

Warner Robins High School Band Booster Meeting Tuesday December 6, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Theresa Christian.

There were 15 paid Band Booster members present.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as read. The minutes and financial statements are available on the website.

Theresa stated that Stella Hulse is planning a non-school affiliated band student function for the kids who missed the Homecoming dance this year. This event will be chaperoned by band parents. As it is not a school function, band director(s) are not required to be present but the organizers wanted Mr. Howell to be aware of it in case he just wanted to attend.

Committee Reports

Chaperones – Lisa Ratley Thanks to all the chaperones for a great football season.

Color Guard --- Catreece Fritts Catreece not present, no report.

Uniforms --- Diane Oberstadt Diane not present, report given by Bruce Oberstadt.

Hats and gauntlet returns begin Wed. Dec. 7. Some kids turned them in after the Christmas parade.

Discussion about the possibility of the school owning some uniforms and concert attire that could be rented to students. To be discussed further at a later date.

Diane asks if former students would be willing to donate their concert attire to current students. DeDe Martin will post a note on the band Facebook page making that request.

Support ---- Walter Harris

Thanks to all for help! Has purchased 2 tires for gong cart. Bought 1 tire for speakers. He is working to straighten out invoices from Ryder. They overcharge us on every invoice.

Special Events --- Stella Hulse and Candy Swanson

Christmas concert will be a canned food drive – food will go to Central Baptist Food Pantry.

Concessions --- Michelle Rossman Thanks to all the hard-working parents who helped!

Fund-raising --- Amanda Winters Amanda not present. Theresa Christian gave report. Scarves have been tied up in customs but have been released as of Dec. 6. They will be overnighted to Theresa Christian.

Treasurer Report --- Sara Hebenstreit Financial report is posted on the website. In general terms, band is in the black.

Income	\$98,720.34
Expenses	\$87,422.96
Balance	\$11,297

New Business

Cindy Kurtz submitted two ideas for discussion.

1. Regarding concession stand work: Ask the parents to work the concessions stand by child's year in school, i.e. first home game = parents of seniors; second home game = parents of juniors and so forth.
2. Idea for a "tiered" Band Booster support plan ----- the idea is to bring in more money.
 - Tier 1 ---- Pay \$100 and get 1 free pass to X number of games
 - Tier 2 ---- Pay \$250 and get 2 free passes to X number of games
 - Tier 3 ---- Pay \$500 and get more games
 - Etc, etc

Much discussion ensued from these ideas.

It was determined that we need a volunteer coordinator.

Three committees were formed:

1. Volunteer Committee --- this committee will consider strategies for getting more volunteers
Committee consists of: Michelle Rossman, Cindy Kurtz, Theresa Christian
Lisa Ratley, Gloria Snipes, Melinda Meredith
2. Public Relations Committee --- this committee will be responsible for middle school recruitment and general promotion of the band
Committee consists of: Dottie Stone, Theresa Christian, Gloria Snipes, David Rossman
3. Booster Support Committee --- this committee will consider ways to restructure the booster dues and how to tie that in to getting more volunteer help
Committee consists of Michelle Rossman, Melinda Meredith, Cindy Kurtz

Recruitment committee was informed of a video that was made by Justin Capers entitled "The Road to Grand Champion" and advised to use this as a recruiting tool.

Director's Report ---- Todd Howell

Thanks to all for forming these working committees.

Informed all of a great article by Aline Kent where she speaks highly of the WRHS band parents and their support of the football team. Cindy Kurtz will send a thank you to Ms. Kent for her kind words.

Allstate Honor Band tryouts will take place Saturday Dec. 10 at Perry High School.

Christmas concert is Monday, Dec. 12 at Civic Center. Concert attire is required. Help is needed on Monday afternoon to load percussion and tubas. Load at 2:00 pm. This will probably be the last time that we use the Civic Center because they are going to start charging rent for the facility.

Symphonic Band camp will take place Feb. 24 – 25, 2012.

Discussed the idea of changing the name of Band Boosters to “Band Parent Organization”. We need to hold a “Band Parent 101” meeting to outline to parents what the expectations are around support and volunteering. Volunteer Committee to make the presentation.

Band is participating in Kids Yule Love. The idea was presented to the kids last Saturday at the parade. Boys are to provide a boy gift, girls are to provide a girl gift. Bring gifts to band room by Tuesday Dec. 13. Kids in Beta Club will get service points for this. DeDe Martin will send out a note reminding the kids of this.

Bruce Oberstadt has secured banners recognizing the band Grand Champion award at the Blackshear contest.

There will be no Booster meeting in January 2012. The next booster meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 7th.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kurtz
WRHS Band Booster Secretary

