

# **Band Boosters Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, September 11, 2017**

Meeting was called to order by president Elisabeth Billman at 7:05 p.m.

## **I. Minutes from August 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

- Approved as written.

## **II. Treasurer's Report**

- Julie reported that the current balance is \$5,246.90. She noted that the Boosters had spent \$1,526 since the last meeting; \$300 for leadership training for Ms. Brings, and the remainder for instrument maintenance and repair.
- The membership approved the treasurer's report.

## **III. Old Business**

*a) The club's 501(c)(3) status is now in the review process with the IRS.*

*b) Budget shortfall*

- There will be a gap between the West Ada school district's allocation of funds and the actual cost to run the band program.
- The membership discussed parents' and supporters' ability to donate to the band program through the West Ada Foundation so that donations qualify for matching funds.

*c) Instrument repair was about \$275 less than anticipated.*

## **IV. New Business**

*a) Fundraisers:*

1) Because we could not confirm permission to hold last Saturday's family garage sale until the last minute, participation was less than normal.

2) The band has been given tickets to sell for the Centennial Boosters Gala.

- We also have the opportunity to donate a basket to the silent auction.
- The Boosters organization donates items that can be used over many years, as opposed to the West Ada Foundation, which requires that the donation be utilized during the current school year.

3) Spring Yard Sale/Carnival – This may take the place of the Band-Aid fundraiser.

- Possibly have games and a food truck.
- The membership discussed allowing profits from sales at the yard sale to go to the individual student who sold the items, then the boosters will transport leftovers to Savers and profits from that transaction stay with the club.

4) Dine-Out restaurant donations

- As soon as we receive 501(c)(3) status, we can sign up to have both Bardenay and Chipotle donate a percentage of any revenue from Centennial Band supporters.
- Supporters just need to inform the restaurant they want to support Centennial Band.

5) Linder Farms

- We have 1,000 tickets to sell, with the profits going directly to the individual student who sells the tickets.
- President Billman is checking for details on this program and will inform the membership.
- We will need a parent volunteer to track the sales.

6) Student leaders have coordinated a car wash for September 23<sup>rd</sup>, beginning after practice that morning and lasting until 4:00 p.m.

- The Jackson's Stinker station at the corner of Eagle and Chinden has agreed to provide the venue.
- Proceeds will be allocated to each student directly for them to use for the Yakima trip, according to the amount of time each student spends working.

7) We still have some Centennial Band car decals available at \$5.00.

*(b) Spiritwear*

- President Billman will send one additional e-mail to parents before placing orders.

*(c) District III Band Competition, October 28, 2017*

1) Nicole Ruby is chairing a committee to manage parent participation.

2) Night on the Hill.

- Night on the Hill is a performance for parents scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup>, the evening before DIII, or possibly October 26<sup>th</sup> if the football team makes play-offs.
- Parents decorate the band room.

3) We are in the 5A Small Schools category this year.

- Our performance time is set for 4:05 p.m., but parents will want to arrive early and check for time changes.
- Tickets can be purchased in advance from Ms. Brings to avoid long lines at the competition. They are \$12.00 for adults.
- Parents can purchase "Good Luck" ads in the program, with 50% of the cost going back to the band. Ms. Brings will e-mail forms to parents.

**V. Ms. Brings' Announcements**

*a) Fall Marching Band Banquet is tentatively set for November 7<sup>th</sup>.*

- Ms. Brings is checking with Arlin to see if he is available to cater.

*b) Group band photos turned out well.*

*c) Homecoming is September 29<sup>th</sup>*

- The Homecoming dance is the evening of the 30<sup>th</sup>. The Caldwell Marching Band Competition is September 30<sup>th</sup>, with our performance at approximately 3:00 p.m., so students need to make arrangements with Ms. Brings if they wish to leave early to get ready for the dance.

*d) Yakima Marching Band Trip is set for October 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

- Cost is \$140, and students need to return a signed permission form as soon as possible.
- Ms. Brings emphasized that students and/or parents should TALK TO HER if cost is an issue, rather than having a student not participate.

*e) In response to a parent question about opportunities for individual competition, Ms. Brings explained that All State auditions will take place the end of this month.*

*f) Brent Davis, Ms. Brings' assistant, worked with Spotlight Events to obtain a large donation of sound equipment.*

- The club had otherwise planned to purchase this equipment over the course of many years. The value of the equipment is approximately \$6,000.
- Although the donated equipment will make a significant improvement in the band's sound, a digital mixer would make the best use of the equipment. Ms. Brings has researched availability and prices for the club's consideration, and recommended a 32-channel model carried by Sweetwater Sound that sells for about \$1500.
- After discussion, the club approved a motion to purchase the mixer as follows:
  - Ms. Brings will first determine whether money currently allocated to a band trailer can be shifted towards purchase of the mixer.
  - If that money can be shifted, it would be used first, with the club then covering the balance, up to \$1500.
  - If the money allocated towards the trailer cannot be shifted, the club will still provide up to \$1500, which Ms. Brings was confident would cover the cost.

**VI. Meeting Adjourned at 8:25.**

**Next Meeting will be October 2, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the band room.**