

Woodbury Royals Band Boosters Meeting

June 18, 2019

Attendees: Christine Bayer, Peg Benson, Terry Condon, Elinor Garvin, Jill Hodne, Tark Katzenmeyer, Rachel Maiers, Sharon Nielsen, Tracey Olson, Dave Rands, Jennifer Rands, Mike Ringrose, Nicole Ringrose, Pam Santoso, Matt Shervey, Melissa Sorensen, Emily Stolp, Carla Toenjes, Jim Tousignant

June Meeting Agenda: Approved

April Meeting Minutes: Approved

- Meeting minutes always posted at WHSBB.org → About WRBBI → Meeting Minutes
- If you ever miss a meeting, catch up on the notes here.

Treasurer's Report:

- Terry Condon provided the Treasurer's Report.
- NEED: Someone to audit our books in the July/August timeframe. Does anyone have this capability and/or know of someone who does??

Marching Band:

- **Parades – Hydrators, Water/Snacks**
 - Two more parades this summer!
 - NEED: Many volunteers to serve as hydrators and to provide water/snacks. Watch for the Google docs sign-ups.
- **Heat Week Meals**
 - Carla Toenjes will be coordinating/organizing the heat week meals again this year.
 - Urgent NEED: A volunteer to create/revise the Google spreadsheets for these sign-ups.
- **Home Games – Meals, Plumes, Hanger Uppers**
 - LOTS of volunteers needed for home football game nights. All help is welcome and absolutely needed. No experience necessary; training provided.
- **Uniforms – Volunteers during Heat Week**
 - 5 new uniforms, 2 new shakos and 10 new shako boxes have been ordered.
 - Good news for uniform storage: there is a new chalk eater in the room where the uniforms are stored; this should help reduce the chalk dust from the adjacent gymnastics room.
- **Pit – Something New this Year!**
 - The PIT is new this year!
 - The Pit is essentially a part of the band that doesn't march. It is a great way to get more students (who aren't already part of the marching band) to start playing with us. It will enable us to feature piano, guitar, bass guitar, stationary percussion equipment, etc. It provides new opportunities within the band.
 - 8 students will play in the pit this year.
 - Will need to purchase additional items to go with the Pit. This information is discussed as part of New Business, per a funding request.

Fundraising:

- **Royals on the Rise/Concert Band Kick Start**
 - Royals on the Rise (ROTR) is open to students entering 7th or 8th grades; 36 registered for this. Concert Band Kick Start (CBKS) is open to students who have completed grades 8 and up; 3 are registered for this.
 - ROTR: Aug 5-9, 9am-noon, \$150 per student
 - CBKS: Aug 5-9, 11am-noon, \$50 per student
 - If you know someone who is still interested in participating, it is NOT too late!
 - Go to <http://whsbb.org/wp/> and scroll down to see details for the Royals on the Rise Band Camp (also Concert Band Kick Start).
 - To register, follow the registration form link to the Forms and Documents page and complete the 3rd form in the list for Royals on the Rise or the 4th form on the list for Concert Band Kick Start.
 - It was asked if there is a Facebook event that can allow us to share/advertise the day camp. There was not at the time of the meeting, but there is now. It was posted to the Woodbury Royals Band Boosters Facebook page on Tuesday night (6/18).
 - 2018 was the first year for ROTR. 50 students; 11 from Lake, 4-6 from other schls (CGMS, MSA, etc.) and the balance from Woodbury.
 - This is our second year doing this. Numbers are down, but ERHS has now created their own day camp – same idea, same dates, same times. ERHS has 14 students registered. They are concerned that the low numbers may mean the experience will be less than optimum for the registered students.
 - Mr. Comeau suggested to Mr. Katzenmeyer that we combine these separate day camps to make the overall experience better for the students registered for both of our programs. There would be several details to iron out if this occurred, so this was opened up for discussion.
 - Location? WHS auditorium currently being remodeled. There would probably be space issues this summer.
 - T-shirts? We have ROTR t-shirts and they have their own t-shirts.
 - Proceeds? Could be proportional – per registered students for each program.
 - *Diane Thornton made a motion to combine Royals on the Rise (and Concert Band Kick Start) with the East Ridge program for this summer. Jim Tousignant seconded it. Motion passed.*
- **WAA Concessions/Grill Shifts**
 - The weekend of 6/21-23 is our third and final weekend working the WAA concession stand/grill shifts to raise money for the band. If we fill all shifts this weekend, we can raise \$2,595.
 - For the second weekend working the WAA concession shifts, we lost out on \$1200 for our band because we did not have enough volunteers to fill all the shifts.
 - The sign-up sheets for these three WAA concession weekends are always quite last minute, but that is because the WAA coordinator does not release the shifts to us until just before the weekend. This means we have very little time to fill all the shifts. At some point before the first shifts begin, they cut us off as they cannot risk leaving those shifts going unfilled.

- Though this is our last spring/summer concession stand shift, keep this in mind for the future (think Spring 2020 when these come around again!). Consider volunteering with the band. It can be really fun for the students to sign-up with their friends. And we need as many 18+ volunteers as possible to fill the grilling shifts. Side benefit for the students – they can earn letter points or Golden Tickets! The Golden Tickets can be used to win gift cards in raffles or to get in line first for a meal during Heat Week!
- **Mattress Sale**
 - \$1685 went straight to the boosters; \$314 went to students' accounts.
 - Save the date for this event next year: Sunday, May 3, 2020
- **Doug Schnabel Pictures (Seniors)**
 - Doug Schnabel takes pictures for all of our bands. Not only does he do a great job, but he gives ~95% back to the band! If you have a senior, consider him for your senior pictures. Many recommend him!
 - Note: If you're looking for old band photos, the pictures are still available for order. Go to <https://www.dougschnabelphotography.com/Events> and you should be able to find what you're looking for.
- **Papa Murphy's Cards – student accounts**
 - Diane Thornton will again be coordinating the Papa Murphy's fundraiser. An email will be coming out in the next month.
 - Money raised will go directly to student accounts. Cards will sell for \$20 and \$15 of that will go back into each student's account.
 - Pre-orders will be done in July. Let Diane know how many cards your child might be able to sell. You can always get more later if you sell out.
 - Cards will be handed out during Heat Week with selling throughout the month of August.
 - The cards have a free pizza in each corner, other discount coupons and are good for a full year. Last year, people were really happy with them.
 - Redeemable at specific Papa Murphy's – in Woodbury, Stillwater and Cottage Grove.

Tark's Remarks/Shervey's Chat:

Some exciting things are happening for our program!

- **Renovations of our band room are underway:**
 - 5 pre-fab Wenger practice rooms – equipped to accept technology to turn into whatever acoustic environment we may want. Future technology additions might be paid for with future referendums.
 - We are annexing what used to be the snowblower and lawnmower shed. A garage door has been removed and cinder blocked off. That area is now a space for us. It will be open, lit up and much more functional.
 - The auditorium is being renovated. New chairs to sit in, new carpet, new sound board being installed, wiring to pit for acoustic amplification, and other nice upgrades.
 - Note: The orchestra/choir rooms will be renovated next summer.
- **Capital outlay request came back:**
 - This year we received a bunch of new instruments as well as the 5 clarinets that the boosters had been renting. This will free up money in our budget for next year (that had been going toward those instrument rental fees).

- **Marvin Wooten, the Activities Director, has agreed to purchase equipment needed to build a front ensemble.**
 - We will get a Juicer to power keyboards without electric. This can be rolled onto the field, it's weatherproof, etc. Runs 8 hours. This is about a \$2,200 savings to the boosters.

New Business:

- **Funding Request from Directors**
 - The Pit:
 - Need money for the Pit (a weatherproof, integrated, mobile, amplification system). This will help get kids involved who weren't previously – keyboard, guitar, bass players.
 - Will add additional musical opportunities, creativity and sound.
 - Sub-total: \$5,499.99 (pit) + \$1000 (cart)
 - Other Equipment to go with the Pit:
 - 5 sets of Mallets and mallet bags. Each instrument gets their own mallet bag. Not for general use during school day.
 - Clamps, cymbal stands. We need a lot of these.
 - Sub-total: ~\$1000 (mallets, mallet bags, clamps/cymbal stands)
 - **Total: \$7500 (pit, cart, other equipment)**
 - All this equipment can be used well beyond marching band.
 - Once ordered, lead time is likely 1-3 weeks; should be able to use for this marching season.
 - It was proposed that we don't order replacement uniforms for 1 yr. Typically replacements had been costing us \$4-5000/year. We're probably in a decent position to hold on this for a year.
 - *Rachel Maiers made a motion to approve the expenses (as described by the directors) to enhance and approve the Pit, plus whatever other necessary equipment is needed. Expenses should be approximately \$7500, plus fees, shipping/handling/etc. Diane Thornton seconded it. Motion passed.*
- **Other**
 - Staffing for Heat Week and the Season
 - Hired Brass and Woodwinds instructors
 - Mr. Shervey has worked as a percussionist
 - Would like to offer a position for someone to assist with The Pit
 - Rachel Yurek (an alumna) is really interested. She is on scholarship to study percussion performance at University of MN; she is on tour this summer with a drum corps and can provide that expertise as well.

- Concert Band trip next year will be to Texas.
 - Tentative Itinerary:
 - Apr 23-27, 2020 (wk after AP testing, not weekend of prom)
 - There are numerous options for the itinerary.
 - 3 performance opportunities on this trip: festival, clinic and a HS to perform with; 1 competitive, 1 collaborative and 1 opportunity for feedback from higher education. Potentially an opportunity for some chamber groups to perform.
 - Culmination of the full year of work
 - All seniors invited to go (regardless of whether or not in Concert Band)
 - Trip geared toward upper classmen
 - As of right now, the price is ~\$1600 including airfare, lodging, and almost all meals provided
 - First payment – could start end of September, to allow for 8 payment cycles
 - If anyone is interested in contributing anonymously to an Angel Fund, that would be helpful. In the past, individuals have contributed to this fund which made it possible for some students to go on the trip who otherwise might not have had the chance.
- District 833 High Schools' Band Trip to Honolulu (district trip every 4 yrs)
 - ERHS, Park and WHS combined.
 - Already approved by school board.
 - Trip over Thanksgiving Break 2020, just after exams. Trip will go into the first couple of days of the second trimester.
 - Performances will be: a parade the day after Thanksgiving, at Pearl Harbor and one more.
 - Payments will likely start around the end of 2019.
 - Trip will be through Gateway, just like Fall 2018 marching band trip.

*Carla Toenjes motioned to adjourn. Terry Condon seconded it. **Adjourned.***

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 20th, 7pm, WHS band room