

WESTSIDE BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING
Monday, August 10, 2021

Members in Attendance: Band Directors, Tommy Krueger & Keith Schoening; Whitney Gillespie, Bobb Gillespie, Jessica Manna, Nora Jean Baker, Maria Walker, Gina St. Cyr, Kristin Ramaeker, Shannon Sheldon, Laura Steyskal, Tim Steyskal, Lori White, LaMoine Hoagland, Tangee Hoagland, Tom Yaroach, Melissa Siefken, Rusty Siefken, Jodi Longmeyer, Mary Jo White, Jessica Pate, Sarah Gordon, Laura Dougherty, Lora Miller, Marycarmen Madson, Jennifer Maddocks, Sharon Brown, Nick Soukup, Pam Miller-Jenkins, Dave Jenkins, Jourdan Lidonde, Tami Worthington, Deb Gifford, Jack Gifford, Chris Houston, Laura Houston, Lanessa Lehr, Chris Johnson, Gail Johnson, Megan Kipling, David Kipling, Diana Whitman Hanssen, Mary Schafer, Becky Pokett, Susanne Cooke, Mary Morris, Thad Robertson, Russell Johnston, Jana Bemmer, Landy Sweet, Anna Lobo

Approval of board minutes from last meeting: Minutes from the June 7, 2021 meeting Tom Yaroach moved to approve the minutes, Chris Johnson seconded the approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT-JESSICA MANNA (in Laurie Alger's absence)

Fundraising was paused for the 2020-21 school year due to COVID-19. We will pursue the Notable Friends campaign in 2021-22. The swimming pool has been paid for the Marching Band Pool Party.

DIRECTORS' REPORT-MR. KRUEGER:

- Introduction: Nora Jean Baker, student teaching at WHS, Sunset and Westbrook. Nora Jean is a student at UNO and a graduate of Gross High School.

MARCHING BAND CAMP:

- 50% of the marching band students had little to no marching experience.
- Although the heat and poor air quality added some challenges, the students persevered, exceeded expectations, focused on team building and had great attitudes!

MARCHING BAND-FALL SEMESTER:

- All students have marching band Mod 1; some students may be cross-sectioned, which usually only happens once a week.
- Monday evening rehearsal and early morning rehearsals Wednesday/Thursday/Friday each week.
- Pancake Man/Exhibition Night: August 30, 2021, 5:30-9:00 PM; students eat at 5:30 PM and then will take the field to exhibit what they've learned.
- Currently planning to allow attendees at all competitions.
- Titan Marching Invite (9/25) and Capital City Marching Contest (10/2) – Preliminary, Awards Ceremony, Finals and Final Awards. Mr. Krueger & Mr. Schoening will meet with the judges after Prelims and share input with the students for Finals.
- Elkhorn Sounds of Excellence (10/9) – Preliminary competition only (Homecoming at Westside that night)
- NSBA (10/23) – 1 performance (late afternoon – evening)
- Volunteers Needed: drive Penske Truck, pull the band trailer (need a vehicle that can tow)
- Lunch is provided to students at each competition (thanks to HyVee at 90th & Center).
- Football Games: There are 5 regular schedule games. 5:30 PM meet at school, march pre-game, play throughout the game and half-time show. Pep Band will play at potential play-off games on a voluntary basis.

SPRING BREAK-CHICAGO, IL BAND TRIP:

- Informational meeting on August 24, 2021 regarding Chicago Trip over Spring Break (April 11-14, 2022)
- Trip will include clinic at DePaul University, attendance at a symphony or Broadway show, Blue Man Group and a jazz club.
- Volunteers to chaperone will be needed.

Check out the Band Google Calendar and Westside High School Band Parents Association Facebook page for events.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT-WHITNEY GILLESPIE

POOL PARTY: The pool party was a great success – thanks to all for the great donations!

APPAREL UPDATE – Kendra Swanson, Chair:

- Band apparel will be offered through Lawlor's again, including a "Human After All" show short-sleeve t-shirt.
- An email will go out when the site is live to take orders and will remain open for about 3 weeks.
- Apparel should be available in time for the first competition.
- The WBPA does receive a small portion of the profits.
- If you have any questions regarding the apparel (i.e., sizes, other products available), please contact Lawlor's.

EXHIBITION NIGHT/PANCAKE MAN (August 23, 2021) – Lanessa Lehr and Tami Cervantes, Co-Chairs:

- Students will eat first, families will follow.
- The Pancake Man does offer a gluten-free option.
- No charge for meal, free will offerings accepted.
- A sign-up genius will be circulated for volunteers.

MARCHING BAND COMPETITION MEALS – Lanessa Lehr & Laura Steyskal, Co-Chairs

- The Hy-Vee on 90th & Center has generously donated meals in the past.
- Lanessa will contact the Hy-Vee contact person as soon as they are back in the store.

NEW BUSINESS

WBPA BANK ACCOUNT:

- Add Jessica Manna and remove Kristin Ramaeker from bank account: Jessica Pate moved to approve this change, Tom Yaroach seconded the motion.

COMMITTEES/CHAIRS:

Member-at-Large Position: Becky Pokett volunteered to fill this role (1 year commitment, will chair one committee)

Competition Bus Chaperones: Tom Yaroach and David Kipling, Co-Chairs

- Need ~12 chaperones for each competition; Mr. Krueger and WBPA President will assist with recruiting volunteers through sign-up genius.
- Chaperones get free admission to competitions.

March Competition Snacks: Whitney Gillespie and Laura Dougherty, Co-Chairs

- Whitney and Laura will coordinate donations and organize volunteers to pack snack bags on Monday evenings before competitions.
- Culligan refillable containers w/ spigots will be used for competitions this year. Students should bring a water bottle.

Marching Band Props: Chris and Laura Houston, Chair

- No props for this year's show, however, we will be building fronts to be placed on the sideline to provide screens for the color guard to make costume and equipment changes.

Band Yard Signs: Jessica Manna

Senior Night: Deb and Jack Gifford, Marycarmen Madson and Jennifer Maddocks, Co-Chairs

Photographers: Jessica Manna has 3 volunteers, so far

Photograph Sales: Jodi Longmeyer will work with Mr. Krueger to set up an electronic site for viewing pictures. Whitney Gillespie inquired about the possibility of selling the marching band group photo that appears in the program.

NEXT MEETING: September 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM