

Wolverine Band Boosters Meeting Minutes January 31, 2017

Opening

The meeting was held at BWHS in the band room and called to order at 6:32pm by President Kristen Black. Executive Board members in attendance were Kristen Black, Lynn Irwin, Cammy Jo McCain, Heather Conklin, Thadd Chambers, Kari Ewin, Albert Ortiz and Erich Spaeth.

Organizational Changes

Danny Prejoles formally turned in his resignation as President of the WBB on January 10, 2017. We all thank Danny for all of the work he did getting the WBB up and running. We appreciate everything he did for the organization and look forward to his continued involvement as a WBB member. Kristen Black will be taking over the position of President for the remainder of the term. Kristen stated that at this time the board is not actively looking to fill the vacant Executive Vice President position. Kristen also advised that Melinda Johns stepped down from her Fundraising Vice President position effective December 1, 2016. As with the Executive VP position, the board will not be actively looking to fill this position.

Celebrations

The band had an amazing first competition season and received many awards and honors - even placing 4th at the state competition held in Little Rock this year. The group as a whole accomplished a lot this season such as getting concessions up and running successfully and doing a great job fundraising for the Booster Club as well as for the kids individual accounts. Keith Langreck secured the band a very large trailer so we have a place to store the props and many other things. Congratulations to Mr. Spaeth on the birth of his son, Theodore!

Financials

Thadd Chambers reported that from 5/26/16 to 1/26/17 the WBB had a total income of \$70,836.25 which came from sources such as concessions, fundraisers, VAP and donations. For the same period of time our expenses totaled \$64,622.65 and included payments for things like concessions, trip needs, props, director's needs and any miscellaneous expenses throughout the competition season. This leaves a grand total available at this time of \$6,213.60. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Patrick Gallagher and was seconded by Danny Prejoles. All present voted to accept the motion.

Danny Prejoles has been diligently working on filing the 501c3 paperwork for the WBB. Kristen Black will be stepping into that role and will be working on getting that completed and officially turned in as soon as possible.

The WBB made roughly \$10,500.00 by utilizing the Walmart VAP program. Kristen asked for a volunteer to take over as VAP Manager for the group so we can continue to take advantage of the program and make sure that no hours are overlooked. Wally Davidson agreed to take on this task. It was suggested that we use social media to remind people about the program and encourage any VAP eligible WBB members to get their hours turned to Wally in ASAP for we can get credit for them.

Directors Report

We had 47 student who auditioned for All-Region band and 35 of those students made it. We also have 4 students going on to the State Audition on February 4th. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with both the All-Region auditions at Lincoln Junior High and the All Region Clinic and Concert held at BWHS.

We have several upcoming fundraisers that will benefit the kid's individual accounts. We have Sonic Cards that can be picked up from Mr. Ortiz. They sell for \$5 and all of that money goes directly into the student's account. On February 20th we will be working with our Coke distributor on a fundraiser - more information to follow as we get closer to that time. We will be selling Domino's cards again and after a short break we will be selling chocolate again. The AMP program is also getting set up for next year. If you are interested please respond to the email they sent out to get your name on the list. It was requested that information about each fundraiser be included in the weekly newsletters that get sent out to the parents so they have all of the information and don't have to rely solely on the kids for it.

Winter Guard's program is entitled Autumn Leaves. Their first contest will be 2/11/17 in Ozark, Missouri. Their performance is at 12:15pm and all are encouraged to come cheer them on.

Mr. Ortiz is working on getting things organized for next year. They will possibly be adding 70 Freshman to the band. He is going to divide the band up into two groups - Navy and Gold. The kids in the Navy band will perform pregame and the halftime shows on Friday nights as well as march in the contests on Saturdays. The Gold band will perform pregame and halftime shows on Friday and on Saturdays they will assist the Navy band with props, percussion & guard equipment, and wherever else they are needed. If a student is in a school sponsored sport or takes more than 3 AP classes during band season, the student can choose to participate in the band as stated above

or they can choose to do all of the following things: (1) Be exempt from marching on Saturday (2) be exempt from all rehearsals but one per week when the band works on their pregame and halftime show (3) attend the Friday games and perform pregame only. Mr. Ortiz will do his best to work with the coaches of the other fall sports to accommodate student with schedule conflicts.

Auditions for next year's bands will be held around spring break. He will have marching band tryouts towards the end school year. He also announced there will be a Jazz Band next year.

President's Report

The WBB would like to have more regular membership meetings. The Board was discussing having monthly meetings and someone from the group suggested we have the meeting every other month. We will let everyone know the dates for the upcoming meetings as soon as we can. We do want to have at least 2 parent meetings before the end of the school year. The Board is also looking at revising the Bylaws (now that we have a year's experience) to better tailor them to our club's needs.

Concessions

Kari reiterated to everyone that the concessions stand is the WBB's primary source of fundraising dollars. She said one of the keys to the success of the concessions stands was the outstanding group of volunteers she had this year. She is hoping to obtain more donations next year for items sold in the concession stand. If anyone has any connections to get these items donated please let Kari know as soon as possible.

Operations

Keith was unable to attend the meeting, but passed on some information regarding volunteers and items he will be needed for the upcoming competition season. They will be building shelving in the new storage trailer, the band tower, next year's props and doing equipment repairs on items we already have. He will be looking for 4 drivers for the equipment and prop trucks. He will be looking into seeing if we can find a better company to rent the trucks from as well as trying to see if we can get a larger, enclosed trailer donated to the band.

Student Services

Kristen stated we will be looking for someone to be in charge of student services next year. This person would handle band feeds, chaperone, any needs at the Friday games, etc. Melissa Loken has agreed to be in charge of uniforms for the upcoming marching season.

Fundraising

The bake sale at the Centerton Christmas Celebration brought in \$375 dollars. Kristen advised that even though we do not have a VP of Fundraising, we will be doing other fundraisers throughout the rest of the year. Sometime in the spring, the WBB will be putting on a dog show in conjunction with the Rabies Clinic in Centerton. Scott Yttri volunteered to take charge of this and will be presenting to the board his plans for this event. As soon as we have the information we will pass it along to everyone.

Communications

Cammy Jo asked everyone to make sure they are receiving periodic emails and newsletters from the WBB. If not, please contact her and she'll get you set up so you can start getting the emails. Also, the band yearbook money was due on January 20th but we are going to extent that for a little while to make sure everyone who wants one has ordered. She doesn't have a cut off date at this time, but will get with Toni Hyde and find out how long we can extend this for.

February 13th will be picture day for the band. Lifetouch will be coming in during school and doing individual photos as well as a group photo. The order forms for these pictures are available from Mr. Ortiz.

End of the year banquet

It is time to start thinking about our banquet. At this banquet there is usually a nice meal, directors awards, yearbooks are handed out, possibly a dance afterwards and whatever else we can think of doing. We are looking to set up a committee that can take charge and get everything put together for banquet. Stefanie Tweedy is volunteered to head up the Banquet Committee and will be needing many volunteers to help make it successful. Please watch for emails and social media posts letting you know what we need help with.

New Business

It is time to start thinking about nominations for next year's board positions. Nominations will be received March 1 thru April 15 and you can nominate yourself for a position. If you're interested or want to nominate someone, please contact one of the current board members.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm by President Kristen Black. The next meeting time and location are to be determined.

Minutes submitted by Lynn Irwin, Secretary