

Northwest Band Parent Organization Meeting March 10,2022
Location: Northwest Band Room
Minutes prepared by Michelle Kurtz, NWBPO secretary

APPROVED 4/14/2022

ATTENDEES:

Jenn French	Jon Rech	Stacie Tigges	Kris Lachenmeaier
Michelle Kurtz	Becky Lachenmaier	Christiana Rau	Janice Burris
Katie Wittmer	Carrie Sample	Valerie Fouts	Paula Nannen
Sharon Divingzzo	Stacey Walter	Chris Strohmaier	Eric French
Chad Allison	Janelle McGee	Nicole Opfer	Chad Freisleben
Lisa Steenhard	Tiffany Allison		

Agenda:

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

Meeting Notes

Call to Order at 7:02pm Jenn French

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

Treasurer's Report-motion to approve by Sharon Divingzzo, 2nd by Katie Wittmer.

Discussion: Bank balances at end of January pooled together and split. Kids accounts were separated to appropriate schools. Paid bills, split other income. Approx \$75,000 in each account. CD matures in June, will be split. Also approx \$27,000 in district account to be split. Valerie Fouts requested Sandy Landin (current WBPO treasurer) be kept on the account to facilitate transfers. Motion to keep treasurers of each BPO on each others accounts, contingent on approval of the WBPO for this reciprocal relationship by Michelle Kurtz, 2nd Sharon

Divingnzzo. This will be reevaluated on a yearly basis. Approved contingent on approval by WBPO reciprocal agreement. Treasurer's Report Approved.

Committee Reports

Equipment-Michelle Kurtz questioned if truck rentals have been secured for the rest of the Indoor (winter drumline) season. Learned that the policy on this has recently changed. Per district guidelines, the directors now need to be the people that reserve the trucks for all of the functions. No other report from the committee.

Fundraising-Still have Rose Parade stickers available that didn't sell. Discussed at this time, there is not much interest from people to purchase these. Motion by Michelle Kurtz to donate the NW Rose Parade logo stickers to the directors to use as desired. 2nd Valerie Fouts. If stickers remain after this, they can be split up and attempt to sell if anyone wishes to purchase them. Motion approved. Michelle Kurtz also asked if we could consider selling the Hyvee cards that were "tabled" in the past. Sharon will look into this possibility. Christiana Rau requested that guard kids also be included in this if it is done. Jenn French requested fundraising also resume restaurant fundraising nights. Mattress sale coming up 4/9/22. Requested people put up the available signs to advertise for this event.

Concessions-Becky Lachenmaier-concessions were sold at the IIMA Waukee event. Tornado warning shut down concessions for about an hour that would have likely been a higher volume of sales. Exact profit not yet known. Also noted need to figure out a non-cash option for joint events.

Uniforms-no report

Volunteer-no report

Wolf Warehouse-need access to key to get into storage area (directors reported they do have a key). Possibility of a "pop up sale" this spring. No details at this time.

Website/RevTrak-no update

WMI/state marching band contest-Jon Rech-event will be held 10/15/22. WBPO does also have a person helping on their side for the next school year.

Winter Showcase-Michelle Kurtz-event went well overall. There were profits from sales of "shout outs" and sales of old flags in addition to the ticket sales. Chad Friesleben reports next years event will be held on 3/25/23.

Band Director's Report-Chris Strohmaier-jazz bands have been busy. At Hoover Jazz, all HS bands placed in the top 4 for their division. Tall Corn went well for Jazz Orchestra. All-state Jazz-waiting on the information on the students that made this, performance will be the 2nd Thursday in May. Jazz Orchestra will play at Noce on 3/30/22 at 8pm (show that night starts at 7pm, JO will play at approximately 8pm). Bring proof of vaccinations. Some of the directors, including Chris Strohmaier and Wayne Page, play at this venue at times. Jazz Orchestra will also be in the Iowa Jazz Championships in Ames on 4/5/22. Their initial performance time is 8am. Concert bands will be performing in the Adventureland band competition on 4/29/22 (date is now known, times are still TBD). There are a few Rose Parade posters and pins available. BOA event will be in the fall, will likely know more in a couple months. BOA staff will be coming in May to look at the facility. Will be a prelims/finals type format. These events do have a higher registration fee due to the number and high caliber of judges and BOA staff. Next years calendar will be released after spring break. Will also release leadership information after spring break. Anticipate dates will be similar to last year. He also noted that if changes are needed for parent square emails or have suggestions of things to add to the email, would prefer to know this by Thursday of the week. Chad Friesleben added that Perry Band Olympics went well. NW won for their class as well as being the Grand Champion of the event in addition to the individual medals that students won. Winter Guard has completed their season. Winter drumline has 2 shows left, one in Burnsville, MN and one in Des Moines. Still haven't received dues from all of the students. Carrie Sample questioned criteria from earning a band letter. The details of this are being worked out for NW. Wanting to make more based on service and commitment, not solely for participating in general band. These will be given out at the awards

night on 5/10/22. Someone mentioned that choir has a points system they have developed for criteria for earning a letter. Numbers of kids expected in band was also asked, they think numbers may be down a little bit (from about 124 this year to 110 next year). Planning on trips continuing every 3 years.

Old Business-

New Business-By laws addendum-handout reviewed regarding joint ventures with WBPO.

These will be voted on at next meeting and re-evaluated yearly.

SLATE-handed out information available as of 3/10/22. This will also be voted on at the next meeting. Current positions listed for the 2022-2023 school year for NWBPO

President-Becky Lachenmaier, 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, Representative-Stacie Tigges, 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.

Upcoming dates

3/14-18 Spring Break

4/1 Winter Drumline performance in Minneapolis

4/4 Iowa Jazz Championship Preview Concert (NJO)

4/5 Iowa Jazz Championship (NJO)

4/9 Mattress Fundraiser-WHS-10am-5pm

4/14 NWBPO meeting and vote on slate

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 Becky Lachenmaier, 2nd Chad Allison, approved at 8:02pm

ADDENDUM 3/14/22

Email forwarded by Jenn French from Mary Grandell requesting purchase of 10 Adventureland tickets. Eight of these for students in need and 2 for a prize in a contest they are having at their spring concert on 4/4/22.

Per Jenn, the discounted rate for all of these tickets will be \$310.

Motion to approve above request by Nikki Snyder, second by Janelle McGee. Approved via email vote.