

Minutes – August 4, 2008
Waxahachie Band Boosters

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Ronnie McMahan.

Minutes – June 2, 2008

Minutes of the June 2, 2008, booster meeting were distributed by Virginia Tipton and reviewed by boosters. Lisa Richardson made motion to accept minutes, Pam Maass seconded. Motion carried, none opposed.

Financial Report

Woody Perry read the financial report – as of June 30, 2008, there was a balance of \$13,143.00 in the checking account and \$108,610.73 in the money market account. As of today, August 4, 2008, the checkbook has a balance of \$14,232.59. It was noted that a grill had been purchased, as reflected in Concessions Expenditures for June. Edward Quintana made a motion to accept the financial report, Joanie Johnson seconded. Motion carried, none opposed.

Director Reports

Clift Middle School

Mr. Owens reported that the new school facilities are being readied. It is anticipated the new band area will be ready for set-up shortly – will feature two bandhalls and will be a wonderful facility. Mrs. Owens has suggested that a booster meeting could be held at Clift; Ronnie said this was a great idea and that perhaps booster meetings could rotate through each of the district's bandhalls.

Seventh and Eighth Grade Centers

Ms. Ray reported that the directors recently went to San Antonio for a meeting of the Texas Bandmasters Association, at which Mr. Owens received the prestigious Meritorious Achievement Award. Directors and boosters congratulated Mr. Owens on this honor and recognition by the Texas Bandmasters Association.

Mr. Francis reported that the Smart Music files for upcoming year are now available - they will be placed on Charms, as well. He reported that although the new school was still a hard-hat area during his most recent visit, construction is progressing and it will be a beautiful facility when completed.

High School

Mr. Armstrong thanked all who completed registration this past Saturday, August 2. There are still a few students remaining – Woody Perry will assist with getting these students registered. Uniform preparation going well – Ronnie McMahan’s mother to perform alterations on uniforms. Football program picture to be taken tomorrow, August 5. Band Luau scheduled for Friday, August 8 from 6:00 to 10:30 p.m. at the Unarut’s lakehouse.

Colorguard and drumline started their camps on July 28 – camps were very productive. Camp for full band started today, August 4. Camp to begin at 7:00 a.m. each day, due to heat. Mr. Armstrong noted importance of students eating both a good breakfast and a good lunch during camp. Band is learning marching drill and is having sectional rehearsals. Show to feature acting and dancing with a World War II theme and storyline.

Plans for Spring Trip are progressing. Condos have been selected – will be on shuttle route to ski area. Estimated housing cost currently \$318 per student, with transportation cost per student to be determined. Mr. Armstrong noted that students will have the opportunity to raise funds for spring trip, etc., through upcoming fundraisers such as the Indian Warpath and the carwash.

Mr. Armstrong invited everyone to attend upcoming Ice Cream Social, to be held at the stadium on August 15 at 8:00 p.m. During the Ice Cream Social, the high school band will perform a portion of this year’s marching show. Freshman are asked to bring one gallon of ice cream at the start of Friday morning practice.

Mr. Armstrong encouraged everyone to attend Meet the Indians night on August 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the stadium, at which the band will play. Mr. Armstrong noted that, prior to Meet the Indians night, freshmen will be officially welcomed into the band by signing the Book of the Band. “Gong Show” featuring leadership and freshmen will follow ceremony.

Mr. Armstrong closed by thanking boosters and parents/guardians for the wonderful help and support they give to the band program.

Campus Reports

Edward Quintana (8th grade representative) and Tricia Peyrot (7th grade representative) reported that all is going well on their respective campuses.

Asst VP Reports

Concessions

Perry Popp reported that concession stand dry goods have been stocked. Concession stand recently underwent extermination treatment in preparation for upcoming year. An online food management certification course has been completed – concession stand now meets and exceeds city requirements. Perry noted that, in addition, the concession stand is now permitted through the district – thus removing liability from boosters. A new drink cooler is needed for the junior high concession stand – Ronnie to investigate. Perry reported that the Quarterback Club will be replacing a microwave they inadvertently damaged. Thursday and Friday night stand manager position for junior high is open – all interested volunteers please see Perry Popp. Drink order has been placed with Coca-cola, expected to arrive soon. The Wilemon popcorn machine is missing – anyone with information regarding which organization last borrowed it, please let Perry or Ronnie know. Sharon Owens reported she believes the machine is at the transportation department and was moved there by Lynn Marshall as a parting gift. Sharon said she would check on it and to contact her the following day. Perry said that a Clean-Up Night will be held at the junior high stand – Monday night, August 11, at 7:00 p.m. – all volunteers welcome.

Special Projects

Kathy Louque reported that the Band Luau will be held August 8, 6:00-10:30 p.m., at the Unarut's lakehouse. She noted the social officers have requested hamburgers instead of hot dogs, with the boosters supplying ice. Students to bring remainder of items – with each section being assigned a different item. Ronnie noted that the extra \$20 or so for hamburgers is in the budget, and that hot dogs can be served at a later event. Kathy said the kids had also considered a bonfire, but this had been ruled-out due to the burn ban.

Kathy said preparations are underway for upcoming Ice Cream Social. Freshmen have the option of making a cash contribution equal to one gallon of ice cream by Thursday or bringing ice cream on Friday morning before practice. Kathy said she will be ready at 7:00 a.m. in the concession stand to begin scooping (with bowls being stored in the freezer) – volunteers are needed to help scoop.

Communications

Carol Kimberlin thanked Joanie Johnson for her excellent work on the newsletter and for providing this support to the band. Carol reported that Chrissie Taylor has agreed to coordinate with the Chamber of Commerce regarding band issues (calendar, etc.) and to check with Citizen's National Bank to be sure band events are displayed on their marquee. Carol thanked Chrissie for her assistance and support. Carol asked if Mr.

Armstrong wanted an email to be sent to students regarding the Band Luau – Mr. Armstrong said the kids would provide information to Carol regarding Luau email.

Fundraising

Lisa Richardson thanked Carol Kimberlin for the recent newspaper article regarding the carwash. Donations are being received. Garden hoses are needed for carwash – hoses will need to be used entire day. Lisa R. asked any boosters having connections with radio station to contact her – announcement is needed for carwash. Karen Lawton said that she has a radio station contact and will talk to Lisa R. following meeting. Lisa R. reported that, in addition, she will investigate getting carwash placed on high school marquee.

Lisa R. reported that donations are being received for the Indian Warpath. Lisa R. thanked Edward Quintana for facilitating Oma's donation of 200 hamburger patties and 200 hamburger buns for lunch during the Warpath. Oma's banner will be displayed during Warpath. Bus requisition has been placed. Lisa R. said she is investigating possibility of including group photo of band on platinum sponsorship signs. Mr. Armstrong reported that students received pledge sheets today, asked parents to check with students. Additional pledge sheets are located on the bandhall table by Mr. Armstrong's office.

VP Report

Lisa Popp reported that more parents are needed for the afternoon shift at the carwash – sign-up sheet is on table in back of bandhall. Additionally, sign-up sheet for working in the concession stand is on back table. Chaperones are needed for Band Luau – August 8 from approximately 6:00 to 10:30 p.m. Lisa P. noted that anyone volunteering to chaperone the Luau (and to chaperone at games, marching contests, trips, etc.) must have been background-checked and approved by the district – those interested should see Mr. Armstrong tonight if a background-check form has not been submitted. Lisa P. noted that all Spring Trip chaperones must have served as chaperone for two previous events – so that they are familiar with kids and band.

Lisa P. reported that parents will have option this year of making trip payments via Visa, Mastercard or Discover. Mr. Armstrong will also have a card reader in his office. Band shirts will be available for purchase at the Ice Cream Social - \$15 per shirt. Lisa P. said that, since sale of the band shirts is a fundraiser for the band, it would be possible to use one of the two allowed tax-free days for this sale. Kathy noted that it would be tax-free weekend – Woody to investigate if tax-free weekend would apply to sale of band shirts. Pam Maass noted that items parents have ordered (shirts, sweatshirts, etc.) will also be available for distribution at the Ice Cream Social.

Upcoming Important Dates

Ronnie noted several upcoming dates:

Carwash	August 9
Ice Cream Social	August 15
First Football Game	August 29
First Home Football Game	September 5

Next executive committee meetings to be held August 25 and September 29, next booster meeting to be September 8, all meetings to begin at 7:00 p.m. in the bandhall.

Kathy Louque asked parents to email her if they had a preference regarding which business displayed their student's band poster.

Kathy made a motion to adjourn, Pam seconded. Motion carried, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:03.