



Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2012

Mr. Ceresini called the meeting to order at 7:01 and welcomed the large crowd for the freshman orientation Band Boosters meeting.

CDHS Ramband Program overview: Mr. Ceresini: There are 10 performing ensembles in the band program, with many students involved in multiple ones! He gave a brief overview of each one.

Concert Bands: Ninth graders are eligible to perform in Symphonic Band and Percussion ensemble. Grades 10-12 are eligible to audition for Wind Ensemble. There are several concerts thru the school year, as well as playing for graduation.

Jazz Bands: There are three Jazz ensembles, these are all curriculum classes and meet daily. They play at concerts, dances, Knoebels, and Chocolate Fest.

Marching Band: Summer rehearsals begin next week! There are 115 students expected to be participating this year! We have ordered new uniforms, and they should be delivered before the first performance. They perform at football games, shows, parades, and at the Keynotes concert. The summer rehearsals operate on a “if you are in town, please come” policy, Band camp in August is mandatory.

Indoor Program: There are three competing groups, Percussion, Guard, and Majorettes. They begin preparing in November for the season which usually starts in January.

Honors Bands: We have many students audition and gain acceptance into DCMEA and PMEA groups. We have approximately 30 students per year make County Band!

Academics: Mr. C. considers this very important; band does not usually conflict with school work. If a student is having a problem, please let him know as soon as possible. Many of the staff members are willing to help a student if they are having trouble. Mr. C. loves math! All of the band ensembles except for the indoor groups are graded classes.

Band Handbook: This is available on the Boosters website www.cdramband.org . They will also be handed out to the students at the beginning of the school year.

Mr. C. concluded by talking about the philosophy of the Band program, the three E’s. Excellence, Experience, and Enjoyment. This is an exciting place to come in to, the students want to perform well, have fun, and learn new things. There are expected to be over 200 students participating in the Band program next year!

CDHS Band Boosters Association: Diane Baker, President: The goals of the Booster program are to feed kids, haul stuff, and raise money to support the program. We don’t teach or discipline the kids. We operate on a budget of about \$65,000 per year. All fundraising is voluntary, there are no mandatory buyouts. We are a 501c3 organization and all donations are tax deductible. We try to organize and fund at least one performing group coming to the school each year. Some examples of groups we have brought in are Presidio Brass, The Navy Band, The Air Force Jazz Band, and the Glenn Miller Orchestra. This year we are having a

Beatles Tribute Band. We also organize and put on BandaRama (a marching band exhibition) and Indoorama (an indoor competition).

Diane introduced the executive committee, which meets monthly the week before the Boosters meetings. The committee member's names and contact info are available on the website. One of the easiest ways of staying in touch is thru our website, which is a wealth of information. One of the other ways we will contact people is thru email blasts, so please make sure we have your email address as soon as possible so we can start getting you in the system. We can send out our email blast to specific groups your student is involved in, but if you are getting too many, please let Diane know.

Our membership starts over every June, so it's time to renew your Boosters membership now! The forms are now available. There are many different levels of membership with different perks available for each level. Dena Jefferson is the new membership chair.

Volunteering is a vital part of our program. We have no mandatory hours, but we do ask that everyone help out as much as they are able. We have approximately 20-25 members that actively head and organize events, and another 70-75 that volunteer to work shifts. We use an online system called Charms which has the volunteer sign up slots available. A Charms tutorial will be done at the August meeting. Mr. C. commented that the Boosters activities are all voluntary, and a lot of options are available. No special skills are required, and there is a lot of fun stuff to do.

There are a lot of fundraising opportunities available, and all of the fundraisers are split between the boosters and your student account. The band program takes a major trip every other year, and it is possible to pay for these trips entirely thru fundraising! Funds in student accounts can also be used to pay for lessons, instruments, and uniform needs. One of our big programs which kicks off over the summer is the Business sponsorship program. If you know of any business that would be willing to sponsor the band, 30% of the proceeds go into your student account! Another program which operates year round is the SCRIP program, which is an easy way to raise funds by purchasing gift cards for things you use every day like groceries, gas, restaurants. The orders are placed two times a month on the first and third Tuesdays. The information on the program is on the website, and Missy will be giving more information at the August meeting.

Band Boosters Meeting

Treasurers Report: Cindy Case: There was \$9600 in deposits, repayment from the Wildwood trip. There were \$8500 in expenses left over from the craft show and Indoorama.

Financial Secretary's Report: Maki Traynor: No report.

Vice Presidents Report: Cathy Sangillo: No report.

Recording Secretary's Report: Laurie Kissinger. The minutes are posted on line within a week of the meeting. The minutes from last month were approved by Jen DeFazio and seconded by Michelle Kauffman. They were approved by a unanimous vote.

Student officer's report: Vice President Emily Mountain: Emily reported that she can not think of a better place to be in High School than to be involved with the Band program! She reported that the Band Banquet was a lot of fun. The Memorial Day parade was a bit tricky getting the drums and tubas thru the roundabouts in the Linglestown Square. Knoebels was a lot of fun for everyone; a lot of alumni attended that event. She introduced the new officers, President Janelle Koontz, and Vice President Brandon Mouery. Graduation is Wednesday evening and Emily thanked the Boosters for the most amazing past four years of her life, and "I love you all!"

Band Directors Report: Mr. Ceresini: He reminded the group that the CD recording order forms are due tomorrow for the Marching Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Bands CDs.

Recaps: There was no rain at Knoebels this year for the Jazz picnic! The Jazz bands also enjoyed their spring concert and Ice cream social. The Marching Band participated in the Memorial Day parade which is always hot, but they had an aggressive hydration plan!

Ensemble placement: There are over 200 students involved in the band program. There are a lot of opportunities available. He encouraged students to keep trying for things they are interested in; if you keep working hard you will see how far you have come. He understands that there may be some disappointment at times if you don't place where you were hoping, but he does not place any more importance on any one group over another.

Upcoming events: Graduation-this is very exciting and the kids love performing here. Marching Band will start summer rehearsals next week with a mini camp Mon-Wed. from 6-9pm.

Old Business:

Scrip: The student accounts have earned about \$13,000 since beginning this program!

Band Banquet: Thanks to crew of Gail Hrobuchak, Paula Winch, and Suzanne Hurd for a great event! It was a fun evening for all who attended.

Uniform Campaign: We have had donations of \$27,070 and had \$20,000 in savings. We are still trying to raise the last \$5,000. IRS letters went out this week for the most recent donations.

BandaRama: Mr. C. is looking into changing the date to Sept. 22. He is awaiting approval from the district. All of the bands that have already committed will still be able to attend on that date.

Scholarships: The Boosters presented scholarships and awards to Graduating Seniors at the Band Banquet. The list is as follows: Emily Mountain \$500 Gingrich, Emily Longenecker \$200 Marine, Andrew Fazenbaker \$200 Marine, Kristen Baker \$500 Milbrand, Andrew Bayer \$200 Instrumental, Tyler Hinson \$200 Instrumental, Jacob Mitzel \$200 Jazz, Emily Eyster \$200 Band Front, Andrew Fazenbaker \$200 US Army All American, Reed Kimmel LINE award.

Golf a Rama: This event is June 22 at 1:00 at Deer Valley Golf course. You can come just for dinner if you are not a golfer; the steak dinner is \$25. There are a lot of cool prizes this year and we may have a hole in one car! Please sign up early if possible so we know how many to expect.

Legends of Music: October 10 is the likely date. We have someone willing to help, but we need a co-chair.

Basket Sale: We still have some available, they make great last minute graduation gifts. Please see website for order form.

GTP/HERCO: Shifts are becoming available; please contact Cheryl Martin if interested. This is a 70/30 split between student account and boosters, so it's a great way to build up your student account fast! Info is on the website.

Knoebels: This was a great social event! Thanks to the Losers and the Nicholas for all of their hard work.

Event Heads needed: Still looking for someone to run the Landis Bake Sale table. This does not require you sitting there for every game, just coordinating volunteers and donations. We also need someone to take over Band Fair/Pigskin Preview. There was no response to the email blast of last week! This is not a huge job, the food and dunk tank are already taken care of. There is an itemized check list of what needs to be done, please contact Diane if interested.

Band Camp: The first week will be held at CD Middle School in the cafeteria/band wing/Landis field. The second week will be back at CDHS.

Staffers: We set up a table and sell food and drinks on June 16. We need volunteers and donations. A sign up sheet was passed around at meeting, and also available on Charms. Sugi Judd is coordinating this event.

New Business:

2012-2013 Budget: The budget was presented and approved by Michelle Chambers, seconded by Cathy Sangillo. It was approved by a unanimous vote.

Perkins: We will again be having Perkins Dine in nights on August 1 and 2. They give us 15% of the entire restaurants take if we can get 50 people to eat there each night. This will be a great social event the week before band camp! Coupons will be available at the July meeting and on the website.

Sheetz Coupon Books: We will begin selling these at the July meeting. They will be great for the kids as they tend to leave rehearsals and go straight to Sheetz!

Business Sponsorships: Kim, Stacy, and Diane are meeting to get this program organized. Start thinking of business you can approach!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

The next meeting will be held on July 3, 2012 at 7:00pm

Submitted by
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Recording Secretary