

**WR BAND BOOSTERS
MEETING MINUTES
8 JULY 2008**

Billy Miller, President, opened the meeting:

- ◆ Welcome and thanks for coming.
- ◆ The band needs help from everyone when your time permits. There are many areas to volunteer your time such as the concession stand, truck maintenance, and equipment.

New Band Booster officers were introduced and provided the following comments:

Sheila Odell, Vice President of Operations:

- ◆ Sheila is in charge of chaperones and uniforms.
- ◆ Anyone wanting to volunteer as a chaperone is required to have a background check completed. Forms are available online.
- ◆ Our uniform mom is Kitty Hampel.

Kitty reminded us that students are not allowed to eat while they are in full uniform. Additionally, with the exception of 3rd quarter break during football games, food is not allowed in the stands. Mustard, chili, and nacho cheese are strictly forbidden.

Dede Martin, Vice President of Special Events:

- ◆ Dede will be assisted by Cindy Yake.
- ◆ They will be feeding the students and planning activities for events such as band camp, the march-a-thon, and Family Day.
- ◆ The "sandwich brigade" is a very important function which provides the students with PB&J sandwiches on the bus during trips to away games and competitions. Parents will be called and asked to send sandwiches during the upcoming marching season.

Jim Tingerthal, Vice President of Support:

- ◆ Jim is responsible for equipment. This entails loading and unloading the equipment truck and getting it all on and off the field in time.
- ◆ He needs 6 – 8 volunteers.

Sylvia Enix, Treasurer:

- ◆ The end of May financial statement is available to view online at <http://www.wrhsband.net>. This detailed budget shows how band booster dollars are used.
 - Our checking account balance (operating budget) ended at \$26,814.26.

- The money market account balance ended at \$39,012.88. This account is for the purchase of new uniforms.
 - Total income for the period ending 31 May was \$212,622.32.
 - Expenses were \$187,939.62.
- ◆ Volunteer hours are included in the budget and they help when applying for grants.

Patty Herb, Student Account Manager:

- ◆ Patty is hildabuck@aol.com.
- ◆ Email her with all your questions and complaints. She loves it.

At this time, the boosters recognized Rabbit.

- ◆ Rabbit is a vital part of the band boosters and what they do.
- ◆ This is his 29th year supporting the Warner Robins Demon Marching Band!
- ◆ He is awesome!

Manpower for the concession stand is crucial. Concession sales bring in a lot of money to the band boosters. Everyone is encouraged to pull at least one shift in the concession stand. The band could not do what they do without this important income. Everyone's help is needed!

Currently there are approximately 125 students signed-up for marching band.

Todd Howell, Director of Bands:

◆ For a successful band program, a huge amount of money has to be raised; for example, \$12,000 for bus transportation alone. Concessions and the Heart of Georgia Marching Band Invitational (HOG) are our biggest fundraisers. Last year's HOG was our most successful.

◆ Competitions are bands of all sizes doing what they do to the best of their ability. Going to competition is a fun day and an opportunity for the students to make lasting friends and memories.

◆ Family Day has been rescheduled for Augusts 16. This is the band's first performance to show what they learned at band camp and during after-school practices. The kids will constantly get better as the season progresses.

◆ You are really going to like the show! It was inspired by Luciano Pavarotti and performed by the Phantom Regiment in 1991. The show name is Tanori and it will move you until you are compelled to stand up and cheer! It will be an absolute blast!

◆ Mr Howell apologizes if anyone has called or emailed lately. He has been home on a well-needed vacation. His computer is back up and running now.

◆ The students need water. Have them start drinking a glass a day now to start getting used to it. All students are encouraged to have a camelback. This will allow them to be able to take a drink at almost any time during practices and not have to wait for a designated water break.

◆ The students will need sunscreen and lip balm with sunscreen. Please make sure they are protected. A hat is also suggested.

- ◆ They need a towel for stretching and a 3-ring binder with sheet protectors.
- ◆ The show music is now online (winds only). It is password protected. Each student's password is their first initial and the first 4 letters of their last name.
- ◆ The section leaders had a great day of instruction. They are being taught how to teach their peers and to be helpers and encouragers.
- ◆ The students could benefit from using earplugs during full ensemble practice inside.
- ◆ This year's HOG will be held October 18. Band students are required to work at least one shift, generally in 3-hour blocks. This is a way for them to directly contribute to fundraising.
 - Patty Herb, hildabuck@aol.com, is the co-chair.
 - Need everyone's help to make it a successful event. There are no insignificant jobs. Please put this day on your calendar.
- ◆ Thanks to all parents. You are the success of this band program. Your help allows us to do all the things we do. It is a community effort and your student WILL appreciate having you around.
- ◆ This is Mr Howell's 12th year at Warner Robins High School!
- ◆ You can see Drum Corp International in Valdosta on July 11. DCI is the NFL of marching band. On July 26 the Southeastern Championship will be held at the Georgia Dome. It's amazing and a great opportunity to see what band students can become. www.dci.org
 - Additionally, the cost of band camp included one ticket per student for the Quarter Finals World Championship which will be shown at Galleria Cinemas on August 7.
- ◆ This year, band camp will start at 7:30. This is early, but the temperature is cool. The schedule is as follows:
 - July 14-15, new members and leaders only, 7:30 to 12:00
 - July 16, 2nd year marchers report along with new members and leaders, 7:30 to 12:00
 - July 17-18, all students report, 7:30 to 12:00
 - July 14-18, percussion and color guard, 7:30 to 5:30
 - July 21-25, full throttle band camp, 7:30 to 5:30
 - Lunch will be served
- ◆ Booster meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday each month.
- ◆ Though the students are always told what's going on, your main means of communication will be through email and the band web site www.wrhsband.net.
- ◆ Chris Ryles is our assistant band director. This will be his 3rd year with the band. Chris could not be at the meeting as he is currently finishing his Masters Degree at Georgia College. GREAT JOB!
- ◆ Looking forward to a great season. Keep your kids hydrated. Start limiting soda because it DEhydrates. They should also begin getting a good night's sleep and some outside activity.
 - water, water, water
- ◆ Thank you so much for being here!

- ◆ Remember students should eat a good breakfast. Not too much milk or anything too greasy. No big country breakfasts. A snack will be provided during band camp. Students can also bring healthy snacks like crackers and fruit.

- ◆ Be on time. Students will be running laps as a reminder. Stress to your students that time is important. Early is on time. Please do not drop off or pick up students in the back by the band room. It is too crowded. Best place is in front of the building. After the first week of band camp, the best place is in the stadium parking lot.

- ◆ 5:30 is wrap-up time after practice, not release time.

- ◆ Band camp is hard, but the kids have a great time. Remember to encourage them!

- ◆ Looking forward to making great music!

BTW – the football boosters sell season tickets.

Additional reminders:

- ◆ Join the Band Boosters! See Mary Lou Hilton, Secretary.

- ◆ Thanks to Steve Lockhart for doing a great job driving our equipment truck! Awesome job!

- ◆ July 11 is uniform fittings for new students and veterans who missed today. July 21 is make-up day for anyone still needing to be fit.

- ◆ Picture day will be announced as soon as possible.

- ◆ We will have no Wednesday practices. Please take care of business/appointments on Wednesdays.

- ◆ Concession stand volunteers do not pay to get in games (that they are working).

- ◆ March-a-thon is like a band camp day. Paid clinicians work with the students. It is mandatory for all students. This day helps get students ready for their first competition.

- ◆ Need volunteers to help line the practice field on Friday.

- ◆ All the band booster officers need volunteers. Don't wait to be asked! Let Patty Herb, hildabuck@aol.com, know what area you'd like to volunteer. We are desperate for sewers.

Billy Miller wrapped-up the meeting:

- ◆ Excited to have everyone here tonight and helping out!

- ◆ You will have fun!!

- ◆ Our band entertains!!!

Oh yeah, we need to increase our concession stand prices to be in-line with the other high schools. The executive committee will discuss.