (NWBPO secretary)

Meeting notes APPROVED 10/14/21

****MEETING RECORDED, ALL ATTENDEES MUST SIGN IN TO THE MEETING****

ATTENDEES:

Jenn French	Michelle Kurtz	Jon Rech
Carrie Sample	Eric French	Chris Strohmaier
Suzanne Laird	Janice Burris	Erik Rau
Kelly Jackson	Stacie Tigges	Sharon Divingnzzo
Laura Swanson	Shelly Hughes	Katie Wittmer
Lynette Kohtz	Luann Gillatti	Becky Lachenmaier
Chad Allison	Jill Herrera	Christiana Rau
Karen Hatch	Jeff Patterson	Brian Hughes
Nikki Snyder	Laurie Johnson	Julie Crawford
Kylene Blanchard	Rishi Kolu	Stacey Walter
Kathy Bernreuter	Amy Burke	Paula Nannen

Agenda:

- Call to Order
- Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Reports
 - Equipment-RB BandAids
 - Fundraising
 - Concessions
 - Uniforms
 - Volunteers
 - Wolf WearHouse
 - Website/RevTrak
 - WMI
 - Winter Showcase
- Band Director's Report
- Old Business
 - GALA updates

- New Business

Upcoming Dates

- 9/11 Marching Clinic
- 9/18 Wildcat Classic (NWRB)
- 9 /18 Johnston (WWR)
- 9/23 Homecoming Parades
- 9/24 Homecoming Games
- 10/2 Blue Springs (WWR)
- 10/2 Urbandale (NWRB)-was not on printed agenda, but is planned event for NWRB
- 10/7 GALA
- 10/8 Rose Parade Presentations (both home games)
- 10/9 BOA Regional-UNI (NWRB)
- 10/9 Valleyfest (WWR)
- 10/14 Joint BPO meeting 7pm
- 10/16 WMI and State

- Adjourn

Meeting Notes (meeting recorded)- joint and NW specific notes. Notes for WBPO recorded separately by the WBPO secretary

- **Call to Order** at 7:03pm by Jenn French
- **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**-motion to approve Chad Allison, 2nd Stacie Tigges, approved.
- **Treasurer's Report**-motion to approve by Michelle Kurtz, 2nd by Kelly Jackson, approved.
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Equipment-RB BandAids** Eric French working on the trailer for WHS Regiment. Working on trucks, props, carts for NW marching band season. Looking for help at games and events.
 - **Fundraising**-help is needed for Gala, fundraising, etc. Can shack made \$53.97/shift/sorter. Hyvee cards are all out, closes 9/20/21 (will be collected in the NW band room). Papa Murphy's also underway, need more sold. Closes 9/28/21. Marcos fundraiser night 11/2/21, Chipotle fundraiser night 11/8/21
 - **Concessions**-Becky Lachenmaier worked with district concessions person and got things arranged. New signs are needed for concessions-possible silver cord opportunity. Echo's cookies will be sold at WMI. Waiting on further info from Nothing Bundt Cakes regarding sales at WMI.
 - **Uniforms**-working on pants/stirrups. Some pants lay nicer without them, will continue to evaluate. Otherwise going well now (was a significant amount of time/effort from the uniform team to get everyone fitted in their uniforms).
 - **Volunteer**-creating sign up geniuses for football games, marching band clinic. Further information is needed regarding what is needed on these. Omaha (Millard South) trip sign up genius will be sent out soon. Will be a combined WHS/WNWHS sign up genius created for WMI/State Contest.

- **Wolf Warehouse**-Rose Parade apparel and NW band jackets will hopefully be here by the end of the month. \$1100 sales on website. Setting up at football game 9/10. Have received requests for more extended sizes as well as colors (colors are limited by district guidelines)
- **Website/RevTrak**- set up google docs and fundraising on website. Working on setting up WMI pages. Question of using ParentSquare for communication-concern of how email list would be generated, pursuing more information.
- **WMI/state marching band contest**-will be Saturday 10/16/21 at WHS (37 days away from today's meeting date). Significant need for tractors and trailers. Van Wall had been able to donate these in the past for use, but with covid and lack of inventory due to this, they are not able to supply these this year. Sign up for help will be coming out soon along with a description of the available volunteer positions that need to be filled. WMI programs will be via QR code instead of printed. Reaching out for paid ads for this. Also need Winter Showcase flyer in it. Not sure if "shout outs" will be available at this time.
- **Winter Showcase**-scheduled 3/5/22 at WHS. Working on structuring with IMA "circuit." Will now be hosted by the circuit group at Waukee HS. Chad Freisleben is working with the district on details of how this will work.
- **Band Director's Report**-Chris Strohmaier-thank you for the nice space/facilities at NW. Marching Clinic on Saturday for both schools. Rose Parade-waiting on specific details for itinerary with covid related issues with Disney. Currently are no parades or school groups allowed. Travel companies are working "behind the scenes" to see if any potential for exceptions for Rose Parade participants with the long standing traditions between Disney and the Rose Parade. No official decision available at this time. Band Fest performance times are also pending. This was also delayed by covid. Final requests for times were recently submitted (NW made request of Saturday 12/29/21 in pm session), but again, this time has NOT been confirmed by the Rose Parade people. NW departure approx 3am on 12/27/21 with return approx 3pm on 1/2/22. WHS departure approx 11am 12/27/21 with return approx 11pm on 1/2/22. Bob Miller (Rose Parade President) and his wife will fly in to Des Moines on 10/6, fly out 10/9. One morning at each school to see schools, meet the kids and other people. Thursday-Gala event. Friday-will go to both home games, one at pre-game, one at half-time. Presentation of Rose Parade Flag at those events. All-state registrations were due today. Total of 22 kids from NW side-includes Prairieview (20 for band, 2 for orchestra). Saturday's marching clinic will include clinicians to work on both music and visual sides for both WHS and NWHS. Public performance at 4:30pm. 9/18/21-competition in Omaha, will perform 2 shows. First will be at 2:15pm and then also at finals, times TBD sometime after 6pm. Chad Freisleben-color guard working hard, drums working hard. Thanked volunteers. General discussions that came up during this time: No Homecoming information has been given from the district yet for NW. Question of possible joint parade vs "festival" at NW. Administration is "working to get it figured out." Plan for the band to be doing "something/somewhere" around 5pm on 9/23/21. More details will be given when information is available. Also was discussion about funds for Rose Parade trips, help for students needing funding assistance.
- **Old Business**-
- **New Business**-Chris Strohmaier-request for honorarium for clinicians at the Marching Clinic. Normal/typical rates per clinician: \$300 for afternoon + mileage and hotel. Requesting \$1000 for total costs for the 2 clinician judges. This would be split between the 2 schools. Motion for this joint purchase for NW by Becky Lachenmaier, 2nd by Laura. Approved by both BPOs. Also, on NW side, request by Christiana Rau for \$403.68 to reimburse cost for supplies to create a bass drum cart. Motion by Laura Swanson, 2nd by Eric French. Approved.
- **GALA**- Event is Thursday 10/7/21. More help is needed. Open house at WILC during the day, Gala in the evening. Give contacts, donation information to Shelly Hughes. Different levels of sponsorship available. Share info with others! City of Waukee putting together a reception for Rose Parade people. Surrounding WCSD mayors, city councils also participating. "Hoping" for photo opportunity with the governor at the botanical center, city chambers getting involved for advertising

also. Other people also welcome at botanical center to show their support. Do have an emcee and auctioneer for the Gala. Need large auction items. Hyvee donating dinner. Holmes Murphy donating alcohol and the site for the event. \$100/ticket. Online auction available, will go "live" a week before the event. Using the districts "givesmart" site for this. Donations need to be made by 9/25 to be able to get them on there. Social hour/open house at APEX/WILC 4-5:30pm, possible grab and go type food items but main focus of "meet and greet." There is a 44 year process to become the Rose Parade President, loves seeing people/taking pictures/making connections. Karen Hatch will create balloon arch for this event that combines the colors for both schools.

- **Upcoming Dates for Northwest**

- 9/11 Marching Clinic
 - 9/18 Wildcat Classic (Omaha area)
 - 9/23 Homecoming parade/alternative homecoming event TBD
 - 9/24 Homecoming football game
 - 10/2 Urbandale Marching Invitational
 - 10/7 Gala event/open house reception
 - 10/8 Football game/Rose Parade Presentations
 - 10/9 BOA Regional event at UNI
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- **Adjourn**-motion Michelle Kurtz, 2nd Laura Swanson, approved at 8:21pm.