

West Milford Band Parents Association
Parent Meeting
Thursday, June 9, 2022

Motion to Accept Minutes from May 15, 2022 meeting

1st – Shawn Rubenacker 2nd- Jackie Scalia

Dr. Mac's Report

- Welcome - New parents and students this will be the best decision you make.
- This Band is the most successful thing we have in West Milford.
- Band parent organization helps the kids have a comforting face wherever we go.
- End of the year Band Banquet is a chance for the senior to reflect on their experiences.
- We offer student scholarships at the end of the year band banquet.
- There will be a lot of scheduling to look out for.
- Three places for reliable information:
 - *Remind App.*
 - *Website - wmhighlanderband.com*
 - *Facebook* - Invite only for band parent
- Calendar will be put out soon and posted on the website for Marching Band. There is a Google calendar on the website that you can subscribe to.
- **Rehearsals in the summer on Wednesday mornings.**
- **Rookie Day June 22, 2022-9:00 am.**
- Section leaders will reach out to you about group practices over the summer.
- Reach out to myself (Dr. Mac) or Mr. Gramata with any question you may have.
- **Dates – Important Band Camp August 22- 26, 2022.**
- **Guard and Percussion Camp August 15-19, 2022. Guard and Percussion must attend both weeks of camp.**
- Missing band camp can really put your kid behind and it will be really hard to catch up.
- National Champs twice and State Champs three time in the last five years.
- Next year is not a travel year.
- First game will be before school starts.
- Home games we do our full show, away games we don't march the show, we play stand tunes.
- Aside from Marching Band which is a Fall sport, students may participate in Indoor Percussion, Indoor Guard, Jazz Ensemble and Pipes & Drums. Required class is either Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble.
- Wind ensemble is more of an AP ensemble with try outs in the spring.
- Band classes are every day, with pullout lessons once a week.
- Indoor Percussion, also Indoor Color Guard will travel to Dayton, Ohio.

- Kids are encouraged to try out for Honor Band, All Area Band, Allstate Band and All Regional.
- St. Patrick's Day Parade is open to all just need to practice for it.
- Pipes and Drums - practices on Sundays at WM Presby Church 3pm.

Announcements:

- Annette O'Mahoney to be taking over as President.
- Election of new board members tonight.
- Bylaws changes were voted on and approved.
- Looking for volunteers.
- Board Members – out-going and in-coming introduced themselves.
- Need someone to take over and head the Props Committee.

Past Events

- Memorial Day Parade – went well haven't done a parade since seniors were freshmen-everyone great time!
- Band Banquet - great time, scholarships given out. Video posted on the Facebook page.

Fundraising

- Shoprite gift cards for every \$100.00 sold \$4.00 goes into student's account.
- Next Due Date for Shoprite Gift Cards is August 12th. Cards to be given out at Band Camp.
- Fundraising is where your kids will get the money for their accounts. The Concession Stand and Events is where the organization gets their funding from.
- We are a non-for-profit group.

Uniforms

- Uniforms will be distributed at Band Camp in August.
- Looking for volunteers to help with sewing of the baldricks for the competition uniform.
- You will need to purchase shoes and gloves, wrist bands for percussion. Approx. \$80.
- Mr. Smolinski handles the uniforms for the pipers.
- Ask that you purchase a West Milford uniform bag. \$20

Merchandise

- Looking for a volunteer to take over merchandise. Annette will help transition.
- We would like to have an online store for summer.
- We need to start with the band camp tee shirt orders, WMBPA pays for the first one and additional shirt are \$12.00 each.
- Would like to have a tartan sale in the summer.
- Additional merchandise like noisemakers, cow bells and blankets under development.

- Varsity jackets - students get their letter for their second year. Freshman may purchase jackets now to use for high school years.
- Patch is being designed for the State and National Championships
- Looking to submit orders for jackets by mid-July

Concession Stand

- Cleaning day the week before Band Camp.
- Concession Stand is our main source of revenue and a lot of fun on a Friday night.

Props

- Two years' worth of props that need to be cleaned up and disposed of.

Committee Formation

- Need to form a committee to head the competition on September 17th along with Tatoo in November. If interested in being on committee, reach out.
- Need people to help run the events.
- **Volunteering in our organization is a way to stay in touch with your kids.**

Bylaws & Constitution

- Bylaws need to be updated every four years.
- Biggest change was to allow the secretaries to be assistant treasurer.
- ***Bylaws vote - All in favor to approve***
- Bylaws explain the basics of this organization. Good info within.

Board Nominations for 2022-2023

- We had a delay in voting should have been done last meeting.
- Nominations were put out at our last meeting.

Annette O'Mahoney - President

Mary Duffy - Vice President

Shawn Rubenacker - Treasurer

Jackie Scalia - Recording Secretary

Jessica Rednar - Corresponding Secretary

VOTE - All in favor to approve.

- Communicate - join the Facebook page, read the Webpage, and Please Join the Remind App. we will try with the emails.
- Ask questions and get involved. Please enjoy the experience.
- All information is on the website or the band 101 package.
- Band Box- a way for parents to sending forms with a check **NO CASH PLEASE!**

- Physicals are needed for any high school sports – marching band students will need one.
- Sign up for Band on the Familyid.com.
- Sign up for Google Calendar – all information will be listed there.
- Band Camp – August 22- 26 – Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 24th
- Band BBQ – Friday, August 26th @ 6:00 p.m.
- Next Meeting – Thursday, August 25th @ 6:30 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn

1st Meredith Hall 2nd Kathy Manger