

**Band Boosters Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 11, 2022 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was held in person in the band room and called to order by Co-Presidents Heather and Jaron DeWit with approximately 18 members present. Directors Kiley Coyne also present.

Agenda- WHS Band Booster Meeting

April 11, 2022

Welcome and Introductions

Secretary's Report – Liz Fladmark Mark motion to approved. Ginger second. All in approved.

Treasurer's Report – Aaron Levisay Heidi motion to approve, Dawn second. All approved

Director's Report – Kiley Coyne & Ben Harder (well, actually Mr. Harder is in Florida)-its been quiet with Florida trip. We have 3 rehearsals left Tuesday is Showcase, Wednesday is concert in Brandon, need concert blacks, Thursday is final jazz concert. Spring concert will have the orlando band perform. Senior recognition night. Symphonic band next year plays at graduation. 1pm be there by noon. Need volunteers for tickets for showcase and jazz band.

Marching band. Getting ready to send away the auditions and drill away. We are going to start working on props. Do we still have the bridge from 2019? we do not have it. Need 2 ramps. To a stage. Dont need to be movable. Need to know length. At one point all 18 color guard will be on it. Can we use the platforms from last year and add the ramps. 2 other things we need – a big ring and light enough to carry and gold. Need hammers and scrap metal. Working on getting measurements for the guard to order the uniforms. Marching band numbers are the same, large brass section.

Jazz band had dessert and playing in the commons. Like having one concert of the year that is more personal and different. We are doing dessert and jazz.

All state Jazz results. Lilly and Alexis-going May 5th in Brookings with Mr Harder

Combining freshmen and varsity band combined. Guitar class next year, Kiley and Ben will be helping teach due to the volume of students. 75 students signed up.

Committee Reports

Band Trip – Kiley-kids are on the way home

HyVee Cards/Batteries – Dawn Taborda-they are here

Scrip Cards – Linda Weidner Next scrip order is due: due 4/22

Fundraising – Kiley-Puffins are due 4/20

Concessions – Carey Deaver & Dawn Taborda-no update

Uniforms – Sheri Levisay-they are clean

Chaperones – Jan Questad, Ginger Pelley-they are in orlando and on the way home

Spirit Wear – Betsy Kringen & Linda Weidner-should start earlier this year, shorts year

Pit Crew – Brad Hoff-no update

Newsletter/Publicity – Amy Benda-hoping to find someone to take over the newsletter this summer, will do the May-does anyone want the newsletter?

Festival of Bands –Mark and Heidi Tooley-there is a meeting next week

Student Accounts – Jan Questad- Jan is in Florida no updates. Scholarship application due date is the 20th

WHS Booster Club – Sheila Hoff, Aaron Levisay- Sheila is in Florida.

Old Business

Survey Results

Bylaw review (even # years)-is in process

Nominating Committee-Liz keep doing notes. VP is up next year-volunteer positions open.

New Business

Group Me App and groups/ usage-create group me strictly for band events-group for chaperones. Then do a group me for the traveling. There are functions we don't use. Potential for Remind usage for notifications and updates. Band info and band chat group me

Upcoming Events

- **Thursday, April 7 -Monday, April 11 - Band/Choir Rotational Travel to Orlando, FL!**
- **Tuesday, April 19 - Showcase Concert at WHS 7pm Symphonic Band**
- **Wednesday, April 20 - Large Group Contest at Brandon Valley- Concert and Symphonic Bands**
- **Thursday, April 21 - Dessert and Jazz Concert, 7pm - WHS Commons**
- **Thursday - Saturday, May 5 - 7 - All State Jazz, All Day - Mitchell, SD**
- **Saturday, May 7 - All State Jazz Concert, 7pm - Mitchell Fine Arts Center**
- **Monday, May 16 - Spring Band Concert 7:00 PM at WHS (Seniors/Parents too)**
- **Sunday, May 29 - 1pm Graduation at Sioux Falls Arena (2022-2023 Symphonic Band)**

Not needed on this meeting but save for future meetings:

Band Cards –Seeking Volunteers for next year

Parent Preview –Seeking Volunteers for next year

Indoor Show, Pancake Feed & Raffle –Seeking Volunteers for next year

Warrior Band Legacy Database

Scholarship Program

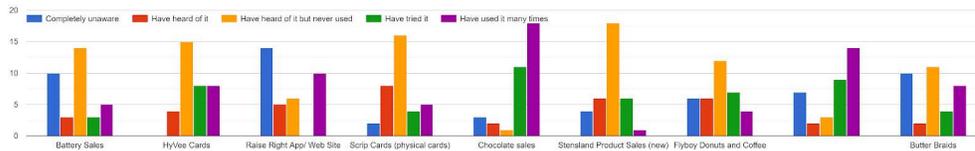
Bracelet Sales-Reminder to sell them at concerts

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Survey Results as of 3/2/22

(I did combine some comments and gather “big idea” rather than including all verbatim, in the effort to provide anonymity and make review easier.)

How familiar are you with the fundraising activities available to WHS Band students?



Categories:

Battery Sales

HyVee Cards

Raise Right/ Web

Scrip Cards

Chocolate Sales

Stensland Products

Flyboy Donuts and Coffee

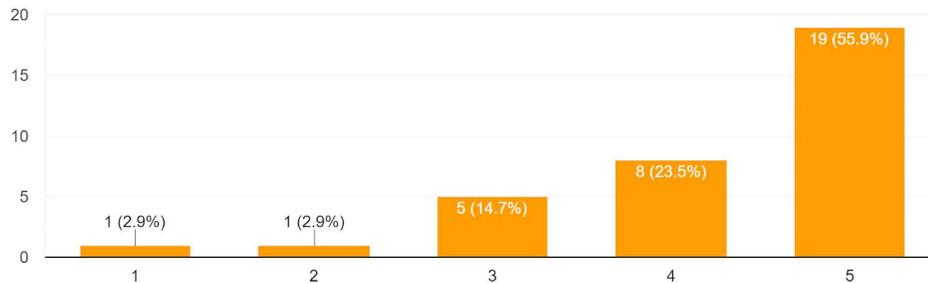
Band Fundraiser Cards (\$10 cards in the fall)

Butter Braids

Notes: include the year long ones in the icecream social on what it is and how to. Need to include the methods of communication.

How relevant and/or helpful is the monthly band newsletter for you?

34 responses

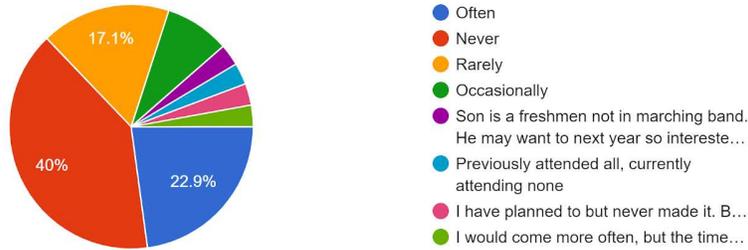


Additional Feedback Regarding the Monthly Newsletter and/or suggestions regarding modes of communication:

- I read all of the charms emails and utilize the Facebook page for updates.
- Happy to get the newsletter since I am no longer attending booster meetings.
- Please keep the monthly newsletter coming. Sometimes it's the only way that I have information about dates and times for events as well as a reference for links to easily get to the band website quickly. I really appreciate getting the monthly newsletter
- I appreciate the newsletter as it keeps me up to date on concerts and important dates. Still I'm somewhat confused about the overall fundraising goals and requirements. Also we are new to the area and I work from home - not many opportunities at all to fund raise. I would much rather give a donation and have the whole of it go to the band program.
- I like what we get. Remind would be nice

Do you attend the monthly Band Booster meeting on the 2nd Monday of every month at 7pm in the band room?

35 responses



Cut off purple category: Son is a freshmen not in marching band. He may want to next year so interested in attending and understanding fundraising options.

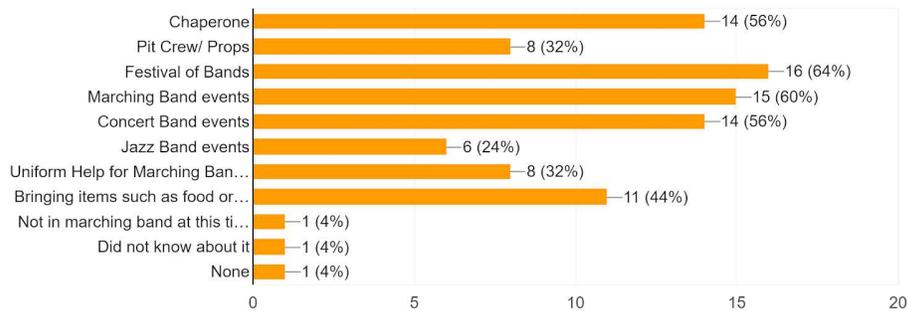
Pink: I have planned to but never made it. BSA Scouts is that night, and it has just so happened that I have needed to be at the meetings on the weeks of the booster meetings.

Green: I would come more often, but the time conflicts with another ongoing commitment I have on Mondays.

Notes: set up zoom option at the meetings to include more parents. Also record them to view later.

What is your volunteer experience with the WHS Band? Check all that apply.

25 responses



Cut off categories:

Uniform Help for Marching Band/ Sewing

Bringing items such as food or paper products for events

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If you attend meetings and/or volunteer, what are some of the reasons you do so? If you do not attend meetings and/or volunteer, what are some of the obstacles preventing you from doing so? (work schedule, interest, not sure where to start, busy, younger children, other, etc.?) Please share your experience.

- Reasons we volunteer:
 - Have time
 - Enjoy it x2
 - Like helping band kids x3
 - Support my kids x5
 - To be involved/ connected with other parents x6
 - Like being with directors
 - Had a great experience volunteering (specifically FOB)
 - Like being up to date/ informed x2
 - Enjoy watching performances
 - To be helpful and supportive x2
 - Band is important
 - Friends/ the People x2
 - There is a lot that is required of the band boosters. There are many opportunities to get involved - either a little bit or a lot. I want to and enjoy doing my part.
- Maybe use a remind text option to alert to a mtg or newsletter post.
- Reasons we don't volunteer or not as much as we would otherwise:
 - Work schedule x5
 - Don't feel welcome/ Some booster members make the organization

feel exclusive

- Don't feel like the work of volunteers is appreciated
- Busy with other school/ younger or older child activities/ supervision x3
- Not sure if my input is wanted in meetings
- Need short term commitments and most opportunities seem to take more time

Do you have any additional feedback?

- I think communication overload is great so newsletter, emails, and posts are important.
- Maybe a welcoming specific letter in early spring outlining band opportunities, involvement, fundraising needing to start for said opportunities. An intro to band, not just marching band.
- I really appreciate our core group of volunteers. I know it is likely a challenge to be as committed as they have all been. I just want them to know that we appreciate what they do for our kids
- Thank you for your support of the bands. It looks like WHS has a good program.
- I would love a training session for newbie parents on how to use the band website, such as Charms, ordering Scrip cards, etc.,(including a special session where the new parents are helped individually with setting up accounts for these and walked through everything step-by-step with an experienced parent).

Potential for core group to not jump on volunteering. Whole group needs to be inviting to parents to welcome them.

Parent rookie camp-set expectations on down time or busy time. Assign mentors to new parents could be around sections. Use remind more to direct to the group me.

Adjournment

A motion was made Debra seconded Betsy, and carried to end the meeting at approximately 8:28 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Liz Fladmark, Secretary.