



Central Dauphin Band Boosters' Association

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, November 3, 2009

President Eric Bloom called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The Treasurer's report (Jolene Yaede) was presented but not passed pending final audit. This report shows revenues and expenses for the month. Major deposits this month were from Script and the Artie Shaw concert. Major disbursements were for Instruments and Bonus Books. Thanks to Tom Thorwart for helping us with the IRS 990EZ filing. This form will be posted online as soon as it is filed. The Financial Secretary's report (Tim Clouser) was presented. The first page of this report lists the financial information by event. The second page shows budget to actual. The Recording Secretary's Report (Sue Douma) was reviewed and passed on the motions of Cindy Case and Kay Mesaros.

Vice President's Report (Diane Baker) - Diane did not attend the meeting. Eric noted that we have 107 booster members. This is the most members the Boosters have had in this century and millennium. We appreciate all of the families that have become members.

President's Report (Eric Bloom) – Eric said that Mrs. Johnson goes out of her way for the band. He wants us to recognize her as a huge ally of the band.

Mr. Ceresini's Report: The President and Vice President of the Band, Dr. Brandon Allen and Dr. Ben Guise gave us an update on the various activities of the band program. They reported that the Artie Shaw concert was a success. Marching Band is going well. The playoffs should be good. The last Tuesday Marching Band practice went well. The band students cleaned up the band room. The Jazz bands are doing well. The Veterans Day concert is tomorrow night. The band will play three combined songs. Mrs. Acri asked if the bands would be playing any marches. The answer was that there will be two marches- Stars and Stripes Forever and the Liberty Bell March. The Indoor groups and Pit are starting soon. The doctors then turned the meeting over to Mr. C. Mr. Ceresini thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Mr. C then gave us a recap of the various events that happened since our last meeting: The Vietnam Vet event with Ron Marsico was a nice night. Many people expressed their thanks to Mr. C. The Artie Shaw concert was cool. This event was not sold out. Jazz I played at the concert. Mansfield University played the next day at school. The buddies did not join us for Buddy Night because of the rainy weather. The Linglestown Middle School eighth graders will be at the Keynotes concert but CD Middle School can't attend because Mr. Shellhamer has a prior commitment. Thanks to Jeff Imboden for making a video of the Marching Band's activity in the stands to show to the buddies how fun it is to be in the Marching Band. The Ram Band cancelled their appearance at the Dauphin – Middle Paxton parade because of inclement weather. The Marching Band did the Penbrook Parade in record time. No one got accosted this year. The Ram Band won as best band. We did not win the eye glass contest. The Cedar Cliff show was the last band show for this season. The band did a great job. It was a neat night. It was also one of the least wet events of October. Upcoming events: Students in any of the bands can participate in the band that will play for the Powder-puff Football game. The Veterans Day concert is tomorrow at 7pm. Both concert bands and the Percussion Ensemble are playing well. The concert will be one hour and eight minutes in length. The Keynotes concert is Saturday November 7 at 7pm. Mr. Ceresini received an email stating that the band room was too dirty after the band room parties. Actually there are no band room parties. It is just that there are 100 marching band students eating and changing clothes before football games. He made his point in his response to the email. The students did clean the band room. The Rams have made the

playoffs. If the Rams win on Friday night, the first playoff game will be at Landis Field. If the Rams lose there could be a different scenario. A playoff game on November 13th is almost definite. There will be no more Tuesday Marching Band practices. Mr. Ceresini wanted to tell his philosophy on Marching Band shows. Helping create the awesome atmosphere at Landis Field and other stadiums on Football Fridays is the band's primary mission. The band shows are important for several reasons: 1. It's nice to perform for a crowd focused is on the bands performances. 2. The students get to see other bands. 3. The students see that there are other students that also participate in band. 4. Mr. C does not care about the score the band receives, just that they continue improve because being judged is an internal motivator for the students to do their best. Mr. Ceresini prefers to schedule shows at the beginning and then end of the season to show the band's improvement over that time. The students have risen to the occasion and have really improved on their performance. The Allentown show is just a great venue to view band shows. As for the Indoor groups, the Majorettes have started practices on Sunday and will soon go to two practices a week. The Guard and Drumline probably also will include students from East High as we've had several inquiries from East students. Mr. Ceresini will ask the School Board for their approval of the combined groups. The Guard and Drumline will have their beginning meetings at the end of the month and will start practices in December. As for the update on the new uniforms, Mr. Ceresini met with Mike from Stanbury. Mike showed him a bunch of designs. Mr. C likes one of the styles. They are working on the accoutrements. We will try to order the uniforms with East High in order to get a discount. The uniforms for the two schools will be different. The Band Students for the Months of August, September, and October are Ben Guise, Taylor Young, and Dan Budd, respectively. Ms. Bush has finished her student teaching at Central Dauphin. She will now be assisting Mrs. Wertz at West Hanover Elementary School. She will be working with students in K-5th grade. Ms. Bush will be at the Veterans Day concert to conduct a song. She will also be at the football games. A question was asked about the band's late arrival to the Chambersburg game because of the buses late arrival to pick up the band. Mr. C said that the Athletic Director will be helping him with this problem. A comment was also made about the band's post game performance at the Lower Dauphin game. The band could not play at halftime because of a Four Diamonds event. It was mentioned that the since the band then had to play post game that their performance should have been announced. The cheerleaders did stay to watch the band's performance. At this same game last year Lower Dauphin didn't get to play their show. Some improvements should be made to this event for future years in respect to the bands' performances. The Mansfield Wind Ensemble will come to Central Dauphin on November 19th. Mr. Ceresini will settle on his house on November 20th. He is very excited.

Old Business:

Scrip – Barbie Bloom. We hit the \$20,000 mark in Scrip revenue this month. The program started in earnest in Fall 2007. Use RamBand scrip for your holiday shopping needs: Thanksgiving, Chanukah, and Christmas. You can also use the Giant scrip cards at the new Giant's gas pumps as well as the pumps at the Giant east of Route 22. The December order won't be ready for pickup until December 8th. Also, don't stock up on order forms because they change frequently. October sales totaled \$13,277/Total profit was \$609 (Boosters - \$433; Students - \$176; Fiscal Year To Date sales totaled \$53,693/Total profit was \$2,471 (Boosters - \$1,765; Students - \$706) and Total Program Sales totaled \$384,072/Total profit was \$20,123(Boosters - \$14,327; Students - \$5,796).

Landis Field Concessions - Ram Home Games Visitor's Side - Guises, Baldwins and Thorwarts – The revenue for the Carlisle game was \$220. There was a small crowd at this game. The revenue for the Williamsport was \$200. There was terrible weather for this game as well as a terrible crowd. The Boosters make 20% of this revenue. The Bake Sale Table made \$16 at the Williamsport game. The Golden Spatula award was given to Tracy Allen for her cupcakes. At the home playoff game, the Boosters will again have the away side [not, as reported at the meeting, the Home side]. People are needed for the playoff game. Also, if McDevitt plays their home games at Landis Field, the Boosters can work in Concessions for some money. However, Mark Guise said that this is a big time investment for the minimal amount the Boosters would receive.

Karns 1 for the Schools – Jennifer DeFazio – Get a Fresh Rewards card at any Karns Foods store. Register the card at www.karnsfoods.com. Click the “1 for the Schools” tab on the Fresh Rewards link and select the Boosters from the drop down menu. The Boosters receive 1% of the purchase. Please show your card when you shop because the clerks will not ask for it. We found out that Karns lets more than one group per school benefit from this program so be sure to select the Band Boosters when you register.

Bonus Books – Diane Baker – We started the Books on September 18th. The books sold for \$25. There was a profit of \$12 per book with a 70 student/30 Booster profit split. We sold 238 books for a total profit of \$6,100 (\$1,999 – Students/\$857 – Boosters). There are still five books that have not been accounted for.

Artie Shaw Orchestra Concert – October 20, 2009 – Eric Bloom and Joanne Baylor – Revenues: Tickets - \$5,000; Concessions - \$125 and Advertising - \$250. Expenses: Band - \$4,000; Programs - \$1,500; Tickets - \$200 and Advertising - \$500. Our net loss was approximately \$850. Kudos to Joanne Baylor for organizing the volunteers. Thanks to the Olive Garden and our former Vice President Lisaanne Smith for donating a meal for ASO. Please see the most recent Ram-a-Gram for feedback on the concert.

Senior Recognition Night – November 6, 2009 – Laurie Kissinger. There will be a pregame meeting for parents at 5:45 in the Middle School cafeteria. Senior Recognition will begin at 6:35. We will honor 59 seniors. The band will perform as soon as the Senior Rec. activities are complete.

KeyNotes Concert and Ice Cream Social – November 7, 2009 – Sue Acri. Sue has everything under control.

Wolfgang Candy – Barbara Edinger – The sale dates are now through December 1, 2009. There is a profit split of 70/30. Pick-up is December 18th. Packets were available at the meeting and there are also packets in the band room.

Blue Mountain Candle Sale – Scott Reigle – The sale dates are now through December 1, 2009. There is a profit split of 70/30. Pick-up is December 18th. The candles will sell for \$13 with a \$5 profit per candle. Both of these product sales are voluntary.

Harrisburg Holiday Parade/Senior Speeches Pizza Party – November 21, 2009.

Holiday Dessert Dance – December 11, 2009 – Cheryl Blaha and Michelle Doyle. This event is 7-9pm. This year we are just having desserts which will be donated by the parents. Mr. G will provide coffee samples. Dancing Dave and Eileen will attend.

Winter Strawberry Sale – January/February 2010) – Melissa Graeff. We will focus on January so that the student profits can be used for the Disney10 trip. The cost will be \$26 per flat (8 quarts) and the profit will be \$8 per flat.

Coffee Sale – January/February 2010) – Leona Asper – This product sale is Mr. G Coffee from Lewistown. The cost is \$7.50 per bag. The profit for student accounts will be \$2.36 a bag. There will be samples at the Holiday Dinner Dance. We will focus on January for this sale as well.

Valentine’s Dinner Dance - February 10, 2010 – Michelle Doyle and Cheryl Blaha. The Boosters purchase the ingredients and the Family Consumer Science students prepare the desserts. Joshua Davis, the Director of Jazz at Susquehanna University will play with his group at the dance. He will also provide a work shop for the students.

Craft Show – April 10, 2010 – Judy Koontz – A mailing was prepared and sent last month. Fifty six applications have been received so far. Thirty six are return crafters and 20 are new. Eighty three spaces have been applied for so far. Fifty seven spaces are for return crafters and 26 are for new crafters. We hope to have a sellout by Christmas. Many volunteers will be needed for this event.

Indoor-RAM-a – April 17, 2010 – Sue Acri, Sue Douma, Sue Kinneer, Barbie Bloom and Michelle Doyle. Band directors will start their indoor schedule planning around Thanksgiving.

Band Banquet – May 21, 2009 – Donna Skelton and Sally Davies. They are working on getting organized.

2010-11 Officers. Sixty percent of the Executive Committee has a graduating senior! It’s time to start thinking about whether you are willing to commit to making the program even better.

Talk to any booster officer (Mr. C, Eric, Diane, Jolene, Tim or Sue) if you are interested in details on the job.

Band Trip Update – Disney 2010 -Sue Kruleski, Sue Kinneer and Denise Hess – The all-band trip to Orlando, Florida is Wednesday, March 31 through Monday, April 5, 2010. This is Easter break. The payment schedule has been revised to the following dates: Friday, November 20, 2009, Friday, January 8, 2010 and Friday, February 5, 2010. There will be a mandatory trip meeting on February 24, 2010. This meeting will cover practices, uniform fittings, concert band items, and dietary needs. Information on trip insurance is available online. If you have any questions, please email the Boosters at boosters@cdramband.org.

New Business:

A Band-a-RAMa 2010 Planning Meeting will be held on November 19, 2009 at 7pm in the band room. All are welcome to join and share their thoughts.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 7:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned- at 8:35pm