

Northwest Band Parent Organization Meeting September 8, 2022
 Location: Northwest High School Band Room
 Minutes prepared by Michelle Kurtz, NWBPO secretary

APPROVED 10/13/2022

ATTENDEES:

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

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

9/10 Rehearsal/Clinic Day
 9/16 Football vs Johnston
 9/17 Millard West Wildcat Classic-Omaha-all day
 9/24 BOA
 9/29 Northwest Fest (Homecoming Festival)-evening
 9/30 Football vs Sioux City East (homecoming)
 10/8-10/9 Youth in Music Championships, Minneapolis
 10/13 NWBPO meeting
 10/15 State/WMI at Waukee Stadium-all day

Meeting Notes

Call to Order at 7:07pm by Becky Lachenmaier

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

Treasurer's Report- motion to approve, Chad Allison, 2nd Stacie Tigges. Approved

Committee Reports

Equipment- Chad Allison-props getting closer to being done. Saturday 12pm work date for props. Trouble getting trucks, currently only have 2 large trucks reserved for each event. District now aware of why large trucks are needed. Working on securing more large trucks. Sign up genius created for props for all events, will require about 24 volunteers for each event. Has drivers for Omaha and Minneapolis, need more for state/WMI day.

Fundraising-Stickers and yard signs currently on RevTrak. Butter braid sales currently paused. Waiting on further direction from the district. Can shack will need to be adult volunteers or kids for silver cord as of meeting time tonight until further direction is given. Directors will work with Sharon to notify the students that are currently scheduled for shifts.

Concessions-the Waukee BPO person has set up the WMI concessions. Becky and Stacey will work to coordinate the BOA concessions. Ice cream truck generator too loud to be where it was during football game. Can potentially invite Barn Town to BOA event. They were at football game.

Uniforms-Katie Wittmer reported "we're doing great." Christiana Rau reported guard is now fit in uniforms. Needs something on their shoulders as the sequins are rubbing and they went through a lot of bandaids. Someone suggested using mole skin for this.

Volunteer-no report. Tailgate is coming up on 10/21/22, volunteer coordinator has typically had a large role in planning this. Christiana Rau volunteered to help Kathy Bernreuter plan this event.

Wolf Wearhouse-Kelly Jackson reported they now have a key to access the storage area. Have had 3 sales so far (football games and pop up sales), profit of almost \$2000.

Website/RevTrak- First order of shirts is in (directors have them for kids to pick up), second order is in process. Will add a sweatshirt. Have a few long sleeve white t-shirts available with the band logo. These will be sold first come, first served until gone

WMI/state marching band contest-Event is 36 days away. Sign up genius is available. Current sign ups are similar to where they were last year at this time. Is a big need for more tractors and trailers, please notify Jon if anyone has access to any that can be used for the event. Waukee Middle School lot is now different and under construction which may change some logistical things. Expenses are up some this year. Late entry deadline is 9/15/22.

Band Director's Report-Chris Strohmaier-getting kids ready for all-state/honor band auditions. Will be 27 students auditioning for all state from NW in grades 9-12. Both jazz bands have started rehearsals. Will be sending out the itinerary for the Omaha trip tomorrow. Requested people to take pictures and create end of the year slide show. Stacey Walter and Paula Nannen volunteered to work on the slide show. Stacey will create a drop box account so other people can also upload pictures. Marching band is progressing. Show shirts are in. Need to order something different for flags due to problems with getting what was initially planned. Requested help with props on Saturday at 12pm.

Old Business- BOA Updates/plans-gates open at 11:15am. NW performs at 3:45pm and again sometime in the evening. University of Iowa performs 2 bands after NW (are some alumni in this band). 15 bands of various sizes will be performing.

New Business-Question was asked about potential banners for seniors on senior night. At this time, it is not known if this can be done (need clarification from the district before proceeding with this).

Chad Allison requested tool box for the band. Previous to this, people helping have been using their personal tools. Motion was made by Stacey Walter requesting \$500 to purchase tools/tool box for the band, 2nd Christiana Rau. Approved.

Would like to vote on a budget for next year by April. Will need information to create the budget. The fiscal year starts in July.

Was also a question about the status of the 501 3c. Still waiting on government approval for this change. It is currently tax exempt, however, when it was created it was listed as private instead of public. This is the part that is awaiting correction.

Adjourn-motion by Jon Rech, 2nd by Stacey Walter, approved 8:14pm

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