

Band Booster Executive Board Combined with General Meeting

Leader: Mark Duker

Discussion

Call to Order

The meeting called to order 2/7/17 at 7:01 PM.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Mark Duker moves to approve, and several members second the motion.

Attendance

Amy Keppler, Lori Stoakes, Donna Elkins, Kathy Szela, Jennifer Cassidy, Amy Brozak, Cheryl Wilczynski, John Ehrich, Catherine Diefenderfer, Kim Powell, and Stephanie Keys.

Treasurer's report

- Overview of the report was shared; no questions from members.

Director's Reports

Curricular Ensembles

- Eric Caldwell, Tom Cassidy, Marie Dix, Jill Elkins, Eric Esch, Jake Truckenbrod, Danny Wilczynski, and Abbie Zimmerman represented WVHS Bands at the ILMEA All-State Festival on January 25-28. Congratulations to them on their selection for this prestigious honor. Jacob Truckenbrod earned the lead trombone seat in the All-State Honors Jazz Band. In addition, our Percussion Ensemble and Mr. Dandeles did an awesome job performing and presenting their clinic, "Schlagzeugfest!" to a full house of music educators.
- 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. The students will also have the pleasure of hearing the University of Illinois' top wind ensemble, the Wind Symphony.
- Our Music in our Schools Month Concert is Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m. It will feature Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Symphony.
- Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. is our Varsity Concert at Wentz Hall on the campus of North Central College. Wind Ensemble will perform as well as Varsity Chamber choir and Chamber Strings.

- 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 closed. Currently, we have over 100 travelers. Please feel free to contact any of the band directors if you have questions regarding the trip.

Solo and Ensemble

- Registration is closed and help sessions are started! 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 first accompanist rehearsals are either this Thursday, February 9 or this Friday, February 10.
- The District 204 Solo and Ensemble festival will take place here at Waubonsie Valley High School on February 25.
- Since we will be hosting again this year, we need parent volunteers to help throughout the day.

Jazz

- The Jazz Band performed on January 24th at Base Camp in Lisle. Our kids did great and had a truly unique experience.
- All three jazz bands will again be performing on the WV stage this 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

- On January 27th the Percussion Ensemble traveled to Peoria to present a performance clinic with Mr. Dandeleo entitled "A Festival of Hitting Things and Other Strategies for Creating a Culture of Excellence in Your Percussion Section." The ensemble will be performed a number of selections to show variety in programming and were amazing! Despite a truck snafu!

- 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

- Our last two regular season basketball game performances are tonight and this Thursday night. Thursday is also Senior Night.

President's Report

- WVHS music posters throughout WVHS as well as elementary and middle schools are well received. Much positive feedback.

Vice-President's Report

- Successful t-shirt sales at 8th grade night.

Old Business

- Committee shadow assignments and open assignments reviewed
- Discussion about student fees not paid upon Graduation
- Soon students will receive information regarding awards for this school year

New Business

- Scholarship form will be sent out for review and discussion prior to being made available to students. Recipients will be informed before the end of spring break this year to further accommodate summer scheduling.
- Solo & Ensemble practice sessions with accompanists are under way.
- Student volunteer sign up and account earnings for Craft Fair participation discussed.
- Summer band camps are a great opportunity for students.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

Next Meeting

- Next General Meeting – March 14 at 7:00 PM in the Band Room.