

BWHS Wolverine Band Boosters
Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2016

Opening

The meeting of the WBB was held at Centerton Gamble Elementary school and called to order at 6:02 by President Danny Prejoles. Executive Board members in attendance were Danny Prejoles, Kristen Black, Lynn Irwin, Heather Conklin, Thadd Chambers, Keith Langreck, Kari Ewin, Albert Ortiz, Kaleigh Alwood and Jonathon Thomas.

Welcome and Introductions

Danny welcomed everyone and talked about our philosophies for this meeting and the club going forward. We are all in it for the kids and to make sure the kids have an amazing first year at BWHS. Everyone was encouraged to participate in the meeting and ask any questions or make suggestions as they wanted. He reiterated that we would not be pressuring anyone into volunteering or taking on leadership positions but instead encouraged all to find areas to help in which they were most comfortable.

Updates

The WBB applied for and received official documents of incorporation from the state of Arkansas. We needed to do this in order to proceed in filing for our 501c3 non-profit organization status. Obtaining this status can be a lengthy process, but will help us in soliciting donations from larger organizations and possibly applying for grants in the future. The WBB also has an official PO Box address (PO Box 658, Centerton AR, 72719) and our bank account has been set up as well.

The Bentonville Band Boosters (BBB) gave us an initial gift of \$2000.00 to cover some of our start up costs. They also gave us the option of volunteering at the DCI function in July and splitting the concession profits or receiving an additional \$2000.00 with no strings attached. Before voting, the board took into consideration the uncertainty of what the profits from the event would be as well as the question of whether or not we could get enough volunteers to cover the event. In the end, we voted to take the guaranteed sum of \$2000.00 that the BBB had offered.

The Executive Board has been meeting regularly - every two weeks - to stay on top of everything that needs to be done before band camp and the competition season. We are still looking to fill several operational officer positions and will be reaching out to the WBB members to see if can find people wanting to help get things started. If anyone was interested in finding out more they can contact any of the Executive Board Members.

Updates from some of the Officers

Heather Conklin, WBB Treasurer, began by talking about the funds we had received and some of the expenses we have already incurred in getting ready for band camp. The WBB has

funded the building of a prototype of the wall to be used in our competition show. We have also decided to purchase all of the coolers for the band kids at camp this year. We will need around \$2000 to get our concessions operation off the ground for this year as well. We are going okay at this point but will be looking for donations from vendors and the community to help us achieve everything we need to do this year. We also paid for and got the CHARMS account set up at the school. Everyone's information can now be found under BWHS and will be updated as we can.

Melinda Johns, VP of Fundraising, was unable to attend the meeting but asked Danny Prejoles to convey the following information to the group. Melinda is currently trying to set up our fundraising schedule for the entire year. Some events include selling Yankee Candles during the holidays, sonic cards, popcorn and many others. Our YumYo's fundraiser was a great success and we'd like to do more things like that throughout the year as well. If you have any ideas for fundraisers, please contact Melinda. We have been trying to come up with some "out of the box" fundraising plans for our group. One fundraiser we are in the process of developing for the Spring would be a West-Music Dog Show (our version of the Westminster Dog show) to be held along with the Rabies Clinic that the city of Centerton has in the spring.

Kari Ewin, VP of Concessions, has been diligently working on figuring out what our concession equipment and food needs will be for the coming year. She has worked with the BBB concessions last year and has many great ideas for our school this year. She is currently looking for a Beverage Manager. This person would be in charge ordering the soda and making sure it is all unloaded and stocked at the stadium. There would be a lot of lifting involved with this position and anyone who is interested can contact Kari for more information. During the football season we will need to provide concessions at the Junior High and JV football games held at our stadium. We will also need volunteers to work the Wolverine home games played at Tiger Stadium. She will be looking for volunteers who can spare any length of time in the booths and will work with you if you are unable to work a full shift. Please be watching for emails asking for volunteers to help out and see if you can find some time to help at our events. Kari is also looking for a variety of equipment for our concessions stands as well - if you have any or know of anyone that can help her out please contact Kari as soon as you can.

Keith Langreck, VP of Operations, brought in the prototype of the wall to show everyone. Elkins Design donated the canvas to be used on the prototype. The final wall for our show will measure 60 ft x 60 ft and will have names of veterans or veteran organizations on it. For a donation, anyone can put the name of a veteran in their life on the wall. Keith announced that Wally Davidson recently agreed to be the Transportation Manager for the group. Keith is still in need of a Manager of Building and Repair and many more volunteers to serve in the field crew to work with him at the shows. If you are interested please contact Keith as soon as possible. He is also asking if anyone has a 24 to 28 foot trailer they would be willing to donate to the WBB or at least to let us use during the competition season.

Albert Ortiz, Director of Bands, announced that Mr. Erich Spaeth would be our new Assistant Director of Bands/Percussion. He stated that if all goes well, band camp should be able to be held entirely at BWHS. We do have Centerton Gamble Elementary as a backup site just in case. The color guard had its first practice and everything looks like it's going well. He reminded everyone that the chocolate sale is still going on and to keep selling. There are other ways to earn money for your child's marching costs like volunteering to work events at the AMP (email bhsampvolunteers.com and ask to be put on their mailing list) and future fundraisers are in the works as well. If you have any ideas for fundraisers please contact Mr. Ortiz or Melinda Johns. Band Camp hours will be 8am until 11:30am and 5:30pm until 8:30pm. The students can stay at the school between sessions but make sure to send a lunch along with extra snacks and drinks with them for that time. Dress Code at camp will be a white shirt, black shorts and athletic shoes. Attire for the grand opening on July 29th at 10am will be band polo shirts, khaki shorts and tennis shoes. The marching shoes will not be needed until September.

Kristen Black, Executive Vice President, addressed a variety of issues. She stated that we are need to fill two board positions very quickly - VP of Students and VP of Volunteers. These positions help with needs of student activities, organizing chaperones, keeping volunteers organized and positions filled, end of the year banquet, etc. Please contact Kristen if you are interested in helping out. She also has a list of all band and color guard members and their corresponding parent information. If anything has changed please see her after the meeting or contact her to get this information updated. The Executive Board has been compiling a list of items that we would love to get donated to the band. We will be emailing them out and if you are interested in donating an item or know a vendor who might be able to help us out please contact Kristen or anyone on the board. We will need many volunteers during the upcoming year - greeters at concerts & to hand out programs, help with uniform maintenance and repair, concessions, photography/videography, event planning and so much more. Please do what you feel most comfortable doing; any help will be deeply appreciated. You can see Kristen or contact a board member to find out our area of greatest need.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kristen Black at 7:37pm and 2nd by Albert Ortiz. Our next meeting time has not been set as of yet.

Minutes submitted by Lynn Irwin, Secretary