

NW Viking Booster Meeting Minutes – Monday Nov 2, 2009 – 7:30 pm

In attendance: Brian McMath, Trisha Moore, Susan Turregano, Donna Church, Caroline Joyce, Mary Ann Buck, Suzanne Peters, Wes Davis, Nancy Davis, Andy Puentes, Dana Puentes, Kathy Lynch, John McQueen, Angela Meredith, Karen Grady, Joe Grady, Jill Shelton, Lorna Miller, Tim Moore, Carolyn Hall, Tanya Hill, Nancy Pearson,

Trisha Moore opened the meeting and thanked everyone for a great effort to make Fall Festival a success. She then reviewed the following announcements/key dates:

- Recruiting opportunities at middle schools – Nov 30 @ Kernodle, Dec 8 @ NW Middle, Dec 10 @ Kernodle. Times and further details will be emailed and posted on the website.
- Dec 4 Potluck banquet and band awards
- Dec 12 Stokesdale Christmas Parade and fruit delivery

Budget review – Susan Turregano reported on the following budgetary items:

- Fall Festival After Action report distributed. Projecting \$12.4K to \$12.5K versus budgeted \$13K. Overall it was a great effort given the circumstances of extremely cold weather and a band cancellation at the last minute.
- PTSA yard sale – Susan manned a booth and made \$121 for the band. Will definitely consider doing this again in the spring.
- Spirit Wear – Have had lots of requests for black hoodies with red logo. Will have these available at the Dec 17th Holiday Shop.
- Viking Credits – Viking credits for FF ads available upon request.
- We had a great month in total with Fall Festival and the TV raffle. We were able to put 15K into the money market account.

Ways and Means – Donna Church reviewed the following items:

- Grocery cards – 224 VIC cards [Harris Teeter] have been linked to the NW Band. This has generated \$256 to date.
- Harris Teeter Bag Challenge – Bag collection is going well so far. Last turn-in date is Monday 11/9. Mrs. Wright's Latin class won the pizza party for most bags collected.
- Fruit Sale – Orders being collected each week with a candy bar awarded for every 5 cases sold. Final turn-in date is 11/12. Fruit delivery and pick-up is Saturday 12/12. Strong backs are needed to help unload the truck and help with distribution.
- Dine-out – Next dine-out night is Tuesday 11/10 at Jam's Deli. Might revisit Chili's for a future date although at this point they require a coupon and will only offer 10%.
- Scrip – Selling scrip again this year. Have added Lowes Foods and Auto Bell Car Wash. This year there is a VISA gift card available but please note that for any

- returns or exchanges you must have the actual card available to get credit. Scrip orders turned in before 11/23 will be delivered at the Awards Banquet on 12/4. Orders turned in by 12/10 will be delivered at the Concert/Holiday Shop on 12/17.
- Bowling Night – Back by popular demand – bowling is scheduled on 12/4 after the awards banquet. Same location as before [Gate City Lanes] from 10-midnight. Cost is \$12 per bowler – please bring correct change in cash!
 - TV Raffle – Ticket sales end 12/15, but will still be available at the Concert/Holiday Shop on 12/17. This event is to be advertised in the NW Observer as a Holiday Shop and Free Concert.
 - Varsity Guard Fundraising – Ideas for raising funds to offset Varsity Guard travel costs: Sell Candy Cane-o-Grams in December and/or hotdog dinner at the Dec 17 concert event.

Competition Support – Suzanne Peters and Mary Ann Buck reviewed the following:

- Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band fittings – Fitting will be Monday 11/9. Costs were reviewed. Susan Turregano requested that a letter outlining Winter Fairshare be included with the fitting forms. Wes will post all information on the website.
- Christmas Parade – Stokesdale Parade will be Saturday 12/12. Three buses will be used with 1 chaperone on each. Students need to be at school by 12 to leave at 12:30. Reminder to all from Ways and Means – Fruit delivery and pick-up is that morning. Strong backs are needed to help unload the truck and help with distribution.

Director Comments – Mr. McMath reviewed the following information:

- Mr. McMath thought the marching season was a great success. The show grew over the course of the season.
- Wes Davis has all three winter practice schedules on the website – Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Drumline.
- Winter Season Parent Meeting – A parent meeting will be held Thursday 11/19 at 7pm in the chorus room. Uniform fittings for the winter shows will be discussed at that time. The overall process of winter competitions will be discussed as it is very different than marching season. Important for all winter parents to attend this meeting.
- Jazz Ensemble to travel 12/21 to Colfax, Pearce, and Stokesdale Elementary Schools to perform for the 5th graders.
- Marching Band will rehearse a couple of times in December to prepare for the parade on Dec. 12. Meet at the school dressed at 12. Parade starts at 2. Band in uniform, guard in windsuits and Santa hats.
- **Booster Comments** – There were some comments about the Fall Festival dinner break seeming too long resulting in bands leaving. Mr. McMath explained how the break ended up being that long and indicated that he is considering a different format next year to attract more bands and make more money.

- Nancy Pearson shared that after the Ragsdale competition a lot of band folks went to JP Looney's. The restaurant welcomed the late business, and Nancy asked that we thank them on our next visit.
- Mr. McMath reviewed the score the band received at the last competition at Ragsdale HS. The band scored a 90.9 on the state sheet - a Superior rating. The kids surpassed their goal for the season – what a great effort.
- Alan Groome offered a suggestion for next year's show – pyrotechnics coming out of a dragon.

Trisha Moore encouraged all the boosters to watch the website and emails for further details on upcoming events. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.