

Northwest Band Parent Organization Meeting 3/9/2023
Location: Northwest High School Band Room
Minutes prepared by Michelle Kurtz, NWBPO secretary

APPROVED 4/13/23

ATTENDEES:

Michelle Kurtz	Kris Lachenmaier	Nicole Opfer	Becky Lachemaier
Christiana Rau	Valerie Fouts	Chad Friesleben	Kelly Jackson
Tiffany Allison	Katie Wittmer	Chris Strohmaier	Chad Allison
Jon Rech			

Agenda:

Call to Order

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

- Equipment
- Fundraising
- Concessions
- Uniforms
- Volunteers
- Wolf WearHouse
- Website/RevTrak
- WMI

Old Business

follow up concessions/athletic boosters policy changes

liability insurance

Blue Note Jazz Festival follow up/suggestions

New Business

email for photo sharing : nwbandphotos@gmail.com

cell phone contract for Venmo

Review and update bylaws

Board slate for 2023-2024

Band Director's Report

Adjourn

Upcoming Dates

- 3/11 MPA Brandon Valley, Indoor Marching
- 3/25 IIMA Waukee, Indoor Marching/Guard
- 3/29 NJO performance at Noce
- 4/4 Iowa Jazz Championship, ISU
- 4/8 IIMA Crossroads, Indoor Marching
- 4/13 NWBPO Meeting

Meeting Notes

Call to Order at 7:01pm by Becky Lachenmaier

Minutes of the Previous Meeting- Motion to approve, Christiana Rau, 2nd Kelly Jackson. Approved

Treasurer's Report-Motion to approve the Treasurer report by Katie Wittmer, 2nd Nicole Opfer. Approved.

Committee Reports

Equipment- no report

Fundraising-might do Nothing Bundt Cakes in early May. Might be some dinner things coming up. Sharon had emailed Mr. Strohmaier a couple possible dates for butter braid sales.

Concessions-for IIMA Waukee event can use the concession stand. Will bring in all of the stuff (athletics will be cleared out)

Uniforms-no report. During this committee report time, Christiana Rau reported the guard had performed in a competition in Minnesota but they ended up as exhibition instead of in competition. Chad Freisleben will help find out what happened with that so that the guard can get registered to compete next season. There was an exhibition/performance swap event held in Ankeny that the middle school guard, Winter Guard, and Indoor drumline performed in on 3/6/23.

Volunteer-no committee report. Michelle Kurtz is creating the IIMA Waukee event volunteer sign up.

Wolf Wearhouse- no report

Website/RevTrak- no report

WMI/state marching band contest- date is set for 10/14/2023. No report.

Old Business-

*Follow up on concessions/athletic boosters-*Tad and Becky met with the athletic boosters and discussed expectations. Discussed ways for music boosters to retain control of the money made during our events. The athletic boosters fiscal year starts in August. Will meet again to get final numbers. The district has not been involved in these discussions. At this point, it is between the booster groups. It will be a written agreement. Will have access to credit machines and a way to track inventory as part of the plan.

*Liability insurance-*said the policy is in place (but not paid for yet)

*Blue Note Jazz Festival follow up/suggestions-*need more adult volunteers and want to "hand pick" people for some positions. Mr. Strohmaier reported were 30 bands. Good comments overall and all of them are planning to come back next year. Will likely easily get 36 bands next year. Question is there is potential way to expand beyond this. Registration will open in August. Profits are not yet know but might make \$5000 this year. Mr. Freisleben reported that the directors of the participating bands appreciated the high quality of the clinicians.

New Business-

Email for photo sharing: nwbandphotos@gmail.com Need to collect photos for awards show, etc. Email will also be sent to the kids. Could also contact 10th St Times to see if they have pictures. May want to ask everyone to send a certain number of good photos.

*Cell phone contract for Venmo-*currently on a personal phone. Will activate a phone with a contract for at most \$15/month.

*Board Slate for 2023-2024-*possible candidates were discussed. Several positions need to be filled. Reach out to younger band kids parents also for longevity in the organization. Someone asked about having younger kids also watch the marching band to get them exposed. Chad Freisleben said he would also be interested in having the middle school guard come to a home game. Definitely want Prairieview kids to watch a performance.

BOA will be held at Northwest again on 9/30/23. Becky Lachenmaier will be the “point person” for this.

Review and update Bylaws-current bylaws were basically following the previous Waukee BPO bylaws. These can be updated. Want them to be “fairly general and skeletal” to be able to have flexibility as needed. Was mentioned that it would be nice to have these available electronically. Discussed some potential clarifications/potential changes in board positions. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Band Director's Report-Chris Strohmaier-kids are doing well. Getting “into a lull.” Jazz Orchestra will be performing at Noce on 3/29/23. Jazz Championships and a few other things are coming up. Leadership will be coming out after spring break. The marching band show is chosen but not announced. They will also be requesting senior pictures. The end of the year will go by quickly. He was asked why there was no pep band opportunity for the boys state basketball games. This apparently was a joint decision by the athletic directors at both WHS and Northwest that they would not pay for a pep band to go to those games. Chad Freisleben-Indoor will be traveling to South Dakota on Saturday for a competition. Other competitions will be at Waukee on 3/25 and in Des Moines on 4/8.

Adjourn-7:48pm motion by Christiana Rau, 2nd by Tiffany Allison, approved.

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