



Westfield High School Band Booster General Membership Meeting 2011-2012

September 26, 2011

Call to Order- Murri Serbu at 7:31 pm

President's report- Murri Serbu

- Murri welcomed everyone. She congratulated all the students and parents for a great job at the performance on Saturday night. She continued to say how nice the show is and how much work Mr. Panoff has put into making this year's show a successful one.
- Please remember we have a competition this Saturday, Oct 1 at Battlefield. We perform at 9pm. All parents, family and band fans are encouraged to attend and to wear your black and gold
- October 3 the students will not have after school practice and depending on how things go they may also have Oct 4th off from practice
- October 6, we have a home game. Please note this is a Thursday night game. This game is also 8th grade night when we have invited the students from our feeder middle schools to sit with the band and enjoy the marching band experience
- October 14th is homecoming. The school has a homecoming parade and the band marches in the parade. The parade is a circular route beginning at Cub Run Elementary school. We will need help getting the kids to Cub Run along with their instruments. The school will provide two buses to get the students to Cub Run. Since we need 5 buses to transport the band, parents are encouraged to drive their students to Cub Run if possible. A request for volunteers to assist with the parade will be on Sign up Genius soon.
- October 22nd we have a competition at Parkview HS in Sterling. We do not yet know what time we will perform. It will be added to the webpage as soon as we know
- October 29th we have our VBODA competition at West Springfield HS. We will find out what time we perform as soon as possible.
- The football game on November 4th will be senior night
- For the Oct. 21 and 28th football games, we will take student volunteers for a pep band. The school will provide one bus for our band.
- The spring trip destination is still not confirmed but it is tentatively scheduled for April 18th to 22nd.
- You have probably already seen we are starting a parent band. If you are interested in playing please let Murri know. The plan is to have the parents play as a dessert concert and possible fund raiser for the band.
- We are planning to sell band spirit wear at our upcoming concerts

Treasurer's report- Jim Plymyer

- Jim introduced himself
- We operate a budget of about 100K. Our fees do not cover our expenses which is why we do fundraising
- We have paid the uniform company in full for the new uniforms. We had to take out a loan and we are now working to pay off the loan. Fund raising will continue to accomplish this goal.
- We have been doing well this year with the 50/50 raffle and the spirit nights at various restaurants

Social Event Director's report- Sue Comer

- Sue introduced herself
- Sue plans all social events we have. She organized the pool party, the Rita's fruit ice at the initial band meeting in August and the pizza for the students on the 17th band camp day
- Our next upcoming event will be 8th grade night, when we have invited the 8th grade students from our feeder middle schools to attend a football game with the marching band. This year 8th grade night is Thursday, October 6th. Sue will need help to serve pizza to all the students. More information will follow soon.

Secretary's report- Mary Coleman

- Mary introduced herself
- Mary has worked to get an article about our band in the Centreville Patch. We also will have an article in the Centreview newspaper and the school newspaper the Watchdog. We are placing these articles in the newspaper to draw attention to our new uniforms and possibly can support from the community
- Mary updates the webpage calendar. As soon as she is informed of events she will place as much information as she can on the webpage calendar. Please be sure and check the calendar for band activities
- Mary is also responsible for taking meeting minutes at all of our meetings. They will be placed on our webpage for members to review if they miss a meeting.

Marching Band Chairperson's report- KT Tarro

- KT introduced herself
- KT thanked everyone for their help thus far with marching season. She appreciates the parent help and their patience with her. We would not be able to have a successful marching program if it were not for the parent volunteers.
- KT expressed our need for additional parents to help with the pit for competitions. Ideally we need 25 parents to get the equipment moved to from and prior to the show. This past weekend we were fortunate and had a group of student alumni who helped get the band out on the field but we cannot count on that for every competition, so we really need parents to volunteer to help. A suggestion was made by a parent to hand out information for upcoming volunteer needs to parents waiting at the school to pick up their students after a completion or game.
- KT also suggested we may be able to find a local moving company that would be willing to work with the band to transport our equipment to competitions if we had a parent willing to call the companies and see if they are interested in supporting us. If you are interested in contacting possible companies, please contact Murri Serbu
- KT will be updating Sign up Genius to show our upcoming events. If you are not already registered, please go to Signupgenius.com and sign up to help. Our events are listed under Westfield Marching Band Volunteers/Chaperones and Uniform Help

Vice President report- Kym Sunday

- Kym introduced herself
- Kym backs up Murri as needed for the band boosters
- We plan to implement a feedback form after events. You may receive an email in the future asking you to give us your thoughts and feedback on an event.

Volunteer Committee Chairperson's report- Rae Layton

- Rae introduced herself
- KT is currently coordinating volunteers, Rae will begin to transition into the position
- Rae is the chair of the 50/50 raffle. She has recruited parents from the football team to help with the 50/50 raffle
- Oct. 8th we will have another car wash at Chick fil A. We need a parents to volunteer to help with this event

Director Support report- Theresa Carpenter

- Theresa had to leave unexpectedly
- Murri reported our goal is to begin to use Charms for more band information. Charms is a data base program which has a lot of functionality appropriate for bands. We will begin to implement its' use and we will let parents know as we use it for various parts of our organization.

Trip Coordinator report- Valerie Tucker

- Valerie introduced herself
- A destination for our spring trip has not yet been announced
- Valerie keeps track of parents payments for the spring trip
- Valerie also coordinates all the necessary paperwork for the trips
- We will need chaperones for our trip

Murri then opened the floor up to general questions and discussion. The following questions were asked:

When do the bands practice after school when marching band is over?

Mr. Panoff has not yet released the schedule for after school practice however, typically concert band practices on Tuesday and symphonic band and wind symphony practice on Wednesday. As soon as Mary receives the information from Mr. Panoff she will place it on the band calendar

How do the students know when practice will be held?

Mr. Panoff maintains a calendar on the far wall of the band room for all students to review

What is VBODA?

VBODA is the Virginia Band & Orchestra Directors Association. It is a unit of the Virginia Music Educators Association. They are responsible for marching band assessments at various state events and for concert festival assessments.

How do we become an honor band?

Honor band is a two phase process. Our marching band is adjudicated at a VBODA event in the fall. We must receive a score of superior. Step two we are adjudicated at festival in the spring. Our wind symphony must receive a score of superior. When we complete both of these steps we are determined to be an honor band.
The meeting ended at 6:28 pm.

How can spring athletes coordinate participation in both band and their sport?

Band is a co-curricular class. As such students are required to attend after school practices and concerts. If a student is in a spring sport they need to let Mr. Panoff know and coordinate with him.

What is the music booster group?

The music boosters are the umbrella organization for the band, orchestra, chorus and guitar at Westfield. The music boosters coordinate scrip sales, the fall fruit sale, the music booster participation in Bulldog BBQ and Tag day.

Does someone record concerts?

Yes the band has a company record the audio for our concerts. Parents can order the cd from the company prior to the concerts.

What is the scrip program?

The scrip program is run by the Westfield Music Boosters. You have more than 500 retailers to choose from – groceries, clothing, entertainment, gasoline, dining out and even travel! You purchase gift cards from many retailers and your band students receive the benefit. For more information see our webpage at http://www.westfieldband.org/documents/search_result.html and search scrip.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Coleman
Secretary