

Holt Band Booster Meeting

April 9, 2013

Members Present: Jim Cunningham (Band Director), Nancy Buell (President), Shari Langer (Treasurer), Jacki Fine (Secretary), Kathy Frkovic, Amy Bourland, Lori Weber, Tammy Brown, Tim and Jane White, Matt Albertson, Scott Buell, Brian Smith, Mike Buckner, Sally Vikman, Manda Miller, Molly Adams and many incoming band parents

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 7:10 pm by Nancy Buell. New parent orientation was first order of business. Notes follow the Booster Meeting minutes.

Approval of prior month's minutes: Motion was made to accept the March minutes by Tim White. Seconded by Manda Miller and the minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Shari Langer presented the account balances and budget summary. There is currently \$28,161.78 in checking, \$5,330.38 in savings and \$150.00 start cash with a balance of \$33,642.16. The financial report does not include income or expenses connected to Boston Brass.

Scrip Report: Scrip profit share has been changed to 75-25% like all other fundraisers. This was approved on 2/13/13. Janet Schott gave Scrip report.

Old Business:

Fundraising Report: Marcus Spiegel was not present. Information about fundraising was presented to incoming parents.

Winter Guard: Congratulations to the guard! They have been doing a great job and have moved up two classes this year! They are now Scholastic A.

Upcoming performances:

State Music Festival-4/ 27 in Columbia.

New Business:

Elections: A current nomination for President is Nancy Buell, Vice President is Jennifer Smith and Secretary is Jacki Fine. Lori Weber accepted the nominations as presented. Seconded by Kathy Frkovic. The nominees were elected by the membership.

We are still taking nominations for Treasurer and we will have a special election in May. If you are interested in any elected or appointed positions, please let a board member know. This is a great time to run for Treasurer. The current Treasurer, Shari Langer will work very closely with you. Her son will be a

senior next year, so please consider this great opportunity to support the band while Shari is here to work right beside you!!

Elected Officers:

President: Nancy Buell

Vice President: Jennifer Smith

Treasurer: **open**

Secretary: Jacki Fine

Appointed Members:

External Communications Manager

Food and Beverage Manager

Fundraising Manager

Guard Manager

Volunteer Manager

Freshman Class Representative

Sophomore Class Representative

Director's Report: Mr. Cunningham gave a presentation to incoming band parents. Notes are included after the minutes. All incoming and current band students will receive the band packet if you have not already. Please let us know anytime you have questions.

Next Parents Meeting is Tuesday May 14, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Band Room. Election for Treasurer will take place at this meeting.

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

Meeting Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. The motion was made by Tim White and seconded by Kathy Frkovic.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jacki Fine, Secretary

Wentzville Holt Indian Band

<http://holtbands.org>

Incoming Band Parent Orientation

(Presented by Jim Cunningham)

Mr. Cunningham covered a lot of information. Please don't let it overwhelm you and please feel free to ask questions anytime. All parents should have received a band packet. If you were present at this meeting, it was available. If not, you should have received it in the mail. If you did not receive the information, please let us know. The easiest way would be to simply reply to this e-mail.

Boston Brass quote: "You get out of band what you put into it."

Marching season takes place from July-November. It is an intense time, but very rewarding.

After marching season is over, the band stays together for the Winter Concert. In 2nd semester, the kids audition and some kids will be in the Concert Band and others in the Symphonic Band. Both bands are awesome!! It's too much to have a 200+ member concert band though. Other opportunities in the 2nd semester are Pep Band that performs for basketball games. They do not perform at every game and pep band is voluntary. Students may audition for the Jazz Band. The Jazz Band continues to practice in the mornings and has various school and community performance opportunities in the 2nd semester. Winter Guard is also auditioned and is not part of the school day in the 2nd semester. Students who participate in the color guard during marching season may participate in band 2nd semester. Even if students are in guard in the fall, they still audition if they want to be in Winter Guard.

In the 2nd semester, kids may participate in solo and ensemble festival and district and state honor bands.

student commitment-Academics are a priority and band kids help each other. If your child is struggling in any school subject, let Mr. C. know and he will find someone in the band to help. If a student receives 2 semester F's, they may not participate in contests. Time management is essential. Students participate in rehearsals, individual practice, performances (a lot in the fall, less in 2nd semester). It is possible and many students say they have an easier time managing it in the fall because they just need to and the structure helps them stay on task. Students are held to high standards of behavior and conduct, but we have very few problems. The band is an awesome group of kids!!

parent commitment-It takes a lot to run a band of this size. Parent involvement is encouraged. Please help as much as you can, but we appreciate anything that you do. Please provide positive, optimistic support. Please understand the financial obligations and please ask questions anytime. The financial obligations are outlined in the band packet. It is a lot of information. . Please ask questions.

Calendar-There is a calendar in the band packet and it is on the band website holtbands.org . The calendar may change. Mr. C. will send home a gold calendar on the first day of school. That will be the confirmed calendar in the fall and he will send another in January to confirm the second semester. Times listed on the calendar are performance times, not report times. Please watch your e-mail. It is the

primary way we will communicate with parents and Mr. C. will communicate information to the kids. On the calendar, anything in italics is voluntary. All others are mandatory and performances are **Bold**.

Summer Calendar-

dead week is 6/15-6/23. Mr. C. may not have any contact with the kids and no one can come to school.

7/2 and 7/3 are parade rehearsals. These are not mandatory, but all are welcome even new band students. It is a great way to get involved before band camp.

7/4 parade in Wentzville

Percussion and guard camps in July-dates are not set yet

Playing rehearsals are not mandatory. Kids get familiar with show music.

Band Camp **all forms are due the first day of Band Camp!!! We need your emergency info!!!******

7/19 freshman and new band student camp. Section leaders also come to this camp.

7/22-8/2 Full Band Camp-times for the first week will be 8:00-3:00, 2nd week is 7:00-2:00. Students in summer school should come to band camp as soon as they are finished with summer school each day. Lunch is 30 minutes. Please bring a lunch. If anyone does leave, they need to be back on time and no student may ride with another student without written parental permission.

Please check the band packet for other important dates.

7/16-7/18 uniform measurement.

Thursday rehearsals during marching season-6:00-8:30pm Times on 8/15 and 8/22 may change.

11/1-football game says TBD. We won't know until the week before. It depends on team record.

Playoff Games-Team has to win to play. The school does require the band to perform, but we won't know the schedule until right before.

Marching Festivals (we will do 2 of the TBA dates)

9/21 Farmington

9/28 TBA

10/5 Blue Springs

10/11 & 10/12 Homecoming game and parade

10/19 BOA (Bands of America)

10/26 TBA

11/2 TBA

Itineraries for marching festivals will be e-mailed Tue or Wed. before the contest.

Football games are at 7:00. Kids should arrive at school at 5:30. The National anthem is at 6:55. Marching performance at half time.

Pageant of Bands and state large ensemble dates might change.

ACT-Please do not plan to take the ACT on marching festival dates. There are plenty of other options.

During school days-practices every day at 6:30 am through the end of 1st hour no matter what the weather is doing. We will be inside if weather is an issue, but practice will never be cancelled. This begins the 2nd day of school and goes through the last marching contest. If you need help with a ride, let Mr. C. know and he will find someone to help you.

Sectionals take place from 2:30-3:15 once a week. Day depends on the section. These end in time for students to ride the Activity Bus if needed.

Please see the band packet for Band Camp Survival information. Please dress in light colors and wear shorts. Students must wear tennis shoes with socks! This is for safety and comfort. Hats, sunglasses and sunscreen should be worn. We follow rules for heat and hydrate kids constantly with water and Gatorade. Please have students eat a healthy breakfast and bring a healthy lunch and snacks. Students should be well rested, prepared and on time. There is a Band Camp Survivor party the last day of band camp.

Band Fees-Please see the band packet for fee information. Please let us know if you have questions. We have the lowest fees in the area and we provide many fundraising opportunities to help with band fees. Many people are able to make all of their band payments through fundraising.

Forms- **All forms must be turned in the first day of Band Camp!!!** These forms are Information Sheet and Consent to Travel. If you include your cell carrier on the info forms, we can text you while at contests. Times may change depending on finals schedules. Most contests have Prelims and Finals. We won't know if we make finals until after the prelims are over.

Volunteer Forms must be completed in order to help at band events. The form is for the whole district and must be done every year. Let us know if you turn in Volunteer Forms at another district school. The forms are included in your band packet and are also available on the district website.

If students take medication, a medical form must be filled out by a doctor and turned in to the school nurse.

Charms-There is information in your band packet about Charms including your Charms ID. Charms is our information system. Please let us know if you have questions. You may also reply to any e-mail that you get if you need help with Charms or need your Charms ID.

Band Boosters-All band parents are automatically part of the Band Boosters. Meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month. Mark your calendars!!

Fundraising-This is a great way to pay or offset band fees. Profits go directly to your band account.

Cheesecake Sales-October

Poinsettia Sales-November and December

Scrip-Gift Cards that you can use to make your purchases and band profits. You pay the face value of the gift card for money you spend anyway.

Parking lot-sell spaces for parking at events such as Festival of the Little Hills.

The profit split for the above fundraisers is 75% of the profit to your band account and 25% to the band general fund.

The next trip year will be 2015. The cost per student will be approximately \$450.00. Please start planning for this now.

Sponsorship-This is a way for businesses to financially support the band and get advertising for themselves. See the website for more information or contact Sally Vikman.

Please see the band packet for more information. Please let us know if you did not get a packet. Please let the Band Boosters or Mr. Cunningham know if you have any questions anytime. Welcome to the Wentzville Holt Band!!!! We are so glad you are here!!