

Albany Band Boosters Minutes

September 9, 2024

Present: John Kleppe, Stacey Vander Weyst, Shannon Rushmeyer, Eve Justin, Aaron Justin, Tami Ruegemer, Joelle Niebergall, Amanda Rademacher

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

Motion to approve June minutes made by Tami, 2nd by Shannon. No discussion and motion carried.

Treasurer Report

- Balance of \$6995.41
- Check to Madison still outstanding
- Trailer wrap bill still not received. Full wrap estimate was \$4000, but we did not wrap the back, so expecting less
 - This amount is not accounted for in the above Balance
- Uniform dry cleaning not picked up and not paid. Expecting \$400-500
- In our accounting, Shannon has made separate areas of tracking for:
 - Instrument repair
 - Instrument replacement
- Motion to approve treasurer report made by Eve, 2nd by Aaron. No discussion and motion carried.

Old Business

•Raffle Sales

- Permit application submitted to state. Check has cleared.
- Once approved, Stacey will contact Webers to print the tickets.
- City of Albany approved our request to hold the drawing at the Bowling Alley.
- We will begin selling as soon as the tickets are ready.
- John will work on printing a pop up banner for us to use at event ticket sales.
- John will send a band-wide (SHORT) email to parents and can assist with distribution of ticket booklets
 - Stacey has a lockbox we can use for payment drop off to help keep that more organized and prevent money being just dropped on John's desk.

•Marching Thank you notes

- Eve and Stacey will divide up and send to:
 - Culligan Water
 - Traut

- Freeport State Bank
- Magnifi (water and parade sponsorship)
- Stearns Bank/Melissa Beckers (tent)
- Albany Chrysler Center (Trucks)
- Holt Charters
- Albany Legion (rifles and flag pole)
- Dustin Upgren State Farm
- Eric Notch
- Pete-NOLA tour guide

New Business

• Website

- Mission Statement: Albany, MN Band Boosters are a group of dedicated parents working to support the band programs at Albany Secondary School.
- Add a button to send a request to be added to our email list
- Post past scholarship winners
- All-State Band participants
- Add more photos from this past season, including trailer, golf cart, color guard uniforms
- Look at adding a “barometer” to show how much monetary value the Boosters have raised since they started
- Stacey, Shannon and Amanda will submit photos, but we will remove the board job duty section

• Fall Apparel Store

- Eve is working on product selection with Ashley at Magnetic Spark
- John will work on some new logos
- John said there is some activities money available and he may put that towards some band shirts
- Shannon suggested looking at The Tee Hive in Sartell to see if they could do an affordable bulk shirt for the Jazz shirt.

• Instrument Drive

- Farmington schools raised over \$250,000 with their event last year
- Community can donate an unused instrument, money or sponsor an instrument for the program
- Get the word out:
 - Facebook event
 - Have the school share online
 - Booster website page
 - An ad in the local paper
 - Local marquees
 - Flyers around town

• Texas Roadhouse Roll sale

- Thinking Spring, so have product prior to Easter (4/20)
- John will get more info on this and how it works.

Director Requests

- Ms. Tessier requested funds for 27 pizzas for the Pumpkin Bowl. Motion to approve up to \$375 for pizza made by Joelle, 2nd by Shannon. Motion approved with no discussion.
- No further request at this meeting, but in the near future, John would like to look into the following:
 - Pyware for Marching band planning. John will get an approximate price for the version he wants and let us know how program upgrades are charged. Would wait until after the raffle to purchase.
 - Digital keyboard/piano – not urgent – Yamaha Harmony Director 3 about \$900
 - Feb-April look into bell replacement from drum corps groups

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:11 pm made by John, 2nd by Tami. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting Monday, October 14, at 7pm