

Holt Band Booster Meeting

August 21, 2012

Members Present: Nancy Buell (President), Anne Morey (Vice President), Jacki Fine (Secretary), Shari Langer (Treasurer), Tim and Jane White, Cyndi Est, Tim and Danette Velia, Dulcey Blevins, Brian Golz, Brian Smith, Jeanene Schierbecker, Rob Gleason, Cindy Ryberg, Lee Gorday, Dana and Larry Wysocky, Jeanie and Theimer Bontrager, Kris and Sarah Hagemeyer, Sonia Sullivan, Elizabeth Aston, Maggie Durant, James McCarty, Mary Collins, Dave and Tracy Dickherber, Melinda May, Manda Miller, Rosa and Mike Ramsey, Janet Younger, Scott Buell, Lori Gerlt, Ti Stevens, Tina Ashcraft, Jarrett Langer, Pam Dotson, Kathy and Tom Frkovic, Nancy Cromer, Michelle Hensel, Phaedra McKinnon-Borden, Howard Ashley (Wentzville Music), Eric and Jennifer Bartel, Tonya Staley, Tim Buescher, Susan Shortt, Dyanne Harvengt, Matt Albertson, Withan Lemmon, Renee Novak, Molly Adams, Carrie Dawson, Heather Lane, Kathy Kersting, Tracie Noel, Mike Buckman, Lori Weber, Mona Diebold, Tammy Brown, Sally Vikman, David Brawner, Cyndy Schwab, Vicki Davidson, Sheri Junker, Portia Helme, Mark Helme, Annette Griffith, Terri Davidson, Cheryl Maestas, Lisa A. Ball, Stefanie Brawner

A note to parents: If your child is in the Holt Band, you ARE a member of the Band Boosters. Thank you very much to all who attended this meeting!

Call to order was made at 7:05pm by Nancy Buell

Approval of prior month's minutes: Jennifer Bartel made a motion to approve the July minutes. Seconded by Pam Dotson and approved by the membership.

Financial Report: Shari Langer reported that Charms financial information is not current as of August. She will update with Scrip sales and parking lot fundraiser soon. The current balances are \$34, 211.78 in the checking account, \$5328.50 in savings, \$150.00 start up cash for a total of \$39, 690.28.

Scrip Report: Pam Dotson reported that \$18, 000.00 sold for a profit of \$ 627.00. Scrip can be purchased at Thursday rehearsals. Pam explained the profit breakdown for the band and individual student accounts.

Old Business:

Parking Lot Fundraiser: Made about \$2000.00 on Saturday. It will break down to approx. \$70.00 per shift worked. There will be more opportunities for parking lot fundraisers in the future. We have been asked to work for the Art Festival and Oktoberfest. Oktoberfest conflicts with a competition so we have turned that opportunity down. Watch Charms for further opportunities. This is an easy way to make some money for your student's band account.

New Business:

Booster Board Members were introduced.

Calendar Updates: Thursday practices will be from 6:00-8:30 pm on Thursdays after this week. The time this week will be 6:30-8:30 because of Holt Open House. There is a football game on Friday and the Wabash Days Parade on Saturday. Kids will wear yellow band t-shirt and khaki shorts with white socks. Time schedules for both events will be e-mailed to members. Check Charms for volunteer needs for these events.

Please check Charms often for volunteer opportunities. Please ask if you need your student' ID #.

Fundraising Report: Cheesecake sales will be starting soon for Sept/Oct and poinsettia sales will take place after that for Oct/Nov. These are very popular fundraisers and all band members are encouraged to participate. The profit structure for fundraisers was explained for new parents. 25% of the profit goes to the band general fund. 75% of the profit goes into individual band member accounts. This is a great opportunity to pay band fees easily.

Competition Day and Uniform Care: What a competition day looks like will depend on the schedule for each competition. In general, though the band members will report to school in the morning for warm up and practice. They will get at least one meal, often more depending on the schedule and some snacks as well. Students may not eat or drink while in uniform except for water. They should wear the blue band t-shirt under their uniform. All students receive one shirt and additional ones can be purchased through spirit wear. All students also need to wear black socks. We recommend putting several pairs of black socks in their band bag. Hair must be up and not touch the collar. No jewelry or nail polish is allowed. Students will check out their shakos (hats) before leaving school. The rest of the uniform will be checked out once we arrive at the competition. It is VERY important that students do not adjust their band uniforms themselves. They should let the parent volunteer know what they need so it can be taken care of. Please let the volunteers know if anything needs repair as well. The uniforms are old and need to be taken care of well. Students will not get in trouble for uniform issues unless it is due to carelessness, but they are expected to be responsible for all of their equipment and uniforms. Most competitions have two parts, preliminary and finals. Bands perform once, and then get results. Mr. Cunningham will draw for the finals time and the food and uniform schedule will be adjusted accordingly. Please ask if you have questions...this is a lot of information.

We need all parents to sign permission forms for their child to eat food provided by the band. If you have not received and returned this form, it will be sent in an e-mail.

Spirit Wear: Students will soon be getting band shirts with this year's theme. Parents may purchase the same shirt in a different color. You can sign up tonight or let Kathy Frkovic know that you would like shirts and the sizes. lsfrkovic@gmail.com

Guard Report: Uniforms are in and will be ready for competitions. We are still working on flags.

Charms: David Brawner provided Charms tutorial. If you need your child's ID to log in, you can reply to any e-mail that you receive and it will be sent to you along with directions for logging in. The school code will be changed soon and when it changes an e-mail notification will be sent. For now the school code is WentzHoltHSBand. You can sync the band calendar to your i-phone. If we have your cell carrier,

we can, send you a text when we are on the way home from competitions. Feel free to e-mail David if you need help with Charms. dbrowner@prettysnazy.net

Andrew Buell showed many of the features of Charms that are useful to students such as blank sheet music, a metronome and show information.

Shari Langer showed some financial features and how to look up band payment balances and fund raising profits. She will be sending band statements soon. Please let us know if you have questions.

Football Concessions: The question was raised about the possibility of the band being able to sell concessions and receive profit at football games. Stefanie Brawner is the concession manager. She explained that the football team really doesn't receive much profit from concessions. The money goes to all sports for buses, uniforms, field maintenance etc. When there is profit, items are purchased that benefit everyone such as weight room equipment or field improvements.

Director's Report: Mr. Cunningham thanked everyone for their patience and support!! There are currently about 205 members of the HS band and about 300 at the middle school. Ms. Musket from FMS helps before and after school and at evening practices.

Mr. Cunningham needs all parents to read the band handbook and sign the acknowledgement form. The handbook and form can be found on Charms. Please reply to any e-mail if you need your Charms ID to access this information. This form must be returned by the football game on 9/14/12.

The times for the football game and the Wabash Days Parade will be sent tonight in an e-mail. Expect to see about 1/6 of the marching show at the first football game along with the fight song.

The trailer is in the process of being ordered. The district will be able to provide a truck to pull the trailer. Tim White also offered his truck if needed. Thanks Tim!!

Thursday practices begin at 6:00. 6:00 means that this is the time the band will begin to troop to the football field. Students must arrive early enough to be ready to march at 6:00. Students like to have themes for the Thursday night rehearsals, but these will be limited this year because they can become distracting.

Farmington Competition is 9/22. This is one and done meaning the band will only perform once. There will not be finals.

Fort Zumwalt North on 10/6. There are preliminaries and finals at this competition. It will be a long day. Our preliminary performance will be around 10:30am and finals do not begin until 7:00pm. Students will be able to watch other band s performs. Some students will leave for sporting events during the day. Please let Mr. Cunningham know if your student has an issue.

Potosi competition is 10/13. There are preliminaries and finals.

BOA is at the Edward Jones Dome on 10/20. We drew an early time block. We will be leaving Holt very early that day.

MU: No information available yet. There are preliminaries and finals.

10/27/12 There will be no competition this day. There was originally a practice scheduled this day, however it is an ACT test administration day, so the practice has been cancelled. There is a football game the night before.

Mr. Cunningham will probably be sending a permission form so he is able to text students. Information about this will be sent via e-mail and Charms.

April 8: Boston Brass will be here for a one day clinic and performance. Clinics will be provided for HS and middle school and the performance will be in the evening. Tickets will be sold for this event. The cost is around \$9000.00. Some will be sponsored and tickets will be sold. You can learn more about Boston Brass at bostonbrass.com

Sectionals: Mr. Cunningham gave the schedule for the required sectionals. Some sections have two sectionals per week, but only one is required. The other is recommended. Kids who have sports that conflict with sectionals should go to the sport. Mr. Cunningham has the sport schedules. Students do not need to notify him every time they miss sectionals for a scheduled sport activity.

Upcoming Events:

Next Parents Meeting is Tuesday 9/11/12 at 7:00 pm in the band room.

Please plan to attend the above meetings and please mark your calendar for the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the band room.

Meeting Adjournment 8:45pm: This was a long meeting including an excess amount of information. Most meetings are less than one hour. Thank you for your attendance!!- Motion to adjourn was made by Brian Smith with second by David Brawner.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jacki Fine, Secretary

Wentzville Holt Indian Band

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