

**Wentzville Holt Indians  
Marching Band  
August 18, 2009  
Booster Meeting**



**Attendance**

The Wentzville Holt Band Boosters met on 08/18/09 in the band room. The following members were present: Monica Boltz, Cheryl Blair, Nancy Buell, Reneta Roe, Gary Romine, Margo Guerrettaz, Diane & John Lemon, Cheryl McDonald, Sheri Junker, Jody & Edith Read, Brian & Laura Jo Smith, Angela Wadsworth, Shari & Devin Langer, Elizabeth Swann, Molly Williams, Pam Dotson, Brenda Schwandner, Tom & Kathy Frkovic, Sherry McCarty, Christine Reed, Ronnie Zagaja, Juli Hampton, Keith David, Jacob England, Marcus & Michelle Spiegel, and Beth Campbell.

**Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM. Monica Boltz, co-president, welcomed everyone and started the meeting with introductions around the room.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the 05/12/09 band booster meeting was made by Shari Langer, with a second by Sheri Junker, and was approved by all.

**Treasurer Report**

**(Current Period)**

Total Receipts	-	\$18,013.19
Total Expenditures	-	\$ 5,980.02
Surplus / (Deficit)	-	\$12,033.17

**(Year to Date)**

Total Receipts	-	\$110,385.40
Total Expenditures	-	\$121,384.17
Surplus	-	(\$10,998.77)

Fees Not Paid Current Year	-	\$ 8,980.63
Credit from Previous Year	-	(\$1,937.19)
Total Fees Not Paid	-	\$ 7,043.44

Since band camp began, we have collected about \$18,000 in band fees. We received \$180 from the middle school fundraiser and over \$250 from fundraisers at Dairy Queen and Woogies.

All entry fees for festivals have been paid. The band purchased a BBQ grill to be used at competitions, and the guard room has been reorganized.

There are still over \$8,900 in band fees for this year that have yet to be paid.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Edith Read, seconded by Pam Dotson, and was approved by all.

### **Calendars**

Kathy Tompkins is the chairperson for calendars but was not present for any updated information. It was suggested that the extra calendars be passed out to businesses in the area to help promote advertising for next year. Students earn 20% for their account for each ad that they sell.

### **Committee Chairs**

Uniforms – Kelly Sperry

Fundraising – Margo Guerrettaz

Trivia Night – Shari Langer, Juley White, and Beth Campbell

### **Volunteers**

The Wentzville School District has changed the volunteer policy again. Level I will cover all volunteering with the exception of overnight trips. The volunteer form is in the volunteer packet in the school office, and it is also on the WSD website.

For those people that filled out forms last year, they will be grandfathered this year with the level from last year. However, the levels are not good for 5 years anymore and must be renewed every year, with the exception of this year for those that are grandfathered.

### **Fundraising**

We will be selling cheesecakes, key lime pie, and brownies at the home football games this year. Last year we made about \$3500 with all of the dessert sales. We will be selling whole cheesecakes as a fundraiser in the future.

There will be fundraisers at Fritz's Frozen Custard in Wentzville on Thursday, August 27 and also Thursday, October 8 from 7:00-10:00 PM. We receive 10% during those time periods.

There will also be a fundraiser at Pizza Pro in Wentzville on September 15 and 16. A flyer will be required to turn in when placing your order. Flyers will be passed out as it gets closer to those dates. We receive 15% for this fundraiser.

Beth Campbell mentioned that Buffalo Wild Wings also does a similar fundraiser on Wednesdays evenings.

Poinsettia sales will be held again this fall, sales will begin in November. All profit from the poinsettia sales goes directly into your student's account. The plants are grown from seed at the nursery.

### **Scrip**

Period from 5/12/09-8/15/09:

Total Inflows	-	\$56,993.75
Total Outflows	-	\$55,680.58
Overall Total	-	\$ 1,313.17

Diane Lemon said that scrip will be available for purchase every Thursday evening during practice until November. She will also sell from 6:00-6:30 PM on Fridays when there is a home football game. The scrip purchase form is online at [holtbands.org](http://holtbands.org).

John Lemon went over the financial statement. He said that the scrip company consulted the IRS regarding scrip and tax deductions. Money that goes to the student accounts cannot be taxed, but money that goes to the general fund can be claimed as a tax deduction. This may require a new form to be signed, acknowledging that the taxpayer is donating 50% of the funds generated to the booster organization. It is the individual's decision whether or not to use this amount as a tax deduction. However, the Lemons ask that individuals wait to start claiming these amounts until January 2010 to give the Lemons a little more time to check into the rulings.

The Lemons will not be in charge of scrip after this year once their son has graduated, and they would like to see the job split into 2 positions. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact them. They need volunteers by February and will give training.

Scrip is a wonderful way to earn money for your child's personal account and to help the general fund. Scrip is available for purchase during every Thursday evening practice during marching season and at every band booster meeting. **If you would like more information on how to buy scrip or have any questions, please contact Diane Lemon at 561-0777 or [dlemon@centurytel.net](mailto:dlemon@centurytel.net).**

### **Grade Level Reps**

Freshmen – Pam Dotson and Cheryl McDonald

Sophomores – Sheri Junker and ?????

Juniors – Ronnie Zagaja and Brian Smith

Seniors – Edith Read and Shari Langer

We still need a sophomore parent to fill the open position for that class. Grade level reps are the liaison between the board and the families/students. The reps attend board meetings and receive feedback from parents/students. The junior reps do the seniors gifts for the spring concert and the small gifts during marching season. There are 36 seniors this year.

### **Band Breakfast**

The breakfast this year will be held at the Langer's home after the Mizzou competition. It is tradition that after the last marching competition of the season, the students go to the band president's home and celebrate with a breakfast. The underclassmen leave approximately 2:00 AM, and the seniors spend the night at the home. If the band makes finals at Mizzou, there is a chance that the breakfast will not begin until close to midnight. All sections are assigned breakfast items to bring either that morning to the school or to the Langer's home. This falls on Halloween night this year.

### **Upcoming Dates**

Rehearsal this Thursday evening will only be from 6:00-8:00 PM because the lines are not drawn on the football field, so we have to practice on the field by the school. There are no lights at that field, and it gets dark about 8:00 PM.

The first football game is Friday, August 28. Uniforms will not be worn to this game. Students will wear the new T-shirts and either khaki shorts or jeans. Mr. Cunningham will inform the students what they are to wear.

### **Trivia Night**

Shari Langer said the committee had their first meeting. Trivia Night will be similar to last year's in that it will be family friendly. It will be held Saturday, November 7 in the Holt cafeteria. It will have the same theme as the marching band theme.

It was discussed not to have child care this year since so few took advantage of it last year, and there were more student workers than needed. However, having that option is good for advertising. It was suggested that reservations for child care be required this year.

Mr. Gentile will be asked for permission to hand out flyers at football games. Sheri Junker suggested having a challenge for the elementary and middle schools to fill tables.

Baskets will not be sold at Trivia Night this year. There will be prizes for table decorations and themed attire.

Doors will open at 6:00 PM and play will begin at 7:00 PM.

### **Director's Report**

Mr. Cunningham will let the students know by Friday what they are to wear to the first football game on August 28. It will be their band t-shirt and either blue jeans or khaki shorts.

Students' names on the dry erase board were pointed out to the parents. If their child's name is on the board, that means they have not turned in their medical and information forms. Those forms are needed A.S.A.P.

The handbook was passed out the first day of school. An updated calendar is in the handbook on gold paper. When the calendar is updated, the date is put in the upper right-hand corner. There is also an agreement form in the handbook that must be signed by a parent and turned in before the student is allowed to perform at the first football game.

Students are not to register for the ACT test for October 24 due to a conflict with a marching competition. The ACT tests for September and December do not have any band conflicts.

The band website is up and running. There are some minor things to be updated. The calendar and marching schedule are on the website, and hopefully the festival itineraries will be posted on it as well. The website is [holtbands.org](http://holtbands.org).

Festival itineraries are given to the students no later than the Thursday before the competition. We will be performing in 6 contests this year, 1 more than usual. We have approximately 166 band students; the largest band ever for Holt. It is possible that we could have an additional 20 students next year because there is a large 8<sup>th</sup> grade band class this year. We only have 14 uniforms not being used this year, so a uniform purchase will probably have to be made for next year's class.

For home football games, generally the uniform room opens at 5:30 PM (5:00 PM for the first game using uniforms). The band will warm up at 6:00 PM and troop to the field about 6:30 PM. The band will perform the National Anthem, then will sit in the stands until the halftime show. After the show, the students get 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter off to walk around. No soda or eating is allowed while in uniform. Students are to be back in the stands with 2 minutes left in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. They troop back to the band room after the game, check in their uniform, and are done usually around 9:30 PM.

If it is raining at football games, we will not wear uniforms and will wear band t-shirts and jeans.

All marching competitions this year are preliminaries/finals format. For the finals, the top 8-12 bands compete head to head. We are a bigger band, so we will perform in prelims later in the day. We often will practice at Holt first, eat lunch, then head to the competition.

**Questions/Concerns**

Nancy Buell asked parents to be sure and have their students eat a good breakfast the morning of competitions. Do not let them have energy drinks or soda, and make sure they drink plenty of water both that morning and the day before. If students don't eat breakfast or have enough water, they will get sick. This is one reason why we will only give the students soda at the end of each competition day and will have plenty of water and Gatorade for them throughout the day.

The band has purchased a synthesizer and needs a trailer with wheels to transport it on and off the field. The cost is between \$1000-\$1500. Libby Swann made a motion for the band to purchase the trailer at a cost not to exceed \$1500. Jody Read seconded the motion, and all approved.

Pit crew dads have asked for more volunteers. If you're interested in helping, please contact holtbandbooster@yahoo.com.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:12 PM by Jody Read and seconded by Jacob England, approved by all.

**Next meeting**

The next band booster meeting will be Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 PM in the band room.

**Instrumental Calendar as of 08/17/09**

August	20	Evening Rehearsal	6:00-8:00
August	27	Evening Rehearsal	6:00-8:30
August	28	Football Game	7:00
September	3	Evening Rehearsal	6:00-8:30
September	10	Evening Rehearsal	6:00-8:30
September	11	Football Game	7:00
September	17	Evening Rehearsal	6:00-8:30
September	18	Football Game	7:00
September	24	Evening Rehearsal	6:00-8:30
September	26	Lafayette Festival	All Day
October	1	Evening Rehearsal	6:00-8:30
October	3	Blue Springs Festival	All Day
October	8	Evening Rehearsal	6:00-8:30
October	10	Francis Howell Festival	All Day
October	15	Evening Rehearsal	6:00-8:30
October	16	BOA Marching Festival	All Day (Edward Jones Dome)
		Homecoming Game	7:00

October	17	Homecoming Parade	9:30 AM
October	22	Evening Rehearsal	6:00-8:30
October	24	UCM-Warrensburg Festival	All Day
October	29	Evening Rehearsal	6:00-9:00
October	30	Football Game	7:00
October	31	Univ. of Mo. Festival	All Day

**If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, don't hesitate to give any member of the board, including grade level representatives, a call.**

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### **Band Officers**

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