

**WR BAND BOOSTERS
MEETING MINUTES
10 JUL 2007**

Jim Tingerthal, President, opened the meeting with a memorial to Elizabeth (Betsy) Shepherd who recently passed away. Betsy was a valuable and dedicated band parent and booster member. She will be missed.

Kimberly Pike, Secretary, invited everyone to become a booster member.

- ◆ Cost is \$10 per member. A decal for your car with the WRHS Marching Band logo is included in each paid membership.
- ◆ A table will be set up at Family Day for anyone interested in joining, or you may contact Kimberly Pike at feelingroovy@cox.net.
- ◆ A coke sale fundraiser is underway. Last day to turn in orders is Thursday, 2 August. Delivery is set for Family Day Saturday, 11 August. Order forms have been emailed. Paper copies will be made available the first week of band camp.

Trieste Stringer, VP of Operations, reminded everyone who is interested in being a chaperone to get their background check form turned in. Trieste is still looking for chaperone volunteers.

Shea Stringer, our color guard instructor, shared her excitement about this coming season and told us about all the valuable instruction she received during her time at camp in Illinois. The color guard currently consists of 20 members. Shea will be focusing on new ideas to build the best guard possible and bringing them to a new level.

Mr Howell mentioned that the practice field will be stripped Thursday, 12 July, beginning at 9 a.m. Volunteers to help were requested.

Kitty Hampel, Uniform Mom, reported that 38 students have been fitted for their uniform. The 2nd day scheduled for uniform fittings is Thursday, 12 July. She is hoping for a good turn-out to avoid having to fit students during band camp. Uniform volunteers will need sufficient time to alter uniforms in order to have them ready for picture day. New pants are being ordered.

It was noted that we are in the process of having a new web site designed.

Sheila Odell, VP of Special Events, presented the following:

- ◆ Volunteers to help during band camp are needed.
- ◆ Sheila will be sending a request for students to bring snacks one day during band camp.

- ◆ Pool party is scheduled for 26 July, from 8 - 10 p.m., at the Officer's Club. Please RSVP, spodell@cox.net.

Sylvia Enix, Treasurer, began her report by requesting each attendee introduce themselves and tell who their student is and what instrument they play. After introductions, Sylvia presented the following financial report:

- ◆ June was the first month of our new fiscal year.
 - ❖ We collected \$24,626.72 revenue this month,
 - ❖ and have expended \$8,115.58.
- ◆ We are hoping to do well with fundraisers this year.
 - ❖ Profit sharing for the students has been reintroduced to the band program. Students who participate in fundraising will be credited 25% of the net profit of their total sales to be applied toward band fees and accessories.
- ◆ Our equipment truck has been fitted with new tires. A big thanks goes to Steve Lockhart, our driver, for getting this done. Sylvia says the truck looks beautiful and encouraged everyone to go out and take a look at our Rockin' R Demon Marching Band trailer!
- ◆ We will be selling tickets for the chance to win a \$100 gas card. Students will be expected to sell 10 tickets each.

Jim Tingerthal reminded us all to record our volunteer hours, and anyone who has not signed up to please get on the volunteer list.

Mr Howell spoke about the Heart of Georgia Marching Band Invitational (HOG):

- ◆ Our application is being updated and the ability for schools to apply online is being developed.
- ◆ The next HOG meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 31 July, at 7 p.m. Still looking for key positions to be filled.
- ◆ Our competition is a world class event and is the best in the State of Georgia.
- ◆ On Saturday, 27 October, the McConnell-Talbert Stadium becomes HOG City, with more than 3 thousand attendees expected. We will be the only competition South of Atlanta that day.
- ◆ This year is our 10th Anniversary. A special invitation will go out to previous Grand Champion winners.
- ◆ The HOG is our biggest fundraiser and is vital to the success of our band program. Mr Howell encouraged everyone to put a big smile on their face and come out to help. We need everyone!

Mr Howell then introduced Chris Ryles. This is Chris' 2nd year as Assistant Band Director. Chris is a good "coach" to the students and always pushes them to do their best. Chris came to us as the percussion instructor.

- ◆ We had a fantastic percussion concert at the end of the last school year.
- ◆ Percussion rehearsals will begin on Monday, 16 July.

- ◆ High School percussion is very different from Middle School percussion. No more waiting for your turn!
- ◆ Our percussion ensemble has already had a performance this season. They played at the Perry Agricultural Center for the Board of Education Administration on 7 June.

Also presented by Mr Howell:

- ◆ A school-owned instrument meeting will be held in the band room on Thursday, 12 July. This meeting is mandatory for all parents and students who will be using school-owned equipment.
- ◆ Mr Howell would like us to investigate what it would take to develop an irrigation system for the practice field. With the hot temperatures, the grass dies and the field becomes very slippery causing students to fall. A fence around the practice field will also be required. This would be a great opportunity for companies to donate time/materials.
- ◆ Leadership camp has started. Additionally, the leaders attended camp at Jacksonville State University. They are all excited about what they learned. It is a "sticky situation" when peers lead peers. The leaders are encouraged to look toward the end result in order to help the others reach their potential.
- ◆ Band camp begins next week. Get ready! Get in the sun and start drinking water. Dehydration is a long process. Water should be your best friend. Eat a light breakfast. Avoid bacon, eggs, and milk. Students should wear light colored T-shirts and shorts. No jeans! No black T-shirts! Also, students should wear good tennis shoes (not to be confused with nice tennis shoes). No flip-flops!
 - ❖ Percussion and color guard begin Monday (7:30 - 5:30),
 - ❖ Rookies come in on Monday and Tuesday, and
 - ❖ Full band begins Wednesday.
 - The first week (7:30 - 12:00) will be spent refreshing marching style,
 - and, the second week (7:30 - 5:30) they will start putting together the new show (which you will enjoy!).
- ◆ Our marching band is a core style band modeled after Drum Corp International (DCI). DCI will take place at the GA Dome on Saturday, 14 July. DCI quarter finals will be shown at the Galleria. <http://www.dci.org>
- ◆ Mr Howell introduced Shea Stringer. Shea is a former student and color guard member. Last year she was the assistant guard instructor. This year she is in charge! Shea brings a lot of experience.
- ◆ Pride, Dignity, and Class. This is what our band program is about. Students should wear their uniform properly.
- ◆ Pictures will be taken on Wednesday, 8 August.
- ◆ The more hard work your student puts into band, the more they benefit, including a life-long love of music. It's going to be a great year. You will enjoy watching your kids perform. Thanks for coming! We couldn't do it without you!

Jim Tingerthal introduced the Executive Committee, to include our most esteemed member..... Patty Herb. There were no questions. The meeting was adjourned.