



Central Dauphin Band Boosters' Association

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, August 4, 2009

President Eric Bloom called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The Treasurer's report was presented but not passed pending final audit. This report shows revenues and expenses for the month. Not much income was made during July. Expenses were for the Phillies tickets and Drum Major camp. We are in need of cash flow, so please enroll as a member of the Boosters. The Financial Secretary's report was presented. This report lists the financial information by event. Tim pointed out the Students' Accounts are updated each month and are posted on the bulletin board in the Band Room. Student Account funds can be used for various purposes: music lessons, repairs, trip, event expenses, and required attire. The Recording Secretary's Report was reviewed and passed on the motions of Jeff Imboden and Marian Gardner. Sue Douma noted that for June 2009, we received 11 memberships for a total of \$505 and for July we received 16 memberships for a total of \$1,385. To date, we have 27 member families for a total of \$1,890. This breaks down to 10 members for the Class of 2010 for a membership percent of 30.3% of senior families; 2 members for the Class of 2011 for a membership percent of 5.56% of junior families; 6 members for the Class of 2012 for a membership percent of 12.5% of sophomore families; and 9 members for the Class of 2013 for a membership percent of 13.64% of freshman families. Total membership is 14.75% of total band families. Our goal is 100%. Sue mentioned that the Enrollment Forms were available at the meeting (and online) and she would collect any forms that were completed.

President's Report: Eric introduced us to our new district Superintendent, Dr. Gonzalez. The Boosters were very pleased and excited that Dr. Gonzalez took time out of his busy schedule to attend our meeting. Dr. Gonzalez was familiar with the RamBand's having participated in the 2008 Community Service Day. An RFP went out to various rental truck companies for transporting the equipment for the Marching Band and the Indoor Units. The selection of the rental truck company will be made by mid-August. The boosters distributed a package of materials was distributed to the students on the second morning of Band Camp. Please look for this package which contains a letter from Mr. Ceresini and information on Parents' Night, the Pool Party, Disney 10, membership, scrip, patron and one line ads, t-shirt contest, etc.

Vice-President's Report: Diane mentioned that on Monday evening Sue Douma and she distributed membership enrollment forms to parents parked in the parking lot waiting for their band students. Diane said our next move will to make personal phone calls to parents inviting them to become Booster members.

Mr. Ceresini's Report: Mr. Ceresini thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and he gave a special welcome to Dr. Gonzalez. He said that the Boosters were very vital to the Band program. The Boosters perform many duties such as uniform fittings (kudos to Judy Koontz and her crew) that otherwise he would have to do which would cut into his time with the students. Mr. C said that the emphasis at the moment is on the Marching Band. This is the second day of Band Camp and the rehearsals are going well. The Marching Band is already moving. Mr. Ceresini said that he was not going to get a tent for the practice field because of the midday break; also, the boosters would not supply water this year, students will do as they have done in years past-- bring plenty of water from home. After Band Camp, rehearsals will be held mostly on Tuesday nights with some Wednesday night practices during the rest of Marching Band season. The Drum Majors have returned from Drum Major camp. This is a great camp which teaches the students leadership and drum major duties. The uniforms will be ten years old this season. Mr. C said that

we will begin the process for getting new uniforms. He said that Boosters have been setting aside funds each year for uniforms and currently we have over ten thousand dollars for this purpose (listed as Savings and CDs on the Treasurer's Report). RamBand Community Service Day will be Friday, August 7th. The students will meet at CDHS and board the buses for their respective place of service. Thirteen students of the trumpets and mellophones sections will be volunteering at Wildwood Lake; 13 students of the flutes, bari sax and tuba sections will be volunteering the Central Penn Food Bank; 41 students of the bandfront, clarinet, tenor sax, alto sax, and baritone sections will be volunteering at CATRA; and all 27 of the percussion section will be volunteering at the Silence of Mary Home. This was a favorite of the percussion section last year so they are returning to help again. Thursday, August 13th is Parent's night. Please come out and see the show. Friday, August 14th is the Pool party at Devon Manor pool which is being organized by Jen DeFazio and Alison Ruello. Parents please come to this event even if your student misinforms you and tells you not to come. There are many activities, such as: food, entertainment, swimming and socialization. Freshman are asked to bring salads (pasta, fruit, vegetables, etc.); sophomores are asked to bring snack items (chips, pretzels, munchies, etc.); juniors are asked to bring desserts; and seniors are asked to bring sodas (still Pepsi products please). Current and alumni band members in the group JP (Just Playing) will be the entertainment. The schedule is as follows: 4:30-5:15 JP plays; 5:45-6:15 Staff introductions and camp awards including the Disney 10 drawing and t-shirt contest winners; and 7:00 to 7:45 JP entertains again. Mr. Ceresini told us that he will be playing his trumpet with JP. Parents may want to bring chairs or blankets to sit on. Concerning the Phillies game on August 19th, the students' tickets are paid for by the Boosters. Meeting time will be at 1:45 and the buses depart at 2:30. The students should bring a lunch to be eaten outside the stadium after they arrive if they want to eat before the game. They don't really need any money unless they would like to purchase something at the stadium. The Band performs at 6:40 on the field. For a complete time schedule, check out the What's New section of the band's website. Jazz I will play for all of the District's teachers in the CD auditorium on the first day of school. Mr. Ceresini said that the student's schedules will be mailed soon. He said that the Jazz bands are switching periods. Jazz I will be 5th period and Jazz II will be 4th period. Mr. C said that Marching Band may not show up on the students' schedules. Band-a-Rama is an exhibition show that Central Dauphin hosts. Currently eleven high school bands have committed to the show. Kathy Christie did a great job in securing all these bands. Mr. C is working on getting a college band. Someone asked a question concerning the date of the Allentown band show. Mr. Ceresini said that the show is on October 3rd. Eric added that the online calendar on the website is correct. Mr. Ceresini ended his report by telling us that if we have any concerns, ideas or problems, we should email him at mceresini@cdschools.org.

Old Business:

Golf-a-RAM-a (June 11, 2009) – Kudos to Mark Guise, Hal Hammaker and Jenifer Donnelly. Mark reported at the meeting that they raised \$2,300.

Scrip – Barbie Bloom. Barbie announced that she has gotten permission to take pictures of the Band on the field at the Phillies game. She said that at the various band events, she tries to get a picture of every student. If you take any pictures and would like to share them, you can contact Mr. C or Eric Bloom. You can check out the What's New section of the band's website for the latest pictures. Barbie then started her plea for the Scrip program. She told us that Scrip is the buying of gift cards at a discount price by the Boosters. The purchaser buys and spends them at face value. The #1 vendor used is Giant. For a \$100 card, the Boosters only pay \$95. Barbie said with a little planning you can make a lot of money for the Boosters and your student's account and she gave us some examples. The one time enrollment forms are on the Band's website as well as the participating vendors and the order form. VISA and American Express cards are also available; however, you must keep track of the balance remaining yourself. Scrip is due the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month and pick up is at Weber Vision care on Elmerton Avenue. July sales totaled \$9,974/Total profit was \$407 (Boosters - \$294; Students - \$113); and Program Total sales totaled \$340,353/Total profit was \$18,059 (Boosters - \$12,856; Students - \$5,203). For every \$100 card you purchase, \$1.50 goes into your student's account.

Band Fair/Pigskin Preview – September 2, 2009 – Janice Mountain. This is the unofficial debut of the Marching Band, Cheerleaders, and Football team and it is a community event. This event starts at 5:30. The Landis Field Grillin' Pit will handle the food. There will be concessions with food, drinks, and a bake sale. There will be a mini carnival, including a dunk tank with various celebrities, kiddie games, and KISS 99.3 with a remote broadcast by OC. There will be a raffle and 50/50 sales. We will need donations of beverages (Pepsi products only please). There was a Band Fair concessions meeting prior to the Boosters meeting. Janice had posters and a volunteer sign-up sheet at the meeting. There is a separate volunteer sign-up sheet for concessions. You can also sign up to volunteer online. If you have any ideas or want to volunteer you can contact Janice at Jthemtn@aol.com. Mr. C will handle the emceeing and performance schedule.

Business Sponsorship – 30/70 Profit Split: As of July 31, 2009, we have received \$7,500 in sponsorships and commitments. They are as follows: Platinum Sponsor (\$2,500) – Weber Vision Care; Gold Sponsor (\$1,500) – Group Travel Consultants, Inc.; White Sponsor (\$500) – Enders Insurance Associates, Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudis, and Anonymous; Business Sponsor (\$250) – Diane S. Baker, Centric Bank, The Hershey Company, Kantor and Tkatch Associates, Susquehanna Surgeons, and Triangle Press, Inc. We have received some new sponsors while some old sponsors are cutting back. This is open season so you may call on people you know and deal with on a regular basis. Don't worry about stepping on someone else's toes. We will have to work harder this year to get sponsors because of the economy. This is a crucial part of the Band Boosters 2009-10 Budget. Please make your calls and return your call report by August 14th. One of the perks of being a sponsor is ads in the various Band event programs.

Wearables – Jeff and Claire Saul – Claire wanted to remind us that band shoes are \$25 not \$20 and gloves are \$2 not \$3. Tomorrow will be band shoe try-on day.

Landis Field Concessions (Ram Home Games- Visitor's Side) – Mark Guise, Tim and Belinda Clouser – There is a Grillin' Pit. Mark asked if any students had food allergies and there is a bake sale table. Help is needed at the concession stand and bake sale items are needed.

28th Annual Band-a-RAM-a 2009 (September 19, 2009) - Kathie Christie – This is a Marching Band Exhibition held at Landis Field that has been a CD tradition since 1982! Eric explained that it's his sense that a full-blown competition band is not Mr. Ceresini's top priority. He likes to give the students a more rounded experience with parades and exhibitions. The RamBand and the **East High Marching Panthers** participate as well as visiting bands. Eleven bands have committed so far: CD, CD EAST, Dallastown, Elizabethtown, Kennard-Dale, Northeastern, Shippensburg, Steel High, Waynesboro, William Penn (York) and Wyomissing. Many volunteers are needed to help with concessions, grams (air, flower and candy grams – Judy Koontz); and Shepherds, especially for the new bands (these people assist the bands, welcome them and give them information and give them their time schedule – Roger Koontz). A sign-up sheet was passed around at the meeting. Cindy Case will be handling the Band-a-RAM-a program. Eric encouraged us and our students to do the one line and parent patron ads. All of money from the one line ads goes right into your students account. We are also looking for a freshman or sophomore parent to assist Kathie with this event since she is a senior parent.

Bonus Books – Diane Baker – We will start selling these books on September 15, 2009. The books sell for \$25. There is a profit of \$12 per book with a 70 student/30 Booster profit split. That's \$8.40 in your student's account for each book sold. The books will pay for themselves quickly.

SKH Fall Event – October 3, 2009 – We need an event head for this event. This is the same day as the Allentown USSBA show. If we don't get an event head soon, we will need to cancel.

Buddy Night – Saturday October 17, 2009. Sue Acri and Diane Baker have volunteered to head this event. This is mandatory for the 8th graders.

Wolfgang Candy – Barbara Edinger – The sale dates are November 9, 2009 through December 1, 2009). There is a profit split of 70/30. Pick-up is December 18th. Barbara said that she also got a flyer from Wolfgang's for wrapping paper and candles but Eric said that since we are already having a candle sale we will just sell the candy.

Blue Mountain Candle Sale – Scott Reigle – The sale dates are November 9, 2009 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.

GTP & HERCO – Michele Doyle – 100% of the funds go into your student's account. This is a great way to make money for the Disney10 trip. Check the band's website for shift availabilities. HERCO pays less than GTP but you get a HersheyPark voucher from HERCO and not from GTP.

Artie Shaw Orchestra Concert (October 20, 2009) – We need someone to volunteer to be the Event Head. Tickets cost \$12/adult; \$9 students or seniors; \$37 Booster Family pack (4 tickets). Jazz I will perform prior to the Artie Shaw Orchestra. We will start promoting this event more at the beginning of school.

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. GTC (Orlando, Florida) has been selected as the travel agent. The initial deposit of \$100 is due by September 25th. There will be a \$100 gift card drawing for those who submit their deposits by the end of band camp (one entry/traveler). This is our effort to get a good faith deposit. The tentative itinerary is online. A "How to Raise Enough Funds for the Trip" worksheet was available at the meeting. There will be a trip kickoff meeting September 9, 2009 for folks wanting more information. This trip is not mandatory and is open to any student who participates in a performing unit. The Musical and Indoor units have been considered so there will be no conflicts with the trip. If you have any questions, please email the Boosters at boosters@cdrband.org.

New Business:

Upcoming events: Used Instrument Sale – East High – (September 19th) – bring the instruments on the 18th. Check the District's website for more information. Back to School night (September 24th) – there will be a Booster table with information and wearables. Four Diamonds (September 25th) – the Band will participate in the Tailgate party.

Winter Strawberry Sale – January/February 2010 – An event head is needed. The cost will be \$26 per flat (8 quarts) and the profit will be \$8 per flat.

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

Meeting Adjourned- at 8:57pm