

BAND BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION OF WEST BLOOMFIELD

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Parent Meeting Minutes August 05, 2014 WBHS

Board Members Present: Mary Ingweiller, Christina Nicolaidis, Natalie Walls and Claudia Bologna. Christine Lond and Sarah Boyle were absent. Director Chad Mielens was present. Band Booster members present were: Jodi Bare, Kirstin Watkins-Miller, Anne Marie Collier Miller, Melanie Gorman, Geoffrey Semrau, Ruth Richards, Renee Floer, Suzanne Crawford, Brett Crawford, Cathy Gimby, Yolanda McCaskill, Ivy Mcllwin, Renee Judkins, Jeana Hobart, Marci Grossman, Scott Floer, Deb Ringuette, Holly Ratinaud.

Call to Order at: 7:08pm

Approval of July 8 Parent Meeting minutes by Kirsten Watkins White, Suzanne Crawford

President's Report – Mary Ingweiller

- a) Band Camp
 - i) Dates: August 18-22 Camp Copneconic, Fenton MII-75 EXIT 108
 - ii) Departure time: arrive at wbhs at 6:30 Check in w/ Anne Marie depart for camp 7am
 - iii) Chaperones: We will be having a total of 13 parents coming up for all or part of the week 10-11 staff members.
 - iv) Itinerary is located under forms on the WBbands webpage under forms
 - v) Packing List is located under wbbands web page: water, bug spray, extra socks
 - vi) Parent Arrival Time/Show- parents can start to arrive any time after 6pm- (bring a chair) before heading out to the field please follow the instructions on where to pick up the luggage. DO NOT wait until after the performance to get luggage.
 - vii) Evening Activities- each evening we have activities planned these are mandatory. Students will only be excused if the Nurses deem they are too ill to attend.
- b) Homecoming: September 19th - Chairperson needed. We do need an adult to step up and plan the event. Kirstin Watkins-White is willing to do all the preplanning but she cannot attend this year and needs someone to step up and run the show that day.
- c) Senior Day: We had senior day last Sunday and it went well. We had 10 out of 14 seniors attend. They learned to work as a team to solve problems and they also had some fun doing high ropes and zip lines.
- d) BOA Trip: Sept 26 and 27. We will leave around 4pm and stay overnight at a hotel and return in the early morning hours of Sunday the 28th
- e) Saturday Meals: Each week we serve one meal to the students before we leave for competition. In order to do this we do ask parents to donate the food, beverages, and paper products. Watch for sign ups through Charms.

Vice President's Report – Sarah Boyle/Christine Long

- a) Volunteer/fundraising Opportunities
 - i) Pizza Sale - Heide Dronchi sells pizza slices once a week. This is her last year as a band parent, so we are looking for someone to take over next year
 - ii) Scrips/Hiller/Hungry Howies – Deb Ringuette is in charge but we are looking for someone to take it over. It would be nice to have the transition happen while she is still here to train.
 - iii) Spaghetti Dinner – which usually happens in March. We may need a chair
 - iv) Tag Day helper- Tag day is this weekend if you haven't already please sign up- we not only need students but we need the adults too.
 - v) Concert Band Bake Sale – we need a person to coordinate and run bake sales at each concert – middle school too if we can get the help
- b) Uniform Fitting – check-outs will be August 11. Please contact Christine Long to help.

Secretary's Report – Natalie Walls

Treasurer's Report – Claudia Bologna

Web Site Report

Student Account Treasurer – Christina Nicolaidis

Band Directors' Report - Chad Mielens

- a) Picture Day – expected week of Aug 25, order forms will be sent out when arrangements are made with photographer
- b) Set Books - Electronic are not acceptable, spiral-bound index cards preferred.

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- c) Progress – after four days of full band rehearsal, 10-14 sets on the field – a week ahead of last year's achievement. By end of week, expect first 1.5 minutes of show will be on field! Extremely confident in their abilities.

Fundraising Updates -

- a) Fundraising Schedule to be distributed soon
- b) Car Wash – at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, many donations of supplies. Raised nearly \$300
- c) Large Raffle – Will have tickets for kids to sell - \$1000 prize, \$4000 proceeds. Amy Bertin & Anne Maire Collier co-chairs.
- d) Show Shirts – will be distributed at band camp

Old Business

- a) Field Day – Sept 13. First competition of the season, for comments, not scores. This is smaller scale, fewer expenses.
- b) Resale Page – selling old tarps, uniforms primarily to other schools.

New Business

- a) MCGC Invitational Co-Chair Search – Christina Nicolaidis will chair this event but she could use a co-chair. These type of events run smoother when there are two people to run the night.
- b) Spaghetti Dinner Chair Search
- c) Banquet date change Due to parent teacher conferences we will be changing our date to Monday November 10th
- d) Representative from OLMS and AMS – We are in need of parents to come to our meetings and bring the concerns from each of the middle schools – Please check with your friends at those schools.

Open discussion

- a) Pit Crew- Brett Crawford will chair but he is in need of parents who can help
- b) Bus Chaperones- there are a few slots open for parents to ride the buses to and from competitions and to follow the students around for the days
- c) Spots may be available for spectators on bus for Dayton trips.
- d) Props: Every year we need to create props to enhance the show. This year please contact Steve Bologna to help out (treasurer@wbbands.info)
- e) Seeking banner
- f) Schedule after band camp may change for Jump Start
- g) Rehearsal schedule during school year will be T-W-Th 3:30 – 6:30
- h) Middle school students take Activity Bus from Abbott & OLMS

Adjourn at 8:26pm

Important Dates To Remember

- Aug 12 Board meeting
- Aug 18-22 Band Camp

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