

Northwest Band Parent Organization Meeting 12/14/2023

Location: Northwest High School Seminar Room

Minutes prepared by Kerry Bosworth, NWBPO Secretary

Attendees:

Nicole Opfer	Jeremy Riedell	Erna Yang
Christiana Rau	Becky Lachenmaier	Amy Rech
Michelle Olsen	Kelli Davis	Kerry Bosworth
Jennifer Dookfer-Lago	Michelle Gilbert	Chris Strohmaier
Paul Bird	Katie Wittmer	Beth Schulte
LuCinda Beltman	Paula Nannen	
Kris Lachenmaier	Bonnie Hayden	

Agenda:

- **Call to Order**
- **Approval of Minutes from the 11/9/23 Meeting**
- **Approval of Treasurer's Report for November 2023**
- **Committee Reports**
 - Equipment
 - Fundraising
 - Concessions
 - Uniforms
 - Guard liaison
 - Volunteers
 - Wolf WearHouse
 - Website/RevTrak
 - Events (WMI, BOA, Blue Note)
- **Old Business**
 - Payments from individual accounts for Ireland Trip
- **New Business**
 - Fundraising
 - Should we obtain a non-profit gaming license?

- Corporate donations/sponsorships
- Other fundraising ideas

● **Band Directors' Reports**

● **Adjourn**

Upcoming Dates:

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Jan 11	NWBPO meeting
Looking ahead –	
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Meeting Notes

Call to Order – Becky Lachenmaier @ 7:04pm

Approval of Minutes from 11/9/23 Meeting – Motion to approve by Christiana Rau, 2nd by Nicole Opfer; Approved

Treasurer's Report – Will defer approval of November report to January's meeting.

Committee Reports:

Equipment – No update

Fundraising – Planning Echo's cinnamon rolls in March (general BPO fund) and Hurts Donuts in April (individual fundraiser). Also discussed many other potential ideas during fundraising brainstorming.

Concessions – Looking at Hy-Vee for all catering at Blue Note.

Uniforms – Volunteers to help wash uniforms are set.

Guard Liaison – Christiana will take care of washing guard uniforms. Practicing for winter guard going well. Planning to get t-shirts again this year. Scheduled to perform on 2/10 at half time of NW girls BB game, 2/11 and competitions on 2/11 @ IIMA/Marion, 3/3 @ Grinnell and 3/23 @ IIMA/Waukee.

Volunteers – Will get Blue Note volunteer signup link out soon.

Wolf WearHouse – Janice and Kelly report no updates. Discussed possibly offering sale of NW Jazz shirt through Nuline.

Website/RevTrak – Reminder to contact Nicole Opfer with any additions for the website.

WMI – N/A

BOA – N/A

Blue Note – Currently have 44 bands registered. Beth Schulte shadowing Katie Wittmer to take over BN planning for next year. Katie will be sending out info to businesses for program ad sales & info to parents for bake sale.

Old Business –

- Payments from individual accounts for Ireland Trip – Before year end, fundraising account balances will be sent to Bob Rogers and then will send a few times in 2024 up until fall.

New Business –

- Fundraising
 - Should we obtain a non-profit gaming license? A license is needed to hold a raffle for fund raising. Becky will explore this, as the group agreed we should do it.
 - Corporate donations/sponsorships – Asked to let Becky know if you have a contact at a local business or are a business owner and would be interested in donating.
 - Other fundraising ideas – group held brainstorming session for additional ideas.

Band Directors Report – Still waiting on district to put together scholarship process for Ireland trip. Fan pack information for trip should be available soon.

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn at 8: 11pm by Christiana Rau

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