

Warner Robins High School Band Booster Minutes

May 3, 2011

President Mark Hess called the meeting to order.
Secretary Cindy Kurtz read the minutes from the April meeting.

Committee Reports

Treasurer --- Sheila Odell (interim)

Talked with the CPA today. Would like to have the boosters consider having the CPA handle our payables. This would cost \$50.00/month more than what we are currently paying the CPA. It would be too complicated to pass responsibility for receivables to them due to the amount of cash that comes in through the concession stand. We need to have a way to secure cash in the school after the football games. We may look into a small safe.

Sheila needs a list of the new officers on band letterhead --- Cindy Kurtz will provide.

Parent Liz Rogers stated that her husband, Jason Rogers, would be willing to take the job of treasurer. Jason was not at the meeting due to illness.

The boosters will need to meet on June 7 to vote on the proposals made by Sheila.

Booster Recruitment --- Mark Hess has provided a \$25.00 gift card to Longhorn Steakhouse as an incentive for new band booster members. This will be promoted at Family Day in the fall. Anyone who joins Band Boosters will have a chance to win the gift card.

Concession Manager --- Andrea Braswell has volunteered to take on this role. Thank you, Andrea!

Operations Committee --- Sara Hebenstreit and Diane Oberstadt

Sara and Diane spent 5 hours today re-racking uniforms. They have sore thumbs from repinning all the things on the jackets! The band may need to purchase some new bibbers. Some have been mended about as many times as they can be. We'll get through the uniform fittings to see for certain what is needed before making any purchases.

Uniform fittings for veteran band members will be July 12.

Uniform fittings for new band members will be July 14.

Chaperones – Lisa Ratley

Two chaperones will be needed for graduation.

Support – Loren Tjoland

Big red 4-wheeler was delivered today. It is too wide for the trailer (doesn't fit between wheel wells.) Problem, needs a solution.

Keys have been transferred to the new support chair, Walter Harris. Tony Yake has a set of keys, too.

No news on the trailer donation.

Special Events --- DeDe Martin and Cindy Yake

Band registration --- we got about 28 registrations in tonight. Mr. Howell sent numerous registration packets to the middle schools, so we are still hoping for lots more students to sign up.

Band Banquet/Award Night will be Tues. May 24. Boosters will provide the meat and drinks, parents will be asked to bring a side dish and a dessert.

Band Camp lunch situation --

Rules for the Summer Lunch Program have changed. Due to our grant structure, if we provide lunch at the school for the band kids, we must open up the lunch as an "Open Site" i.e. allow anyone from off the street to come in and eat, too. This scenario is problematic for the band in several ways.

Mark Hess will talk to the BOE for clarification.

We will probably need to come up with another plan for providing food for the kids during band camp.

Fund-raising --- Amanda Winters

Ideas for next year: Motorbike Run and Car Show

Discount cards

Flower bulbs

Calendar --- 1 picture of the band, tear off each month

Calendar --- different picture every month, idea posed to include pictures of middle school bands

Motion made by Cindy Yake, seconded by Theresa Christian that we run with the idea of the calendar with a different picture each month. Passed unanimously.

Fruit sales – starts Oct. 1

Sell hoodies --- ongoing

Golf tournament --- perhaps at The Landings? Cindy Kurtz will talk to Landings GM Bill Goggin.

Discussion about promoting the March-a-thon more. Talk it up at Family Day, etc.

Amanda Winters will be ready at the June meeting to set a fund-raiser schedule for the entire 2011 – 2012 school year.

New Business

Tower scavenge!! Cindy Kurtz has the name of a guy who does welding work on the side. She will contact him about looking at the tower from the standpoint of salvage or building new. Amanda Winters mentioned the possible availability of a hydra-lift from the base --- she will look into that.

Director's Report --- Mr. Todd Howell

Met with Mr. Monday and Cecil Parker (operations director for HCBE) about the possibility of making the practice field tower a permanent structure. Stated that the tower would have to be in concrete. This would also have to be approved “all the way up the line” to the superintendent.

Met again with Mr. Monday regarding the band's desire to have honor cords for band at graduation. Mr. Monday has approved. Criteria is needed for this for the future. Some suggestions were: student must be in marching band for 8 semesters.

Away games, specifically the Bainbridge game. Location is 3-4 hour drive each way and the Heart of GA competition is the next day. Mr. Howell requested of Mr. Monday that the band not travel to this game. May compromise on just sending a pep band, rather than the whole band and all the equipment.

Mr. Martin suggested that we ask the Touchdown Club to help with the HOG.

Houston County Baccalaureate Service will be at Central Baptist Church on May 22. There will be a rehearsal on May 20 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm.

Tornado assistance ---Mr. Howell has talked with Wally Shaw, band director at HOCO. Wally has proposed that all the high schools in Houston County collect donations of needed items and transport them to tornado- damaged areas in our respective band trucks. Wally would coordinate this effort. Has asked for a WRHS coordinator/touchpoint. Lisa Ratley and DeDe Martin have volunteered to do this.

Former student and band booster mom passes --- Diane Jones has recently passed after a battle with cancer. Suggestion was made to send a donation from the band boosters in her memory. Lisa Ratley will get all the pertinent information. When that is in hand, Cindy Kurtz will send out a note asking for donations.

The next band booster meeting will be June 7.

The meeting was adjourned.