



Central Dauphin Band Booster's Association
Meeting Minutes-Tuesday October 5, 2010 @ 7:00 pm

President Eric Bloom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Treasurers Report: Cindy Case: We had a busy month, and made some money and spent some money. The booster's did purchase approximately \$1,000 of drum supplies for the groups.

Financial Secretary: Crystal Richard: Crystal announced that BandaRama made a net profit of \$4400, which was substantially more than the budgeted amount of \$2400.

Recording Secretary's Report: Laurie Kissinger: Due to a technical error, copies of last month's report were unavailable for the group and were unable to be voted on. They will be presented and voted upon at the November meeting. There were several thank you cards presented to the group: one from the Milbrand family for the alumni band experience, one from Indian Valley High School for having them at BandaRama, and one from Taylor Young for his Jazz Scholarship which is helping him to attend the University of North Texas.

Vice President's Report: Diane Baker: Diane spoke about membership numbers for the band boosters this year. At this point we have 89 members, which are falling behind last year's number of 101, even though we have more students in the band program this year. An email is being sent to the non members as we make one more membership push before the Band Directory is printed.

Community Task Force Update: So far there are 100 members on this committee, with 8-10 of our band parents becoming involved. Eric is on the finance committee which is looking at ways to increase revenue and decrease expenses. There have been lots of ideas put out so far to accomplish this. Dr. Gonzalez and Shannon Leib attended this meeting. There has been no talk so far about slashing band programs or the arts. This is actually a very small percentage of the district budget. Mr. Ceresini is on the extracurricular committee which is well represented by music and sports booster members. Mr. C. said that it was an eye opening experience as we are clearly the most efficient booster organization in the district and he expressed his thanks.

Student Officers Report: Josh Richard and Dan Budd: The officers reported that it is starting to get cold at practice! We have a 5-0 football season so far-Go Rams! The month of October is very busy-the students only have band events-no weekends. They are coping with the stress by eating lots of Laffy Taffy, and shared some of the jokes from the wrappers with the group. They commented on the Allentown Show the previous weekend which was judged, the students were happy with their score, and are hoping to improve for the Hershey show. Buddy night went well; several 8th graders were very interested in joining. They said the alumni band was fun, with a wide variety of ages involved. The students are happy to be going to the Dillsburg Fair on Friday to fill up on fried Oreos. They encouraged everyone to come out and support the Glenn Miller concert where Jazz I ensemble will be performing. They concluded their report by talking about the upcoming Veteran's Day concert where their favorite thing is when they play Armed Forces and all of the veterans stand up when their branch segment is played.

Band Director's report: Mr. Ceresini: There were reportedly 8,200 people in attendance for the McDevitt game! Light up the Night-this is the 11th year the band has participated in this event. It was a little rainy, but everyone enjoyed the performance. BandaRama was awesome! It is hard to believe that 2 years ago, we thought the event might be over because we had so few participants. The Mechanicsburg game was Homecoming and the alumni band performed. Mr. C. thanked Barbie Bloom and Megan Kinnear for putting this together. Lots of people emailed him and made positive comments about this event. The alumni band sounded great during the third quarter when our kids were off. The East game was buddy night. This is a small

8th grade class, there were 50 students participating, but it was the most successful as far as having students interested in joining band. Mr. C. thanked the concessions crew for the post game feed, as this is a good time for the kids from both schools. A suggestion was made to send pictures of the event to the district administration. The Allentown USSBA competition was last weekend. 7 bands cancelled in the 2 weeks prior to the show, so it was not as large as anticipated. The Hershey show on October 23rd should be much larger. We do have a ticket sales requirement for participating in this show; we must sell at least 70. We do have 100 tickets available to sell; we will be selling them for \$13, with a \$3 profit per ticket (70/30 split with student accounts). Based on the order, our estimated performance time for this show will be around 8pm.

Upcoming events: Football game Friday with Cumberland Valley-there will be a Four Diamonds Field Goal kicking contest and drumline drum off between the schools at half time. The schedule for October 15/16 has changed. The football game with Harrisburg has been moved to Saturday, as both CD and East had a home game scheduled on Friday night-Mr. C. was just informed of this. The kids love the Dillsburg fair, so he was able to have them perform in the middle school parade on Friday night, the kids can still go to the fair, the parade is shorter and we still get paid! If your child is taking the PSAT test on Sat. morning, they can put their lunch/belongings in the band room before the test. They will then go to the Middle Paxton parade, and then the football game. Mr. C. reported that the new parkas may be here in two weeks. There will be a rehearsal on Wednesday Oct. 27th for the Veterans Day concert. There will be a meeting in December for students interested in the Musical Pit, which Mr. C. conducts. The musical this year is Thoroughly Modern Millie. There will be a meeting in November for the Indoor groups; it will most likely be an open house format. These groups are open to students at both High Schools.

Old Business:

BandaRama: We had more bands than ever before! People felt things ran smoothly, band directors and boosters from other schools were very complimentary, and expressed jealousy of our organization. This is a great reflection on our school and district. We had some minor issues with the airgrams and wristbands, and this will be taken into consideration for next year. We gave free tickets to the 8th grade band members, with about 10 of them being used. Not a lot of business sponsors took advantage of their free tickets.

Alumni Band: We had 48 alumni participate. This event requires a lot of work to pull off, so we may consider doing it every 5 years.

Landis Concessions: We make 20% of revenue from the football boosters. The McDevitt game bought in \$700, Mechanicsburg \$360, and the East game \$480. The crew is looking for some extra volunteers for the Cumberland Valley game, and a sign up sheet was sent around.

Chaperoning: Everything is going well, there are a few more men helping out with hauling the equipment.

SKH Fall Festival: The event is being held this Sat. Oct 9th and the weather is supposed to be great. We are looking for donations of baked goods and soup. This is a good event to get our name out in the community.

Glenn Miller Orchestra: Ticket sales so far are not as good as we would like. So far we are not quite ½ ways sold out. If we can get each band family to sell 4 tickets we can sell out. We will have to feed the performers, more info to come on this. We are selling program ads, and this form can be filled out online.

Product Sales: The info on the Blue Mountain candle sale will be on the website. The Wolfgang candy brochures will be handed out at the next booster meeting, and the candy will be delivered before Christmas.

HERCO/GTP: Now is a good time to pick up shifts for concerts. You will still get free passes for Hershey Park to use next year.

Business Sponsorship: We are still accepting sponsorships, and there is still time to get into the Glenn Miller program. Right now we are \$2,000 less than last year. If everyone got a \$50 sponsorship, we would be ahead by \$6,000.

SCRIP: If 1/3 of booster families used scrip for just gas and food, we could make \$30,000 per year! There was a question as to whether scrip could be picked up anywhere besides Weber vision care, and at this time that is not possible, due to concerns about dealing with what is basically a large amount of cash. If you are not able to pick up your scrip, you can have a friend sign for it for you, also some businesses are going to reload able cards.

CHARMS: There have been a few minor glitches which we are working on regarding changed dates, and the student accounts.

Student Directory: This will be printed in Mid October.

Senior Recognition: November 5th-the football boosters are donating programs to give to all the senior parents this year.

Keynotes Concert: Jen Defazio and Allison Ruello have volunteered to take over the ice cream social. They are planning a more streamlined menu, and more details will follow.

USAF Concert: This was set up by Lower Dauphin High School, and they asked if they could use our building. We don't know yet how involved we will need to be with this, but we may be looking for a coordinator to organize ticket distribution, ushers, programs, and concessions.

Trip Committee: They have been talking, but have not yet decided on a destination for the 2011-2012 trip.

New Business

IRS 990 Filing: This is due Nov. 15. We need an accountant to help us to file this. We have a template for this, and it is not complicated. If anyone is able to help with this, please let Eric know.

Harrisburg Holiday Parade: Nov. 20, 2010. The post parade pizza party has turned into an event where the seniors give speeches to the underclassmen, giving advice for their upcoming band years.

Holiday Dessert Dance: December 10th-you can sign up on CHARMS to help with this.

Craft Show: Judy Koontz is working on the mailing to go out to the crafters in the next couple of weeks.

Next Booster Meeting: Tuesday November 2, 2010 at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

Sincerely,

Laurie Kissinger, Recording Secretary