

August 22, 2019 – Band Parent Organization Meeting Minutes

Introductions of new officers

- Julie Brown – Chair Person (Phone Number: 618-971-5072)
- Michael Donaldson – Secretary (Phone Number: 618-334-7479)
- Teri Gregory – Treasurer

Review of last year's and last meeting's meeting

- Old and current needs
- Additional 2019 focus is a smooth transition for Rodney and new teacher

Budget

- Current balance: \$4,025
- Donation from travel company's bus contractor of \$500; there were some issues with an older bus
- Current need – New band trailer Vinyl Graphics
 - Estimate \$1,400
 - Agreed it is needed if funding is available
 - Rodney will submit to the school first
- CutTime subscription: Software Rodney uses to communicate with parents. Needed right away. \$99.00 (approved)

Annual Program Overview by Rodney

- Three primary funding streams for the program; funding can come from one or all streams as funds are available
 - School (tax) funds
 - Band Account (student fundraisers)
 - Band Parent Account
- Communication streams
 - Remind – mainly for students
 - CutTime – mainly for parents and sponsors
- Websites
 - Official School: www.wesclihnsband.weebly.com
 - Band Parent Organization: <http://wesclihnsband.weebly.com/>
 - Official Band Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wesclihnsband/>
 - NOTE: there are personal band pages, but not updated by Rodney or Band Parents. This is the official page
- Band Fees
 - There is an optional \$30 fee to cover miscellaneous general needs throughout the year. Rodney can bill you item by item throughout the year if one prefers.
- Spirit Wear
 - Rodney will offer for both kids and parents
- Water and Snacks
 - Don't need water and have no space at this time
 - Snacks are ok for now, but might need more in later Sept/Oct
- Fundraisers guidelines
 - Should be parent focused as the kids volunteer for the band account fundraising

- Need to look at the return on investment versus volunteer time
- Remember local businesses are getting hit up by multiple school clubs
- Assistance – Need volunteers for:
 - Chaperones, football games, football announcer, videographer, photographer,
 - Please let Rodney or officer know what you can do to help
- Needs:
 - Trailer Decal
 - Percussion coach (also need to pay for last year; he was forgotten)
 - Silks
 - BIGGEST – Need help building a platform for the 2019 routine. It is important to highlight the show and is a hiding place for drill team. The Browns have the lead.
- Focus on the future
 - It is normal for any district to look at making changes to the program during a major transition. It is important that we let administration know the importance of the program to our kids. Please communicate your support to school and district leadership when you can.

Fund raisers

- May look at Blues calendars this year instead of Cardinals
- Need ideas for a single fall fundraiser before the mattress sale
- Baker's dozen cards
 - Might work, but we need to make up the cards
- Other ideas: blankets, trash bags, seat cushions
- Fund raising night at a restaurant
 - Need volunteers that know local owners
 - Vouchers for purchasing foods
- Mattress Sale
 - One of our two biggest fundraisers of the year
 - Very important to get the word out in the fall
 - People can go to any of the fundraisers at other schools. Tell them a purchase is in support of Wesclin.
 - <https://www.customfundraisingsolutions.com/our-products>

New meeting nights

- Third Thursday of every month unless there is a band function; then will schedule a date
 - Larry will invite the Mattress Sale team to the next meeting
- Next meeting: Sep 19th at 7pm
- Oct meeting will be moved for middle school function