



BAND BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION OF WEST BLOOMFIELD High School Chapter

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July 14, 2015 Parent Meeting Minutes

Attending: Chad Mielens, Christine Karow, Sarah Boyle, Claudia Bologna, Christina Nicolaidis, Natalie Walls, Marci Grossman, Felicia Grimes, Marci Grossman, Debbie Robison, Dominique Ratinaud, Marina Odin

7:19 pm Call to order – Christine Karow

Motion from Marci Grossman to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2015 Parent Meeting Minutes, Second by Felicia Grimes. **Approved** by consensus.

President's Report – Christine Karow (president@wbbands.info)

- Welcome
- Introduction of Board for 2015-2016
- New volunteers needed

Vice President's Report – Sarah Boyle (vicepresident@wbbands.info) – see Fundraising reports below.

Treasurer's Report – Steve & Claudia Bologna (treasurer@wbbands.info)

- Recruiting update. Final numbers have been turned in, but it is likely that anyone interested could find a place. Numbers a little lower than last year.
- Charms Update – not flipped for new year yet, July payments have not been posted.

Secretary's report – Natalie Walls (secretary@wbbands.info). Emails sent out weekly, content welcome from everybody.

Student Account Treasurer report - Christina Nicolaides (studentaccounts@wbbands.info)
All up to date through June.

WBHS Band Activities –Chad Mielens (directors@wbbands.info)

- Minicamp June 11-12. Some show music passed out (first two movements). Drill is written, too.
- Drumline and colorguard have been rehearsing all summer, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Chris is happy with Battery. Front line getting more work with volunteer Jake Noss. (Ball State grad.
- Color Guard and Percussion go to five days week after next when full band starts.
- Curricular band schedules: anticipating some schedule conflicts. No music teachers were laid off. One part time teacher had reduced hours. Abbott sixth grade band will be taught by Lynn Brosnan (flute) and Karl Stein (woodwinds and brass).

Fund Raising

- Car Wash Update – July 25 at Lutheran Church parking lot. Tickets available from Sarah Boyle. Signup genius for volunteers published in weekly e-newsletter. WB Township refused to allow Volunteers to take donations in the road on the day of.
- Ongoing fundraisers include:

- Scripts - managed by Marguerite DeBello
- Kroger - sign up on Kroger Community Rewards.com
- Amazon Smile – smile.amazon.com, receive a small donation for all purchases.
- Tag Day – locations still being determined for August, and also for Fall. Checking into Lowes or Home Depot as a possibility? WB Library? Salvation Army?

Old Business

- Band Camp – at Tamarack. Better facilities. Chaperone numbers set, getting criminal background checks for them as required by state. Senior team building in planning stage for August 2 in WB or Walled Lake.
- Field Day – Five bands registered for Sept 12. Ruth will be seeking volunteers
- Nationals in Indianapolis, Thurs Nov 12 - EARLY Sunday morning Nov 15. We will perform Friday. Semifinals Saturday early, Finals Saturday evening. Then heading home. No BOA regional for us this year.
- Meeting schedule for 2015-2016. Parent Meetings will still be held on the first Tuesday of each month, with a few exceptions based on school or activities scheduled. Board will meet third Tuesday of every month, with exceptions for scheduled activities.

New Business

- How is competitive class determined for Marching Band? By size of school. No changes anticipated for WB.
- Recruiting thoughts for future – retention is good, but new members were not as many as hoped for. Suggestions: to adjust marketing to emphasize all-inclusive price, change timing to allow more time to decide. Perhaps a survey to identify why people aren't joining...Find a way to make it more visible to Middle School band members. Interest expressed in parades to make the band more appealing. Felicia Grimes will check into for curiosity.

Adjourn – 8:14

Important Dates to Remember:

- August 4 – Final Marching Band Payment Due
- July 21 – Board Meeting