

**Warren Junior Military Band Alumni Association Organizing Group
Meeting Summary**

Saturday, January 26, 2008

Location: Niles Masonic Center, Niles, OH

Alumni and guests present:

Russ Beatty
Holly Ceci
Mike Ceci
Jim Cunningham
Dan Davis
Marcy Davis
Margaret Franklin
Elizabeth Hawkins
Wendy Mundell
Lauren Munroe
Cindy Munson
Rebecca Neuman
Steve Pasternak
Stacie Salyard
James Shuster
Margie Smith (Franklin)
Richard Stephens
Heidi Wagner
Dick Walker
Sarah Winston

The meeting was called to order at around 2:05 pm by Jim Cunningham.

A summary of the last meeting was read by Wendy Mundell.

An update of current WJMB status and upcoming events was given by band representative, Lauren Monroe. Her comments are summarized below.

The band is making efforts to be more visible in the community by having more frequent weekend sessions. They've decided to do this once per month in 2008. Dates and locations have already been set for the monthly rehearsals up through May, and then summer activities will begin. Specifics were given and can be found on the band's website www.wjmb.org. Most weekend sessions are held near the end of the month and there will always be an Honors Concert during the weekend on Sunday at 2 p.m. The concert is open to the public. All alumni are encouraged to attend. Please check the band's website for locations as there are different locations depending on the month.

The band is planning a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at the Old North Church in Canfield for sometime in March. Please check the band's website for details. All

alumni are again encouraged to help support the band by attending the dinner. They are also planning a Rummage Sale to be held at the Aristocrat Banquet Hall in Youngstown on Francisca Ave. At this time, they are currently taking donations of items to be sold at this sale.

The band would like to invite interested alumni to help with several other regular events such as:

- Concerts – Handout flyers, sell merchandise, etc.
- Bingo - Currently held at the Aristocrat on Monday and Thursday evenings.
- Band camp - Held in June. Help can be used in areas such as kitchen, uniforms, etc.

Please contact the band if you are interested. Email and phone numbers are listed on their website.

The band representatives were interested in what the Alumni Association may be able to do to support the band in the future. The alumni group decided that more time was needed to become better organized in order to answer that question. For the time being, the alumni plan to support the band's efforts by helping to "get the word out" about the band's events and fundraisers. The band also would like for the link to their website be added to the new alumni website.

An overview of fees associated with becoming a non-profit was summarized.

Submission of the Articles of Incorporation to the state of Ohio will cost \$125. Obtaining a PO Box for submission of any monies to the association may be around \$40 per year. Obtaining 501(c)(3) status from the IRS is expected to cost \$300. It is unclear if this status needs to be obtained immediately and also if this is an accurate estimate of the fees. Registration with the Ohio Attorney General is required within 6 months, but filing costs are expected to be 0. Alumnus Attorney Mike Harlan has previously offered to help with completing the necessary paperwork. Alumnus Rebecca Neuman mentioned that her father is an attorney in the Niles area and would likely also be of help if needed.

A somewhat lively discussion about membership dues was held and finally agreed that the group would like alumni to donate \$20 per year to the association. At this time, this would be considered a donation, not dues. Dues would not be required at this time. An annual donation reminder would be sent to the association member sometime near the date of the initial donation or if there is no initial donation then the first of the year. Perhaps these reminders would be sent in batches around four times per year, so it would only need to be done quarterly. It is not clear if dues will be required in the future.

One clarification on the annual \$20 donation was offered by Mike Ceci, in that, these donations should be used only for the purpose of covering expenses of the alumni association and should not be used as donations to the band. The association will have its own expenses for mailings of notices and newsletters, website fees, possible facility fees for gatherings, etc. It was thought that separate

fundraisers would be used in the future for collecting monies to be used as donations to the band.

At this time, nine attendees then made donations to the association. In all, \$180.00 was collected and written receipts were given to the donors. It is expected that the PO Box will be obtained with these monies and also the fee for filing of the Articles of Incorporation will be paid for. Future alumni annual donations will need to be sent to the new PO Box which will be posted on the alumni website. The new Board Officers agreed to take care of opening the bank account for the new association before the next meeting.

Alumni were asked to introduce themselves to the room. A discussion of past memories ensued during which Dan Davis, recited the definition of "Sir" from memory and was applauded. Richard Stephens, an alumnus from 1944 - 1947, also talked about his memories of the band and Squire.

An election of Officers and board members followed. The following attendees were elected to the following positions:

Jim Cunningham - President
Mike Ceci - Vice President
Wendy Mundell - Secretary
Stacie Salyard - Treasurer
Russ Beatty - Trustee
Holly Ceci - Trustee
Dan Davis - Trustee
Marcy Davis - Trustee
Cindy Munson - Trustee
Rebecca Neuman - Trustee
Steve Pasternak - Trustee
Heidi Wagner - Trustee
Dick Walker - Trustee
Sarah Winston - Trustee
Mike Harlan was elected to the position of Trustee in absence.

Two Committees were formed.

Membership - Russ Beatty, Steve Pasternak, Dick Walker
Newsletter - Dan Davis, Wendy Mundell (Note: changes have been made to this committee since the meeting. Committee members are now Dan Davis, Sharon Cunningham, Mike Ceci and Paula Franklin)

The newsletter is tentatively planned to be published quarterly and will be sent primarily by email notice, except where only a mailing address is available.

Several other committees were tabled for the next meeting. Tentatively, they are: Fundraising, Public Relations, Social, Audit and Finance.

A future alumni picnic discussion was held. Russ Beatty offered a new location of the park in Poland. He said he could get it at no charge. There is a charge of around \$20 per pavilion at Perkin's Park in Warren. Russ said there is a pavilion and ball field at the park in Poland. Making the picnic an annual event was brought up. It was then thought that Father's Day would be a good day as alumni that have moved out of the area may be in town at that time. The picnic idea will hopefully be finalized at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at the Niles Masonic Center.

A schedule of future meetings was announced. Future meetings will be planned for every other month (January, March, May, July, September and November) on the second Saturday of that month. The location and time will remain the same unless announced otherwise.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Mundell