

5 December 2002

Hello everyone -

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend!! Congrats to all of you who participated in the holiday concert...you sounded great :) Now down to business :)

At our last NBA meeting on Thursday, December 5, we got up to speed on a couple of items before Rob Mondlock spoke about the benefits of living in a different city than you teach.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to participate in the lobby concert this Friday. The line-up was full by the time we got our stuff in. Thank you to everyone who was willing to play, and I still hope you will show up for the concert (12:00 on Friday). It is always tons of fun :) Let's plan on getting something together for next year!

If you will be heading to the [Elk Mound](#) to play in any of the ensembles, we are asking for your help in the set-up and take-down of the equipment we will be using. If you haven't signed up to do this already, see one of the officers to get your name on the list.

Join the membership committee!! This committee will be in charge of getting more members in our NBA chapter! If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Amy at mcfarlaj@uwec.edu, or just reply to this email :)

This Saturday, December 14 at 6:30pm we will be having a social at Dr. Heidel's house. We will also be doing a gift exchange. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, the gift should be no more than \$5.00 and be for either male or female. There will be a few cars heading over to Dr. Heidel's house, so if you need a ride, let me know and we will find one for you!

Support the local band programs!! Next week there are a couple of band concerts. On Monday, December 16, Michelle is conducting a piece at Cadott High School and Jenny is conducting a piece at Fall Creek High School. If you are interested in attending either of these concerts, see Michelle and Jenny for a ride. Also, on Tuesday, December 17, Sarah is conducting a piece at Elk Mound High School. For a ride to Elk Mound, talk to Sarah!

Thanks to all who helped with the sweatshirt sale! It was a big success. Way to go!

Rob Mondlock was our guest speaker on Thursday. He discussed the advantages and disadvantages of living in a different city than you teach. Rob lives in Menomonie and teaches in Elk Mound (a 20 minute drive from Menomonie) Some of the advantages are getting away from the students and parents in the evenings and weekends and having a nice long drive to and from school. He says he plans what he will do on his way to school and calms down on his way home from school. But, Rob also said that the 20 minute drive can be a disadvantage in the fact that it is long. He also says that extra curricular events get in the way of his personal life. Rob is sometimes at school for 13 hours a day!

Rob also talked about the advantages and disadvantages of running the entire music program (band and choral). He said that the kids are great and he loves challenges that he has faced. Rob said one of the nice benefits of having your own program is that he answers to himself and the decisions are made entirely by him. The disadvantages are that because he is responsible for the entire music program, if something should go wrong, he is to blame for whatever went wrong.

He would like to have a co-worker - 2 minds are better than one. Time is also a disadvantage. Rob has a total of 45 minutes a day to prepare for all of his classes.

I hope you all have a great last week of classes! Good luck with finals and we'll see you on Saturday :)

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