

WINTER SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTER ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2016

Opening:

The regular meeting of the WINTER SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTER ASSOCIATION was called to order at 7:00 PM on 4-11-16 in the WSHS band room by BBA PRESIDENT Jennifer Amato.

Present:

Linda Barnard, Cheryl Hodge, Antonella Stratton, Susan Gillis, Alternese Atkins, Melanie Bishop, Elizabeth Coleman, Ginger Leftwich, Chris Lilly, Suzie Lilly, Darla Dowdy, Jennifer Jewett, Lori Weisberg, Ronda McLaughlin, Carol Pennington, Renee Ouellette, Bailey Ouellette, Michael Kane, Christian Barker, Debbie Gerken, Mike Gerken, Donna Grzesik, Jim Grzesik, Laura Lyons, Diana Strembicki, Chuck Gorman, Bobbie Demme-SanFilippo, Justin Lopez, Altagracia Mesa, George St. Pierre, Rachel St. Pierre, Kiran Chhagaanlal, Azora Norris, Eve Gassman, Michelle Childers, Shannon Akerson, Marcia Mausez, Doug Wieckhorst, Robin Wieckhorst, Yuly Arcila, Aixa Benavides, Edna Kane, Curtis Page, Lori Page, Carol Unterreiner, Heather Fox, Matt Fox, Julie Stockton, Mayra Zayas, Dana Pike, Amy Scales, Rick Crandall, Chase Crandall, Turi Moore, Justin Lopez, Jennifer Amato, and Mr. Adam McIntyre.

1. **Vote on proposed change to the bylaws**

BBA President Jen Amato opened the meeting by making a proposed change to the existing bylaws. She explained that this change was being proposed in order to allow Donna Grzesik, a former WSHS BBA President, to once again be nominated to serve in this position. Section 3 of the existing bylaws, are stated as follows:

A. The term of office shall be for one year starting on June 1 with a maximum of two terms served in the same office.

The proposed change made was:

*A. The term of office shall be for one year starting on June 1 with a maximum of two **consecutive** terms served in the same office.*

Jen asked for a motion to be made to make this proposed change to the bylaws. The motion was made by Lori Weisberg and seconded by Debbie Gerken. Those BBA members in attendance who supported this change voiced their approval. Those who were opposed were given the opportunity to voice their objection. The change was passed with a unanimous voiced approval.

2. Director's Report - Mr. McIntyre

Mr. Adam McIntyre reported that the concert and symphonic bands performed in the Concert MPAs at Lake Mary High School during the first week of March. He commented that the band did well and encouraged parents who may not have been able to see that performance to consider attending the upcoming State MPA's next week on Monday, April 18, where the symphonic band will perform at 8 pm at Flagler Palm Coast High School in Palm Coast, FL. He said the symphonic band is hoping to achieve straight superior ratings. He said that the final concert of the year will be held on Tuesday, May 3, and the band banquet will be held the following weekend, May 7. He also mentioned that there would be one change this year at the banquet. The band leadership selections would not be announced by the night of the banquet or at the banquet that evening. He said that he would like to take more time to evaluate all of the applications and make the decisions on those positions and they would be announced at a later time. He also mentioned that the dates for Band Camp were different this year, with camp starting on Thursday and Friday, July 28 and 29, then finishing up on the following Monday through Wednesday, August 1 - 3. He reported that the reason for this change is that the first day of school begins on Wednesday, August 10. Mr. McIntyre then asked if anyone had any questions about upcoming events. A question was asked about whether he had a schedule for the day for next week's State MPAs. He said he had a tentative schedule that was as follows, but would be communicated in more detail before next Monday:

3 pm Student report time to WSHS band room
3:45 pm Buses leave WSHS
Dinner stop (probably at Volusia Mall) at some point around 5 pm
8 pm WSHS is last to perform
9 pm Leave for home
10:15 pm Arrive back at WSHS

(Upcoming Events handout attached)

3. Percussion Instructor's Report - Mr. Brown

Not present. No report given.

4. Secretary's Report - Dana Pike

Dana reported that she had a printed copy of the last recorded general meeting minutes from the last BBA meeting of November 2 in her possession, in case anyone wanted to read through the minutes. She also reported that they had been posted on the WS Band of Gold website since November. She asked for a motion to be made to adopt these November 2 general meeting minutes. The motion was made by Linda Barnard and was seconded by Donna Grzesik.

5. Vice President's Report - Robyn Solomon

Not present. No report given.

6. Treasurer's Report - Jennifer Jewett

Jennifer announced that printed copies of the FY16 Budget were available on the music stand for parents. She explained that there was still a large surplus balance in the checking account. She said that we had planned on overspending by about \$23,000 in FY16, but actual overspending was about \$13,000 for the year. The remaining balance for FY16 was about \$58,000. She reiterated that the reason for the large balance was that there remained a surplus of funds as a result of income generated during the years the band received income from coordinating concession sales. She said she recommends that we plan on a couple more years of planned overspending where needed. This would allow us to begin to reduce the amount in the account and we would not need to have to fundraise to raise money during this period of time...other than fundraising toward our London Trip effort, of course. (FY16 Budget handout attached)

7. Ways & Means - position available

Position available. No report given.

8. Student Band Officers

None present. No report given.

9. Committee Chair Reports

- a. Alumni - Position available. No report given.
- b. Auxiliary (Color Guard) - Cheryl Hodge
Cheryl was introduced at the meeting by BBA President Jen Amato. Jen explained that she had assumed the position halfway through the year when there was a vacancy. She said she had no report to give at this time.
- c. Chaperones - Ronda McLaughlin & Linda Barnard
Present. No report given. Ronda and Lynda stood up and were recognized.
- d. Communication - Website - Jennifer Amato

- Present. No report given.
- e. Communication Video - Justin & Tammy Lopez
Present. No report given.
 - f. Health and Safety - Debbie Gerken
Present. No report given.
 - g. Hospitality - Lori Weisberg & Darla Dowdy
Jen Amato asked Lori and Darla to stand and thanked them for their help in organizing concessions at this past weekend's Middle School MPAs. Lori and Darla thanked all the parents who had helped them with this effort. No other report was given.
 - h. Publicity - Jennifer Amato
Present. No report given.
 - i. Showcase Concert - Jennifer Amato
Present. No report given.
 - j. Transportation - Dax Unterreiner & Daryl Barker
None present. No report given.
 - k. Uniforms - Azora Norris
Azora announced that she would be coordinating cleanings of all concert uniforms between now and the end of the school year. She also mentioned she would be coordinating fittings of marching uniforms at band camp at the end of July. She said she would appreciate any assistance with these efforts.
 - l. Nominating Committee - Ginger Leftwich, Darla Dowdy, & Azora Norris
Ginger Leftwich spoke and said that the committee would announce a nominated individual for open board positions. Then there would be an opportunity for members to offer up any additional nominations. She then announced the following nominated individuals for open board positions:

President - Donna Grzesik
Vice President - Ronda McLaughlin
Secretary - Melanie Bishop
Treasurer - Carol Pennington
Ways & Means - Linda Barnard
Auxiliary - Cheryl Hodge

No other nominations were received from members for these open board positions. She then asked for all members to indicate their approval of these nominations by a spoken vote. All nominations were approved unanimously.

10. President's Report - Jennifer Amato

Jen mentioned that she had included a list of upcoming events on the back of the printed copy of the meeting agenda provided on the music stand for members to pick up as they entered the meeting. No other report was given.

11. Open Discussion

Jen Amato asked if any members had any items they would like to discuss in an open discussion. No items were mentioned.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Dana Pike

Approved by: Jennifer Amato