

# **Waukesha South High School Band Booster Meeting**

November 17, 2011

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## **In Attendance**

Kim Rateike, Lisa Schmitt, Sharon Corrao, Andy Hacker, Barb Cleveland, Lauri Eckmann, Therese Westphal, Kim Bischel, Micki Metzger, John Hillmer, Bonnie Hillmer, Karen White, Wayne Vohnoutka, Gary Metzger, Steve Schmitt, Joanna Vohnoutka

## **Approval of Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Steve Schmidt.

The October minutes were reviewed and approved with three clarifications (90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is planned for spring of 2013, not 2012; remove direct reference to planned trip to Florida, instead make it vague "keep in mind that there may be a spring trip planned."; and cost of judges for marching band field shows was actually a range of between \$260-\$275 per judge. It was noted that the dollar amounts reported in the October minutes were consistent with earlier minutes, namely that totals from fundraisers, equipment costs, etc. are acceptable, whereas account balances (treasurer's report, ISA's) were to be kept off the minutes and confidential.

## **Fundraising**

Barb reported that Culvers Card sales are going to be pushed in the near term, and planned candy sale will be bumped to March to take advantage of sales at the WSMA Solo and Ensemble festival and school musical. There was general discussion about other ideas for fundraising in the spring.

Totals for the Citrus sale are still being tallied due to the volume of last minute forms. Delivery and distribution are still planned for December 2. ButterBraid sales were at 211 so far, with the goal of 250 to avoid \$50 shipping cost. The sales deadline was not imminent, so any additional sales are welcome and could push closer to the 250 threshold.

Poinsettia sales, though on the agenda, were not discussed.

## **Mr. Hacker's Comments**

Andy reported that he was able to get 4 sousaphones from Mr. Lunde at Horning, which can be used at no cost. They are painted all black.

Lauri prepared and presented the following statement about the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:

*“At this point there will be no further updates for the 90th Celebration during 2011-2012 school year. Both Mr. Hacker and I are in agreement that in order to best serve the importance of this event he needs to take this year and observe the program and the capabilities of the students. We will then revisit this topic in the fall of 2012 and at that point we will begin preparations for an event in late spring of 2013. It is our hope that this plan will allow Mr. Hacker to understand the many wonderful options that are available to us in regards to the students, the band programs and the many terrific WSMA ensembles that could also grace us with their presence at the 90th year celebration.”*

Some discussion followed relating to the desire to get alumni participation, using various databases and social media for contacts and mailings, and it was agreed to postpone any specifics until next year.

Andy has received 2 quotes for new drum line drums, one from Cascio and one from White House. He would like to go through Cascio because they have done nice work on the existing drums. The quote was \$13,300 for 6 snares, 3 tenors and 5 basses, harnesses and covers. This is a purchase that will last 10 years and should be purchased by June or July before band camp. Andy has also received a quote of \$2330 for new plumes and questioned if we should go ahead with the purchase. The plumes are red and taller and would improve field presence. Gary stated that he has received many positive comments about our current plumes. Andy stated that larger plumes are now popular with marching bands.

## **Finances**

Therese reported that she attended the general South Booster Meeting to get information regarding funds that might be available to us from the South Booster organization. She was unable to get a commitment from them for funds even though it appeared that their budget included \$750 for band uniforms. Kim B. suggested that we table this discussion and meet with the sports boosters and find out the status of receiving funds and that we should rethink working the concession stands if we are not included in their budget.

Bonnie Hillmer stated that WSMA is not on the school calendar and that we need to make sure that the cafeteria/auditorium will be available for warm ups.

Therese reported that she has a large scrip poster that can be put up in the school. If non-band students want to buy scrip the money will go to the general band account. She also reported that we are still waiting for some band fees to be paid. There is outstanding Miller Park money. When that comes in we can get people to use their funds for band fees.

Therese discussed the use of the safe and to remind the students that if they need gloves they will have to put the money for the gloves in the safe and not give it to Andy. There are extra gloves on hand if students need to borrow them.

There was general discussion about ISA's and the balances being listed. Kim B. stated that she is not comfortable with having people's names on the Treasurers sheets that are passed around. She would like to keep the details on her documents and if families need balances they can contact her. Steve stated that legally we cannot share information on ISA balances. It needs to be kept private and confidential. Lauri stated that Miller Park information has our names and balances on it and it was suggested that instead if a family needs a balance they can inquire by email. Therese stated that the ISA money that is raised belongs to the band. Kim B. suggested that we table the discussion and vote on it at a later date.

Miller Park had 89 non-profits participating. Kim R. has not heard back from many families yet regarding participation for next year. Andy would like to plan a parent night and include the Stem kids and Miller Park as a fundraising tool can be introduced to them.

Kim B. reported that there is a new store near Miller Park called GFS and that you get back a percentage of what you spend. She suggested that we consider using it instead of or in addition to Sam's Club.

### **New Business**

Carol said we need to remind the kids to keep track of their uniforms and that we should have some mechanism to keep track of bow ties, gloves and cummerbunds.

Carol is looking for concession help at the Girls Basketball games on December 1 and January 27<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed from 4:15 to 10-ish and parents who can help should contact her. Lisa asked if high school students are able to work and get volunteer hours.

South has a new color guard and visual performance staff for next year.

The "sleigh" for the Christmas parade is built and has lights. Gary will be driving. The theme is candy canes and we would like to hand out candy canes during the parade. Donations are needed from parents. Candy donations should be brought in on Sunday before the parade. Steve suggested that the sleigh could be brought up to the school for the Christmas program.

Gary motioned to skip the December booster meeting. Motion was seconded.

Motion to adjourn at 8:21 PM.