

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

\*\*\*APPROVED 1/12/2023\*\*\*

ATTENDEES:

Janice Burris	Michelle Kurtz	Stacie Tigges	Becky Lachemaier
Christiana Rau	Valerie Fouts	Tiffany Allison	Chad Allison
Cindy Blackard	Stacey Walter	Chris Strohmaier	Kelly Jackson
Jon Rech	Katie Wittmer	Sharon Divingnzo	Chad Friesleben

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  
New Business  
Adjourn

Upcoming Dates

11/14 Waukee Indoor Percussion Informational Meeting  
11/17-19 All State Music Festival  
12/1 SCIBA Honor Band Auditions  
12/8 SCIBA Jazz Preview Concert, Northwest Auditorium, 7pm  
12/8 NWBPO December Meeting  
12/10 SCIBA Jazz Festival, WHS  
12/12 Holiday Band Concert, NW Auditorium, 7pm

**Meeting Notes**

**Call to Order** at 7:02pm by Becky Lachenmaier

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**-motion to approve, Christiana Rau, 2nd Chad Allison.

Approved

**Treasurer's Report**- Note that SCIBA Honor Band auditions concessions made \$504 that will be split with WBPO. Motion to approve report, Kelly Jackson, 2nd Stacey Walter. Approved. In

addition, Valerie Fouts proposed that we obtain a credit card for Chad Friesleben (with credit limit equal to Chris Strohmaier, \$5000). Discussion followed. Motion to approve credit card for Chad Friesleben by Valerie Fouts, 2nd Chad Allison. Approved.

### **Committee Reports**

**Equipment-** Chad Allison-waiting to learn if needs to deconstruct anything and if new props are needed. Watching for sales on tools.

**Fundraising-**Sharon-waiting on Totally Rolled ice cream, said they are willing to help with future events. No fundraising now at Culver's per new corporate policy.

**Concessions-**Stacey Walter-SCIBA Jazz in December, will bring in the food, etc to sell.

**Uniforms-**Katie Wittmer and Tiffany Allison-have been working on cleaning uniforms. All but 2 senior uniforms are clean. Christiana Rau reported that the guard uniforms are clean.

**Volunteer-**no report

**Wolf Warehouse-**Kelly Jackson reported \$3105 in sales on 10/21. \$20,495 in sales were done during the football season with a profit of \$5553. Planning a pop up sale on December 3rd in the field office at the football stadium, will announce to PV and NW and finalize the time. May coordinate to have the sale end at about the time a choir concert will be starting to capture some of those people for potential sales. Will discount some of the items currently in inventory.

**Website/RevTrak-** no report

**WMI/state marching band contest-** Becky read a thank you for Tadd Hatch (WBPO President). Jon Rech reported that overall the new procedures went okay with the district changes. Had most of the needed items on time. Were able to get most things maneuvered okay with parking of trucks/buses, etc. Don't have all of the invoices yet so profits are not known at this time. Gate totals were up compared to last year. Hopefully will have more information by the December meeting. Do need to have a meeting with the district to figure out future logistics, etc.

**Band Director's Report-** Chris Strohmaier-All State auditions were 3 weeks ago. 25 auditioned, 7 accepted and 4 alternates. Will leave next Thursday for Ames and be there from Thursday to Saturday. Many events are coming up with concert bands, honor bands, jazz bands. Planning on a jazz festival hosted by Northwest in 2023. Will be called the Northwest Blue Note Jazz Festival and will take place on 3/4/23. 21 bands have committed and will likely cap at 24 but could potentially have up to 36 bands participate. Katie Wittmer is chairing this event. Hoping to make a profit of \$7-10,000 from this event and planning to hold this annually on the first Saturday of March. Expenses will be approximately \$6500. Will be a qualifying event for State Jazz. Also planning to do improv clinics this day with different skill levels of improvisation.

Chad Friesleben-reported we now have a grand piano in the main band room. It is very important to keep the door to the outside closed to help prevent damage to this with the temperature/weather changes. Discussed apparel-would like to figure out ways to expand options to have things available for activities such as jazz/Indoor/guard, etc. Will do a separate meeting with Janice and Kelly to discuss this further. Also, would like poinsettias on stage for the holiday concert. Also, funding is in flux for Indoor. Waiting to hear if district will potentially fund some of this. Can't charge a specific fee, donations can be requested to make up some of the costs. Indoor will be starting soon. This years practices will be mostly at NW. IIMA Waukee will continue to be at WHS. Winter guard will be meeting at WHS. Things are going well with concert bands and jazz bands.

**Old Business-** Follow up on concessions-this year, athletic boosters had decided to change things and said that we only get 30% instead of how it was done previously (which results in the BPOs making less money). Becky reached out to find out where this decision came from, etc. Heard back from Amy Rose (NW Athletic Booster President) and said change was done before the 8/1 fiscal year due to DeeDee (does some ordering or things, etc) and for other

reasons. The way it is done now is giving the athletic boosters about 10-15% of the profit that is made with very limited involvement on their part. Not sure if there was district involvement or if the athletic boosters made this decision on their own. Planning to have another meeting to discuss this further.

**New Business-** Cindy Blackard (band parent) spoke with Jim Duea (NW athletic director) to discuss why athletes have individual pictures in program for senior recognition while the band is only represented in a group picture. Said was due to number of kids, then said was “always done like that.” He had said nobody had asked about it before. She is planning to meet with him again in August to discuss further and see if changes can be made in that regard.

Proposal regarding CD-would like to cash out in December and split between NWBPO and WBPO (current value \$25,894.57). Motion to do this by Chad Allison, 2nd Christiana Rau. Approved.

Becky mentioned that the December meeting may potentially be via email due to a conflict with jazz band concert at the same time. If a vote is needed, may need to be a short in person meeting. Can email updates.

**Adjourn-**8:04pm motion by Michelle Kurtz, 2nd by Stacey Walter, approved.

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