

**RED WOLVES MUSIC BOOSTERS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING – August 15, 2023**

**MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Directors/Officers Present:

Stephanie Mills, Elizabeth Nielsen, Adrienne Barrett, Lara Smith,  
Arleen Redman, Katie Laws

Other Members Present:

Andrew Fullerton, Elizabeth Briones, Carlos Briones,  
Xica Simonton, Nigel Dyers

Faculty Present:

**Introductions/ Welcome**

All attending the meeting introduced themselves and gave a fun fact.

**New Business:**

TREASURER REPORT (Adrienne Barrett)

July's booster account started at \$32,099.03. Check deposits for the month of July were mostly from band camp fees and Kroger Community Rewards and increased the account by \$7,551.75. Expenditures for July were staff checks, band meals were \$5734.02. At the end of July, the balance of the booster account was \$31,313.39

INSTRUMENT REPAIR

**Jazz Band has an Electric Bass Guitar that needs repairs and is quoted as \$28.00 for the repair. A motion was made to cover the repair and all approved. Funds will come from the line item of Concert Band Equipment.**

OPEN HOUSE

Open House will be August 29th and boosters usually do a table and sell items. Some items that have been sold in the past are pizza, hot dogs, drinks, bundt cakes, cookies, stickers. It was brainstormed what would be the most successful this year. Last year we earned \$340, our goal was \$350 and would like the same or more this year. Katie knows a local baker that might be willing to do cookies and cinnamon rolls and she would put them in individual packaging to sell easier. We will also sell water. At the band parent meeting in July, parents already signed up for the shifts needed that evening. 2 volunteers every hour for the 3 hours, we just need set-up and clean up. Xina volunteered to oversee the booster booth and Elizabeth would try to help with set-up if she gets done with uniforms in time and Adrienne will try to help also.

\*\*Baker got back before the end of the meeting and it would be \$196 for 132 items (that is \$1.48 a piece) that we could sell for open house. That is 3 dozen cinnamon rolls and 8 dozen cookies. We are going to do this for open house this year.

## RWR LETTERS

The boosters have been interested in seeing the band\music students could letter for years. Stephanie has been talking with the admin and Buchen about ways that marching band kids can letter. Found a company and waiting for a quote of how many letters and pins would be and possibly a new design. Parents could purchase the jacket and extra pins, but boosters would provide letters and bars for each year they are in band. This would be the most expensive year for this program, if started, because we would want to honor students that have already been doing band that are currently in high school. All in attendance were excited to see this come about and agreed to wait for a quote, but would love this opportunity to honor students in their hard work in music.

## CONCESSIONS

Adrienne passed around a final menu that would be used in concession this year. It will be similar to last year's menu, but trying to simplify. Also hoping to buy 3 new cash boxes for concession because the others are old and have gotten quite worn. Expense would come from a boosters expense line item.

Coach Noble is wanting the music boosters to assist in purchasing a new grill because we use it. He is hoping for a nicer grill to use. Booster's concern is that other groups use it, but do not always take care of it and are not being asked to contribute. We would like to know the amount that he is asking for, more details on what he wants to buy, how it will be stored, and wanting to have cleaning instructions for all groups using it. Last year a grill was purchased and concerned that this would be a yearly cost if not taken care of properly.

## WEFUND4U UPDATE

On September 1, WeFund4U will go live. Students will be given instructions and details in class by the representative, Sterling, and he will assist to start this fundraising event to be successful. Students will input email addresses of friends and family to help contribute for this music fundraiser.

## VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

Katie contacted Shamrock Foods and they are giving her \$300 and will help with three meals for Everybody Eats so we will not need to ask for more money from parents and will just need parents to contribute the original amount of \$25 for each of the students for Everybody Eats. They didn't want to advertise, just donating the \$300 to help. Katie is just hoping for more parent volunteers to help cook and serve food for students on football game nights on the grassy area just outside the bandroom. Need to find out when Buchen wants to start feeding band kids, in the past it was around 4:30-4:45

## TRAILER DRIVER UPDATE

The school district has changed their testing for trailer drivers. General will be driving the trailer this year to competition, but next year, we need to be aware that the training does take more skill and time and will need to find a couple of interested parents to help drive next year.

Lilia helps with sign up genius, but she is out of town and we just got an updated list of parents emails to put in for signup genius. For the first football game, 3 out of the 7 categories are full. We need just 9 more volunteers to feel. The bleacher clean-up spot has been the hardest to fill and important to clean up after games. Concession might need 7-9 volunteers because we have the pop-up concessions to also fill.

### MARCH IN THE GROVE

Katie has contacted 20 businesses that contributed last year to see if they were interested in donating again and waiting to hear from most. 2-3 said that they were willing to donate \$200-\$500. No specific numbers yet. Students will be given information for them to help with sponsorships for March in the Grove and Stephanie put it in their email to parents.

The new logo for March in the Grove was created by Juan and Stephanie and shared with the group. Color, black and white. Horizontal and vertical versions of the logo were shared.

All leadership roles are secured for March in the Grove, except for 1. First Aid Chair. March in the Grove committee will be meeting separately to plan and not take time at booster meets, but just do updates. Going to talk to Catalina Foothills and Marana about attending and wondering if it is only because we do not have food trucks, but can change that if that is what is holding them back from attending.

Hoping for 1400 in attendance for this year and looking for ways to make it successful for all.

### WINTER WONDERLAND DATE SCHEDULE

Drama (Mr. Diamond) wants to know if we would like to combine our Winter Wonderland fundraiser with their winter drama event to share decorating and such. He is hoping we can do it on December 9th. It was discussed and will need to talk to Mr. Buchen and be sure no other big community event will be that weekend. The earlier in December, the better. It might be best to do Winter Wonderland on December 2nd, the first Saturday of December, but will check with Mr. Buchen in which dates are better for jazz band and his schedule and then get back to Mr. Diamond.

### 5K FUN RUN FOR SPRING

Looking to do this event at the Historical Canoa Ranch. Katie is going to put this on and is going to be paid and sponsored by their restaurant, Arizona Family Restaurant. Her food vendor said they would donate all fruit and water bottles that are needed for the event. Will charge a \$25 fee for participants to pay for their registration, shirt and snacks. Her shirt vendor said they would give a discount for shirts. 100% of profit will be given to the music boosters! Hoping that music students, band, jazz, orchestra students could play at the event. Try to find a date that works. February 3rd, April 6, March 23, March 30 are days that are being looked out and need to check with Buchen what date would be best for him and students.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm