

## Western Brown Band Boosters

### Meeting Notes - July 13, 2009

#### Finance Update

- Check written for payment of discount card fundraiser has gone 6 months without being cashed. Both Theresa and Scott have tried to contact him numerous times with no response.
- We anticipate receiving the check from the Ford fundraiser soon.
- Theresa has sent out letters to parents for back-owed band fees from prior year(s) to attempt to collect.
- Band fees are \$205 for the year. This does not include staying at BOA, which is an additional \$175 for those wishing to stay. (explained under BOA update below)

#### Reed Updates

- There have been a few additions and deletions in the current Marching Band roster. Scott is working on recruiting a few additional and will be getting an updated list to Theresa and Dan ASAP.
- Music for Blue Light, Red Light has not been finalized/approved yet.
- We have a new keyboard and new tubas are in transit. Several instruments are at Buddy Rogers for Maintenance/Repair.

#### Band Camp

- Uniform sizing and alterations will be done during camp.
- Pam Lodwick will coordinate getting snacks for kids during camp. Anyone wanting to volunteer to help or provide snacks should contact her.
- We have 6 staff members who will be joining us for camp. Matt Beusterien, Josh Breckinridge, Sean Holmes, Josh R (new from UC), Mallory, and Justin. We are in need of volunteers to house four of the young men and the young lady who will need a place to stay during camp if their commute is too far.
- Kids should be sure to wear comfortable shoes and bring/drink plenty of water. Camp starts at 8:00 AM and will be physically challenging. (Camp dates are Aug 3-7 and Aug 10-14)
- A new Strength and Conditioning Coach has started for WBHS and is working on a program for the band.
- Scott has award pins for last year and will be passing them out to the band.

#### Fundraiser Update

- We are planning a car wash tentatively scheduled for Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 at the shopping center where Butterbee's is located. Scott will be sending out an email to ask the kids/parents to come help. Money raised split between booster account and participants band fees.
- Marchathon – We will be doing a marchathon some Thursday during practice most likely in September. It will be on a designated route through Mount Orab. The Kids will be collecting money from residents and businesses. Money raised will be split and go toward band fees of participants.
- Pepsi booths at the fair will again be a huge fundraiser for us. Dan will ask for volunteers during Parent Preview at the end of band camp and will then email it out to fill the slots.

## **Competition Schedule for 2009 (times are not yet available)**

We will be playing at all home football games except the one during fair break.

We will be marching in the parade the Monday of fair week and performing at the fair following the parade.

The first home football game is September 11 against Blanchester. Our band will be joining with the Blanchester band to play patriotic music during half-time.

Sept 12 – Kings High School

Sept 19 – East Central Indiana

### **October 17 – Western Brown - Home Invitational\***

October 24 – Mason, Ohio

October 31 – Colerain

November 7 – Mid-State Championship (location TBD)

November 14 – Grand Nationals/ BOA

- We perform the Thursday before Grand Nationals

\*We anticipate hosting around 15 bands at our invitational. Please mark October 17 on your calendar and plan to help. We will need all hands on deck to make it a successful event!

### **BOA – Indianapolis**

- This year we will be attending BOA to perform on Thursday Nov 12 prior to Grand Nationals
- Students may choose to stay in Indianapolis Thurs, Fri, and Saturday nights to attend the preliminary and Grand National Events as well as visit the mall and other local attractions. Those staying will be chaperoned by parents who stay. The fee for staying at BOA is \$175. This includes hotel, food, and event tickets. Only those who have paid the \$175 in advance will be staying. Others will return on a bus following the Thursday events.

### **Misc**

- Soaring Sounds DCI Show will be at Centerville High School on Wed July 29 at 7:00 PM

The band will not be attending this as a group. Anyone wanting to go will need to purchase a ticket either at the gate or in advance at [www.dci.org](http://www.dci.org) and arrange for their own transportation.

- Drum Corp Semifinals at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis is August 7 during band camp. If we get 25 students to attend we most likely will take a bus and go. Ticket price is \$35. Another option is to go to a local cinema to watch on big screen. Ticket price is \$20. Scott will discuss at the beginning of band

camp and make a decision based on number interested.

- Dr. Tim Leadership Workshop - This is at Centerville HS on Tuesday August 18 from 1:00-3:30. Cost is 30.00. It is recommended for juniors and seniors but younger may go at band director's discretion. Scott will bring up during band camp to determine interest.
- Theresa has the band letterhead, donation request letter, and invitational sponsorship letter if they are needed for any reason.