

Waxahachie Band Booster Meeting
September 6, 2011, 7:00 pm

Meeting was called at 7:05 pm by Vice President Mike Simmel

Minutes: Approval of August minutes delayed due to absence of Secretary, Karen Insinia

Financials: see attached. Checking balance as of 9/6/11 is \$36,425.16. Money market balance is the same. Motion made to approve minutes as provided made by Lisa Richardson, Second by Ronnie McMahan, approved by all.

Director's reports:

Howard: Mr. Francis states is has been hard adjusting to teaching three grades. The organizational part is overwhelming. Today was the first day of pride time. Trying to get re-assigned from gym to bandhall. Three days of pride time per week equals 37 minutes cut every day. Smart Music is just getting started.

Finley:Hinton reports similar situation. Smart Music orders have been taken. Ordering in bulk to get discount. He is allowed to take kids out of advisory for private lessons. Split this year is 100 beginners with 90 returning. ****Brought up at end of meeting****District has enacted a new policy. Would like to deposit fundrasing monies as a subaccount instead of running through the district. Need to research with accountant. The separate account originally set up for Mr. Owens was closed and will not be reopened

High School:Friday nights are going very well. Mrs. Goss is creating outstanding food bags for away games. Thanks to Dawn and Jan Bridges for their help. Band got to practice on their field today for the first time. The lot is now being striped. Requisition has to be submitted for field striping for band to be done by WISD maintenance. Light poles are in place.

Reports:

VP-Mike Simmel will need 4 people for this Friday nights for drink sales. Walk in coolers will be available Friday Morning for ice machines.

Concessions: website has a link available for signing up for football concessions. We are having a problem with Jr High participation. Aaron has shipments being delivered there so its crowded. Need ideas from junior high reps to reach parents. Have also added a tab for submitting volunteer hours to the coordinator. We will not be able to sell food in stands or sell t-shirts in the stadium. **** brought up at end of meeting**** Chicken Express wants to offer sweet tea, provide all tea, cups and ice. Would be selling in two separate windows....also approached by Dippin Dots, we will only make\$1.00 for every cup sold. They will provide the supplies and freezers and will buy back any unused products. Discussion followed: Cost is a factor, need to keep all profits in house. Vote by group to table the sale of Dippin Dots.

Fundraising: Stu states that same patrons are coming back. So far about \$5,500 in donations as of today. Next big thing is the booklet for TMEA. Would like a local company to sponsor.

Special Projects: Lisa R. is lining up contest food providers. First contest will eat at FBC Midlothian who have generously allowed the use of their facilities.

Communications: not present

Promos/Advertising: Julie has all posters placed. Lisa R printed posters, Jen & Mary helped put together, Jen & Julie put up at businesses. A link is now on the webpage with locations. The newspaper on Sunday had a full page on the band. Nikki Swirlz wants to work with the band! Open to any ideas, Wednesday is their fundraiser night. They also printed 10% off coupons for the kids.

Uniforms: Mary states that our tshirts will need to be sold through new avenues. Huge shoutout to Allison Hugdahl, Ginger Kelley, and Kary Meade for their help on Fridays.

Logistics: Ronnie is trying to get everything on the trailer, He hauls seat covers, gatorade, water, coolers. We are renting a U-Haul truck to haul the timpani and tubas. Due to the shelf being removed in truck and more stuff to haul we are being very creative.

BUSINESS:

TMEA-Wind ensemble honor band is February 6-8. We will present a 50 minute program. Mr. Armstrong would like to have James Davis as a guest performer, come down and work with band the week prior. We would need to fly him down from Chicago, provide room and meals. Allocating \$1000. He would also like to commission a piece of music for the band that are unique for our band specifically, cost is about \$3-4000. A Motion was made to accept the proposal of \$5000 for commission and James Davis performing by Cris Smith, seconded by Ginger Kelley, all in favor, motion carries.

TMEA PROGRAM: A 24-26 page program is needed. We have two bids from Gingerbread Press of Waxahachie and Millet the Printer of Dallas for around \$5,000. It will highlight the directors, students and the pieces to be performed. We want to have this ready to print early in January. Will need around \$2500 to \$3000. Might be able to get Gingerbread to donate part of their services. Would like to approach Ellis County Music, Mr. E's Music. Discussion includes different avenues of receiving funds for program expense. Possibly approach the stadium contractor, community page?, The motion to allocate funds has been tabled. Pit equipment—need new wheels and repairs of \$1000. Need a new ramp for the truck, expense is approximately \$885. Need to re-allocate partial funds for cosmetics.

NEW FINLEY REPRESENTATIVE: Executive committee is presenting Laurie McLachlan for approval as our new Finley Representative. The position was vacated due to family moving from district. She has tons of volunteer hours and experience. Motion was made by Dawn Langston, seconded by Jeni Oebel, all in favor, motion passed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 9 – stadium dedication
Sept 16- Terrell football game

Sept 17-All Region Jazz Auditions—Lisa R, Mary S, Edward Q have already volunteered. Mary S will do food for hospitality room

Sept 19-City Council proclamation

Sept 23—Red Oak games-need 20 in each concession, reduced amount on visitor side

Sept 24-Chautauqua Concessions. Jazz band will play, chik-fil-a is providing sanchwiches, we will sell chips, snacks, drinks. Very small event

Sept 30—Forney game

Oct 1-Midlothian Contest-senior parents are organizing meal. \$900 budgeted. Want to cook in area, use distrcit funds to buy food. We need best price on premade patties and buns.

Oct 5—UIL—Chik-Fil-A is donating sandwiches. Sophomore parent are organizing

Oct 8 – DeSoto Marching Contest—Freshman parents are organizing

Oct 29th—AREA marching—Junior are organizing

Upcoming meeting dates:

Executive meeting Sept 26th at 7pm

General meeting Oct 3 at 7pm

Motion to adjourn by Lisa Richardson, Second by Stu Stephenson.

Dismissed at 8:31 pm