

Band Booster Executive Board Combined with General Meeting

Leader: Mark Duker

Discussion

Call to Order

The meeting called to order 1/10/17 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Mark Duker moves to approve, and Kim Powell seconds the motion.

Attendance

Traffic issues made many members late.

Treasurer's report

- Graduated guard members balances added to General Fund

Director's Reports

Curricular Ensembles

- This Thursday will be the fourteenth annual Meet-the-Artist Concert featuring guest artist Brian Neal from Miami-Dade College and all of the WV freshman ensembles. Brian is a fantastic trumpet artist and we are looking forward to hearing him perform with our 9th grade class!
- Eric Caldwell, Tom Cassidy, Marie Dix, Jill Elkins, Eric Esch, Jake Truckenbrod, Danny Wilczynski, and Abbie Zimmerman will be representing WVHS Bands at the ILMEA All-State Festival on January 25-28. Congratulations to them on their selection for this prestigious honor. We are also proud to note that WVHS had the second highest number of ILMEA All-State selectees of any high school in Illinois!
- On February 20, the Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony will participate in the annual District 204 Organizational Festival at Neuqua Valley. Our clinician this year will be Steve Peterson from the University of Illinois. Both groups will have the opportunity to perform, receive a clinic, and watch two other bands from our sister high schools.
- When is the last time your child played their instrument for you at home? If it's been awhile, ask them to do it, even just for a minute or two. Home practice is much more effective if students have a sense that it is productive. Encourage them with positive reinforcement and help them realize the progress they've made over the years! If you have a "reluctant practicer" at your house, please contact a director for suggestions on what they can do to enjoy that time!

Spain Tour

- In December we rolled out the band international tour to Spain, which will take place next December into January. We are really excited about this trip, and sure that it will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience!
- All materials are posted on the music department website, so please check out the itinerary if you were unable to make the meeting.
- Registration for the trip is open until Tuesday, January 17. Please feel free to contact any of the band directors if you have questions regarding the trip.

Solo and Ensemble

- Registration is due tonight and help sessions are getting started soon! Here is the breakdown of how many help sessions each student needs:
 - Students who take private lessons and are playing a solo: 2 sessions
 - Students who do not take private lessons and are playing a solo: 4 sessions
 - All ensembles except for the ones being rehearsed in class: 4 sessions
- Any student who requested an accompanist from WVHS will be assigned one, and will be signing up for 2 accompanist rehearsal times.
- The District 204 Solo and Ensemble festival will take place at Waubonsie Valley High School on February 25. We need of parent volunteers to help throughout the day.

Jazz

- Congratulations to all of the jazz students for outstanding performance at the Java Jazz concert last month!
- The Jazz Band will be performing on January 24th at Base Camp in Lisle.
- All three jazz bands will again be performing on the WV stage next month, on Wednesday, February 22.
- Students are encouraged to listen to significant jazz artists as often as possible to continue developing their concept of this American art form.

World Beat & Percussion Ensemble

- SCHLAGZEUGFEST! 2017 will take place this Saturday, January 14. This exciting day will feature clinics and performances throughout the day, as well as activities and social time for about 20 middle school students from District 204. The festivities will conclude with the Schlagzeugfest Concert featuring the middle school students, all four WV Percussion Sections, the WV Percussion Ensemble & World Beat, and Steelbands! It will be an amazing day of music!
- On January 27th the Percussion Ensemble will travelling to Peoria to present a performance clinic with Mr. Dandelees entitled "A Festival of Hitting Things and Other Strategies for Creating a Culture of Excellence in Your Percussion Section." The ensemble will be performing a number of selections to show variety in programming.
 - We are need of a volunteer or two to drive the truck.

- The Spring Percussion Concert is coming up quickly! The date is March 23rd and will feature the Percussion Ensemble, World Beat and Steelbands!

Pep Band

The Alumni and 8th Grade Night is scheduled for Friday, January 20th. We will be hosting a battalion of 8th grade musicians as we cheer on the Warriors against Naperville North. WV students will speak with the 8th graders and make them to feel welcome and excited about high school music. Of course eating together goes a long way towards building relationships, and we believe the night will be fun for all.

President's Report

- We need a new Prism chair

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Partnering ideas for all of our events; awards, solo & ensemble, craft fair.
- 8th Grade Open House – January 17
- Request/approve \$250 for WVPE trip to IMEC (truck and handouts)

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting

- Next General Meeting – February 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Band Room.