

Northwest Band Parent Organization Meeting April 14, 2022
Location: Northwest Band Room
Minutes prepared by Michelle Kurtz, NWBPO secretary

APPROVED 5/12/22

ATTENDEES:

Jenn French	Jon Rech	Stacie Tigges	Paula Nannen
Michelle Kurtz	Becky Lachenmaier	Christiana Rau	Janice Burris
Katie Wittmer	Carrie Sample	Valerie Fouts	Nikki Snyder
Kelly Jackson	Stacey Walter	Jill Herrera	Eric French
Chad Allison	Janelle McGee	Nicole Opfer	Chad Freisleben
Lisa Steenhard	Tiffany Allison	Brad Leedom	

Agenda:

Call to Order
Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports
• Equipment
• Fundraising
• Concessions
• Uniforms
• Volunteers
• Wolf WearHouse
• Website/RevTrak
• WMI
Band Director's Report
Old Business
 By-Laws
 2022-2023 Slate
New Business
 Thank you
 Welcome
Adjourn

Meeting Notes

Call to Order at 7:01pm Jenn French

Minutes of the Previous Meeting-motion to approve Chad Allison, 2nd Kelly Jackson, approved.

Treasurer's Report-motion to approve by Nikki Snyder, 2nd by Michelle Kurtz. Discussion regarding copier lease. \$389/month split with vocal department. They are reimbursing us soon for 4 months. The district allows each staff member 300 copies/year. This does not cover the needs in the music department and this is why the copier is needed. Treasurer's Report Approved.

Committee Reports

Equipment-no report

Fundraising-Jenn French reported that she had talked to Jeff Patterson and approx 17-20 mattresses were sold. No report on funds from this yet. No report from fundraising chair available. No update on the Hyvee question from last month.

Concessions-Becky Lachenmaier-no new information. Binders for concessions being updated to pass on to the chair for next school year.

Uniforms-working on updating the job duties information for this position

Volunteer-no report

Wolf Wearhouse-planning to meet with Karen Hatch (WBPO) next week to talk about other apparel ideas/updates, etc. Was also a request for more merchandise to be available for marching band for both students and parents.

Website/RevTrak-no update

WMI/state marching band contest-Jon Rech-event will be held 10/15/22. He met with the WBPO person last week. They will work on reserving lights and other needed items earlier than typical this year. Event is about 6 months away.

Band Director's Report-Chad Freisleben-Jazz Orchestra earned 2nd place in the state Jazz Championship, others noted they received a standing ovation. Jazz Show (JO and Jazz Lab) will be on 5/6/22. Band concert 5/2/22. Large group contest at DCG on Saturday 5/7/22 (time still TBD). Adventureland Band Contest, bands will play at SE Polk on Friday 4/29/22, concert band at 8pm, wind symphony at 8:25pm. Commencement is on 5/22/22, seniors will play a song during the ceremony, sophomores/juniors will play before and during the ceremony. Tuesday, 5/10/22, is band awards night. Someone is still needed to create a slide show for this, has been about 15-30 minutes long in the past. Indoor (drumline) has their last performance on 4/16/22 in downtown Des Moines. Jazz band tryouts for next school year will be during the third week of May. Marching band drumline and guard will have some additional practice and tryout sessions coming up (4/25, 5/?, and 5/12/22).

Old Business- By-Laws: Addendum/addition to the section regarding the BOA event in 9/2022. NW High School will be hosting this event and needing volunteers. The WHS Warrior Regiment will not be participating in this event. The WBPO elected not to receive any funds for this for the 2022 event (and won't be volunteering without their band participating). Motion to approve this addendum by Jill Herrera, 2nd by Janelle McGee. Approved. This will be reviewed on a yearly basis (as previously planned) if BOA continues to be held at Northwest HS in the future.

NWBPO SLATE for 2022-2023-Motion by Eric French, 2nd by Nikki Snyder. President-Becky Lachenmaier, Vice President-open Secretary-Michelle Kurtz, Treasurer-Valerie Fouts, Concessions-Stacey Walter, Equipment-Chad Allison, Fundraising-Sharon Divingnzzo, Uniforms Guard-Christiana Rau, Uniforms-Katie Wittmer and Tiffany Allison, Representatives-Stacie Tigges and Lisa Steenhard, Volunteer Coordinator-Kathy Bernreuter, Website/Revtrak-Nicole Opfer, Wolf Wearhouse-Janice Burris and Kelly Jackson, WMI-Jon Rech. Band Directors: Chris Strohmaier and Chad Friesleben. Approved.

New Business-Thank you to all of the outgoing senior parents. Jenn French presented them with gifts. Welcome to all of the new and returning board members. Also, Carrie Sample read a letter written by senior student, Olivia Carpenter, addressed to Jenn French, Katie and Jason Wittmer, and other volunteers thanking all of the involved parents for their help and letting them know the difference they have made in her life.

Upcoming dates

4/15 Winter Drumline Performance
4/29 Adventureland Concert Band Festival
5/2 Final Band Concert
5/6 Jazz show
5/7 State Large Group
5/10 Band Awards Night
5/12 NWBPO with 2022-2023 Board
5/22 Graduation

Adjourn-motion Nikki Snyder, 2nd Janelle McGee, approved at 7:35pm