

**Wentzville Holt Indians
Marching Band
November 10, 2009
Booster Meeting**



Attendance

The Wentzville Holt Band Boosters met on 11/10/09 in the band room. The following members were present: Monica Boltz, Cheryl Blair, Nancy Buell, Reneta Roe, Gary Romine, Margo Guerrettaz, Diane & John Lemon, Brian & Laura Jo Smith, Shari Langer, Kathy Frkovic, Sheri Junker, Pam Dotson, and Ronnie Zagaja.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Cheryl Blair, co-president.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the 10/13/09 band booster meeting was made by Pam Dotson, with a second by John Lemon, and was approved by all.

Treasurer Report

(Year to Date)

Total Receipts	-	\$35,491.85
Total Expenditures	-	\$27,665.48
Surplus / (Deficit)	-	\$ 7,836.37

(Prior Year)

Total Receipts	-	\$16,037.30
Total Expenditures	-	\$28,648.54
Surplus	-	(\$12,611.24)

Fees Not Paid Current Year	-	\$ 5,487.35
Credit from Previous Year	-	(\$ 3,768.68)
Total Fees Not Paid	-	\$ 1,718.67

Before expenses, Trivia Night made \$1,834. We made a net profit of approximately \$3400 on the cheesecake/dessert sale fundraiser. A scrip transfer of \$5,000 was deposited in the band's general account.

The largest expenses were for food, music, and truck rentals for marching season. A check for \$300 was also written to Jarrett Langer for driving his vehicle to every competition to transport the ATV. He has done so for the past 3 years, has never asked to be reimbursed, and it was felt that he deserved a check in appreciation.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Shari Langer, seconded by Sheri Junker, and was approved by all.

Thank You

Cheryl Blair thanked all parents for their help during marching season and also thanked the Trivia Night committee for their help with that fundraiser.

Fundraising

Margo Guerrettaz said that the high school cheesecake orders totaled \$1,775, and the middle school orders totaled \$1,895. Middle school students have poinsettia order forms if they wish to sell those, also. The order forms are to be turned in by November 20. They will be delivered December 4 and pick up is on Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 AM - noon. As an extra bonus, the nursery will donate 50 cents to the band's general fund for each plant sold if we exceed 400 plants in our order.

We have not yet received a check from Applebee's for the Dine 2 Donate fundraiser. We made about \$70 at the fundraiser at Fritz's.

Scrip

Period from 10/13/09-11/09/09:

Total Inflows	-	\$22,182.02
Total Outflows	-	\$25,816.56
Overall Total	-	\$(3,634.54)

Diane Lemon said that the December scrip calendar is on the band website at holtbands.org. She will sell scrip at all booster meetings, the high school concert on December 13, and the middle school concert on December 14. **The last date to order scrip to have it by Christmas is December 13.** She will sell scrip on Saturday, December 19, and you can buy what she has on hand, but she will not purchase any new scrip until after January 1, 2010.

Max & Erma's scrip is temporarily not available at GL Scrip because the restaurant filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy. As a precaution, GL Scrip will not sell Max & Erma's cards until they are "out of" Chapter 11 bankruptcy. It was suggested that if you have some of their scrip, you might want to use it soon.

John Lemon went over the financial statement. A transfer of \$5000 to the band's general account was made this month. Middle school families are also purchasing scrip; 6th and 7th grade families' purchases are going to the band's general account, and if 8th grade families purchase, they can start earning money for their student's personal account for high school band.

Scrip is a wonderful way to earn money for your child's personal account and to help the general fund. The operations fee of \$150 per student is due December 31, and you can pay some or all of the fee by purchasing scrip. It is available for purchase at every band booster meeting and Saturdays from 9:00-1:00 PM at the Lemon's home. **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.**

Trivia Night

Shari Langer estimated that total expenses were about \$85. We received the popcorn free from the football boosters, and Lion's Choice in Troy and Pizza Pro in Wentzville gave donations for the evening.

There was discussion whether the timing was good for the Trivia Night to be held in November rather than in the spring. The timing was good as far as having the same theme as the

marching season, but it was felt the students were burned out from marching season. There were also four other trivia nights in the area that same evening, although that is difficult to avoid when scheduling trivia night as it is not known when others will have theirs. It was mentioned it might be better to have the next trivia night in January or February of the next school year.

Band Breakfast

Shari Langer will get the figures ready as far as how much food and drink was used/left over to help plan for next year's breakfast. It was thought that there were students who did not bring their assigned items, for there was not much left at the end. The leftover milk and other items were taken to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, but there weren't as many items this year leftover as there have been in previous years.

Winter Concert

The Winter Concert will be held Sunday, December 13. We have some volunteers that have signed up to help with hospitality. Attire for the concert is dress clothes, not tuxes and long black dresses. Cheryl Blair will call Men's Wearhouse to check on tuxedo measurements for the boys. The boys will need to go to MW in Mid-Rivers Mall to get measured. They will need to be fitted and pay for the tuxes by the first part of January. More information regarding this will be sent out once finalized.

Pancake Breakfast

There will be a pancake breakfast at Applebee's in Wentzville on Saturday, December 5. We are able to do this fundraiser due to the Dine 2 Donate fundraiser we did earlier. We will have photos with Santa at Applebee's, and Mary Barcroft will be our photographer.

Winter Guard

Winter guard is indoor competition. The guard is trying to get their group going and need money. The profits from the Santa photos at Applebee's breakfast will go towards helping the winter guard. They must join an organization for winter guard, and it was voted and approved to pay the fee of \$500 from the band's general account. A lot of the girls from the fall guard still owe fees, and it is a requirement that those fees must be paid in full before they will be allowed to participate in the winter guard.

Jazz Dinner

Cheryl Blair asked for a date to schedule the dinner, and the only date that may work is Saturday, March 13. Mr. Cunningham will check the calendar to see if there are any conflicts with that date.

Promoting Others Activities

Information was sent via band email a few weeks ago regarding a fundraiser done by the pommers. Even though some of the pommers are band members, it has since been decided that our band email database will not be used to promote other organizations' activities in the future.

Board Positions 2010/2011

There are 5 board positions that will be opening at the end of this school year due to band members graduating. Diane Lemon has her position filled, but the positions of Cheryl Blair,

Gary Romine, Reneta Roe, and Julie Siemer will need to be filled. It was asked that parents start considering filling these slots, and some positions may benefit in shadowing the current board members.

Director's Report

Mr. Cunningham said that five Holt students made the All Suburban District Band. They are Jacob England (both concert and jazz), Blaine Johnson, Megan Siemer, Andrew Sperry, and Tyler Roe. We also have three 1st alternates who are Dan Zagaja, Allie McDonald, and Chandler Est. We will have 9 auditions for the All State Band on December 5, and Mr. Cunningham asked that the boosters pay the \$90 fee for the students. In the past, it has been customary that the students pay their fee for the district auditions, but the boosters pay the state audition fees. This was approved by those present.

The winter concert will be Sunday, December 13. The band will play 3 songs and refreshments will be served afterwards. The concert will only last 15-20 minutes.

Due to redistricting, we don't know the football schedule yet for next year. We will be the smallest school in the large division.

Mr. Waters is concerned with the band taking 2 large trips for competitions again next year. The distance isn't the problem, but the amount of time that we/bus drivers are gone. Mr. Cunningham feels that the two trips (Blue Springs and Warrensburg) are necessary in order for us to compete. If we are limited to one trip, Mr. Cunningham would like to charter a bus for the other trip, so this is something to keep in mind for next year. The tentative competition schedule for next year is to possibly go to Carrollton, MO the last Saturday in September, skipping the Lafayette competition. The first weekend in October would be Blue Springs, the second weekend is Homecoming, the third weekend would be BOA, the fourth weekend would be Warrensburg, and the last competition would be Mizzou.

Our music guy for marching competition is interested in working with the band next September. We would pay him to come from Tulsa and to spend part of a Saturday working with the band.

There is a school board meeting on November 19, at which time the board is planning to recognize both Holt and Timberland marching bands for their outstanding seasons. Unfortunately, that is also opening night for the fall musical, which means only Raisa will be available to represent our band at the meeting.

We had a winter guard program for 3 years in the past. The first year they were non-competitive, and the next two years they were very successful. Once Jaye became part of the Cunningham family, the winter guard program was put on hold until now. It costs a lot of money to join MCCGA. Plus, the girls still owe almost \$3300 from the fall season, and every penny must be paid before they will be allowed to participate in winter guard. It will cost \$350 per girl for the tarps and sabers. The girls must buy their own rifles and gloves. In the past, the girls raised their own money for their expenses. There will be a meeting with them tomorrow.

Mr. Cunningham expressed a big thank you to all of the parents for their help during marching season. Our new trophies will soon be displayed in the trophy case. He was pleased with the season in that the band got better at each competition.

Last spring, Bob Hansen, the previous Holt band director, was inducted into the the St. Louis Suburban Music Educators Hall of Fame. We will be doing the official presentation at the winter concert.

Questions/Concerns

Shari Langer has over 2000 photos from the marching season, along with photos from Nancy Buell and other parents. Violet Oman will help put the photos together into a DVD. It is preferred to sell the DVD at the winter concert if it can be ready by then.

Brian Smith asked how much they are allowed to spend for the senior gifts. There are 36 seniors. They are considering purchasing a different gift for the seniors this year.

Pam Dotson asked Mr. Cunningham if he knows yet when percussion and band camps will be held next summer. The High School Activities Association has a new rule that requires a dead period of 9 consecutive days in which coaches, band directors, etc. will be allowed zero contact with students. This is to help families schedule a vacation during a time that they know their students will not be busy with sports, band, etc. The association wants to schedule the dead period the first week of August, but the band directors are fighting that choice since bands have their band camps during that time. Another time they are looking at is from July 3-11 for the dead period, which would mean the band would not be allowed to participate in the 4th of July parade, which is currently scheduled for 3:00 Sunday. At this point, it is either no parade or change band camp, which would then be moved to the 3rd and 4th weeks of July. Tentative plans for now are to start percussion camp July 19, freshman camp July 23, and full band camp July 26-August 6. School begins August 16. It was asked if the dead period would also affect summer school, which it would not, it would only affect activities. Mr. Cunningham thinks that the state will make the decision on the dead period by mid-December.

If you have read these minutes, please contact holtbandbooster@yahoo.com so we can get an idea of how many people are reading the booster meeting minutes from the band website.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:09 PM by Shari Langer, seconded by Sheri Junker, and approved by all.

Next meeting

The next band booster meeting will be Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 PM in the band room. The December meeting is occasionally cancelled; if this occurs, an email will be sent.

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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