



Central Dauphin Band Boosters' Association

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, September 1, 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. Cash flow is good at this point because of revenue from Business Sponsorships. The Boosters owe ~\$2,000 to Menchey Music for instruments and ~\$1,000 for Tour t-shirts. 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. 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 as approved by the boosters including the following: music lessons, repairs, trip, event expenses, and required attire. If Tim's amount for your student's account differs from yours, it may be a timing issue. Please contact Tim if you have any questions concerning your student's account. The Recording Secretary's Report was reviewed and passed on the motions of Scott Reigle and Sue Acri.

Vice President's Report (Diane Baker) – Diane gave us a membership update. As of August 28, 2009, we have 80 memberships for a total of \$4,080. This breaks down to 19 members for the Class of 2010 (58% of senior families); 15 members for the Class of 2011 (42% of junior families); 20 members for the Class of 2012 (42% of sophomore families); and 26 members for the Class of 2013 (40% of freshman families). Total membership is 42% of total band families. Of the 80 memberships, 38 are at the Family level, 25-White, 9-Green, and 6-Gold. This compares to 67 memberships at this point for the 2008-09 year (Family 37; White 16; Green 10; Gold 4). Our membership goal for this year is 100%. We appreciate all of the families that have become members. Diane said that those who are still not members will receive personalized emails and if that doesn't produce a result, we'll start calling to follow up.

President's Report: Eric asked those mentees whose mentor family has not contacted them yet should let him know. Eric has not received an update concerning the Pepsi contract so for now we should still donate only Pepsi products. For all the activity that is going on with the Marching Band we should check out the "What's New" page of the Band's website (www.cdramband.org). There have been three prolific photographers this year (thanks to Barbie Bloom, Belinda Clouser, and Jeff Imboden) so everyone should also check out all awesome the pictures taken at the various events. The kids like to use these photos on their Facebook pages. Eric said that the Ram-a-Gram is also online. This provides a synopsis of all the Ram Band's activities. Eric said that the Phillies will provide the Boosters with a ~\$1,000 rebate for the 257 Phillies tickets we purchased and they also gave the band a recording of their performance. The Phillies also provided the band with a package of various Phillies items: an autographed Shane Victorino hat, a Brad Lidge bobble head and six tickets to a 2010 Reading Phillies game. These items will be raffled off at Band Fair.

Mr. Ceresini's Report: Mr. Ceresini thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He then introduced us to his student teacher, Allison Bush. Allison then told us a little about herself. Allison said that she will be at CD until the first week of November. She is a student at Penn State main campus and played the trumpet with the Blue Band. Allison is from New York and yes she is a Yankee fan. Mr. C showed us the photographs of the band's performance at the Phillies game while he was giving his report. Mr. Ceresini said that Band Camp was very successful. He said that the students worked through the entire show. The weather was very nice during the two weeks. The students again liked Community Day; someone even suggested that

the band go on a mission trip. Mr. C also thanked Judy Koontz and her crew for getting all the students fitted for uniforms. Mr. Ceresini thought that the Parent marching at Parent's Night was the best ever. He thought it was neat to see so many people there. It's great to know that the Band has so much support. Mr. C thanked Jen DeFazio, Alison Ruello, the Grillin' Pit and JP for their help at the Pool Party. Dr. Gonzalez was there and he expressed his support for the RamBand. Mr. Ceresini said that the Phillies game was neat and the Band did a great job even though he forgot to remind the students that there would be an echo on the field! It was great to see so many parents there. Back to School Night is September 24th. Mr. C encourages all parents to attend. If you can't get down to see Mr. C, you can email him with any questions you might have. The first two days of school have gone well. All of the bands with the exception of the Percussion Ensemble have played music. Mr. Ceresini thought the Symphonic Band was awesome. He usually records the first practice and then plays it back at the end of the year to show the students how they have improved. There are still some student scheduling issues but all of those must be resolved by September 16th. As for the Football Games, the Band plays at all of them. The Football players, Cheerleaders and the Band members all support each other. The students stay after school on Fridays when there are football games and they practice for about an hour. Then the students are allowed to eat dinner. They may not leave the campus but can bring food, get Mr. Bob's Subway, or have someone bring them food. There are blue order forms available for Subway. These are usually due by Wednesday and then Mr. Bob delivers the Subway order. At football games the band is in the stands for the first, second and fourth quarters. During the third quarter the band is allowed to leave the stands and walk around and get food but they must be back in the stands ready to play at the beginning of the fourth quarter. If cell phones are brought to the game they must be turned off and out of sight. There is a post game feed after the East game. The band usually plays pregame at Home games and halftime at Away games but they will perform pregame for the Harrisburg game because the Cougar band performs at halftime. To get a better view of the band you should move to the Home side. Parents are not allowed to sit with the band students or provide them any food because it's not fair to the rest of the students. If you have any questions, please email Mr. C. Mr. C would like to know if anyone has access to line painting equipment. The Used Instrument sale is at East High on September 19th from 9-noon. This event is headed by Mr. Kibler. Mr. C suggests that the student play the instrument before purchasing it. You can email Mr. Kibler at skibler@cdschools.org with any questions. The Band Handbook and Handouts are at the printer and should be available soon. Mr. C came up with a new word for us at this meeting. It was multiple plethoras. There is an exchange student from Germany in the Percussion Ensemble. Mr. C then introduced us to the President of the band, Brandon Allen and the Vice President, Ben Guise. Both of them spoke at the meeting. Brandon told us that the first days were exciting and things were starting to get going. He said that Jazz 1 played for the teachers last Friday. Brandon also mentioned that the Wind Ensemble got their lockers and there are rumors that the Symphonic Band did well. The Booster gave Ben kudos for making the All American Marching Band. Ben also said that things are going well so far. 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 or call him.

Old Business:

Wearables – Jeff and Claire Saul – Jeff and Claire will have the Wearables table at Band Fair.

Chaperones – Mary Becher – If you signed up to be a chaperone for Friday's football game, Mary will be in touch with you. If you don't hear from her you can shoot her an email.

Scrip – Barbie Bloom. Barbie received an email from the Scrip program. There is an IRS letter ruling which is now posted on the Band's website. It appears that the Booster portion of Scrip profits may be tax deductible as a charitable contribution. The Boosters urge you to speak with your tax professional or accountant before you take this as a deduction.

August sales totaled \$16,402/Total profit was \$804 (Boosters - \$572; Students - \$232); and Fiscal Year To Date sales totaled \$26,376/Total profit was \$1,211 (Boosters - \$866; Students - \$345). Barbie said because of the Labor Day holiday that the Scrip will not be available for pickup until Tuesday, September 8th.

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. Janice said that everything is set for this event. There are people lined up for concessions and she hopes the weather is nice. This event starts at 5:30. However, those who have signed up as volunteers should be at Landis Field by 5:15 because there is a Freshman Football scrimmage.

Business Sponsorship – 30/70 Profit Split: Our newest Platinum Sponsor is Lockwillow Avenue Animal Hospital—thanks to the Guise family! To date the Boosters have received \$14,146 in sponsorships and commitments from 55 businesses. The businesses are as follows: Platinum Sponsors (\$2,500) – Weber Vision Care and Lockwillow Animal Hospital; Gold Sponsor (\$1,500) – Group Travel Consultants, Inc.; White Sponsors (\$500) – Bob Ruth Ford, Enders Insurance Associates, Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudis, Anonymous and Hoffman Ford; Business Sponsor (\$250) – Diane S. Baker, Centric Bank, The Hershey Company, Kantor and Tkatch Associates, Susquehanna Surgeons, and Triangle Press, Inc. At this point in the 2008-09 season, we had received \$12,928 so we are ahead of last year, even with the economic difficulties facing most businesses! Although the deadline to have your ad in the Band-a-Rama program has passed, there is still time for ads to be included in other programs or to simply support our cause. Tickets for Band-a-Rama, Indoor-Rama and an order form for Artie Shaw have been mailed to the Business Sponsors.

Landis Field Concessions Ram Home Games- Visitor's Side - Guises- Baldwin's-Mansures – Thorwarts - They are doing well with volunteers. More help is needed for the second halves of many games. Usually 6-8 people are needed per shift. You can sign up online to volunteer. An email reminder will be sent to those who have signed up to help at this activity. Lisa Jean Thorwart gives out the Golden Spatula Award for the best Bake Sale item. Helpful hints for donating bake sale items are in this month's Ram-a-gram. The Bake Sale table is all profit for the Boosters. Anyone interested in learning to grill should contact Mark Guise.

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! The RamBand and the **East High Marching Panthers** participate as well as visiting bands. Twelve bands have committed so far: CD, CD EAST, Dallastown, Elizabethtown, Kennard-Dale, Lebanon, Northeastern, Shenandoah Valley, Shippensburg, Waynesboro, William Penn (York) and Wyomissing. We have one college band participating – Lebanon Valley College. Steel High and Newport dropped out. The starting time has been moved up to 6:30 to accommodate all of the bands. Band-a-Rama should be over by 10:30. Volunteers are needed as well as donations of bake sale items and Pepsi products. Mark Guise estimated that we will need 3,600 drinks as there are 1,250 students participating. There will be multiples shifts of volunteers. Volunteers are needed for 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). Cindy Case will be handling the Band-a-RAM-a program. The deadline has passed for the ads. Thanks to everyone that submitted one line and parent ads.

Bonus Books – Diane Baker – We will start selling these books on September 15, 2009. Diane will have the books by mid September. 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. A generic Bonus Book flyer was available at the meeting. The Bonus Books will be on sale at Back to School Night and at Band-a-Rama. There will also be school announcements concerning the books.

SKH Fall Event – October 3, 2009 – Tonya Mansure – The items needed for this event are bake sale items, soups, donations of Pepsi products and workers. Five to six people are needed to work the stand. Eric will send out an email blast.

Buddy Night – Saturday October 17, 2009. Sue Aciri and Diane Baker have volunteered to head this event. This is mandatory for the 8th graders. The Buddy Night t-shirt winner is in this month's Ram-a-gram.

Artie Shaw Orchestra Concert – October 20, 2009 – Eric Bloom and Joanne Baylor – Tickets prices are \$12 Adult/\$9 Students or Seniors/\$37 Booster Family Pack. 100 tickets have been sold already. There will be a mailing to senior centers and an email blast to the district,

crafters and Glenn Miller Orchestra folks. Please purchase your tickets now before they sell out. We are out posters for the moment but please promote this event. Jazz I will perform before the Artie Shaw Orchestra. Student volunteers will be needed to assist patrons to their seats.

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.

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. Scott had samples at the meeting and flyers with the available scents. 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 has increased the ante on vouchers because they need help since kids have gone back to school. HERCO pays less than GTP but you get a HersheyPark voucher from HERCO and not from GTP.

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. 73 people have signed up so far. Congratulations to Melissa and Scott Graeff for winning the \$100 gift card. The tentative itinerary is online. A "How to Raise Enough Funds for the Trip" worksheet is available online. 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. Information on trip insurance is available online. If you have any questions, please email the Boosters at boosters@cdrband.org.

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.

Craft Show – April 10, 2010 – Judy Koontz – Application information is posted online. There is a late September crafter mailing planned. Judy has received some crafter applications so far.

New Business:

Coffee Sale – January/February 2010) – Leona Asper – This product sale is Mr. G Coffee from Reedsville. 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 and maybe also at Band-a-RAMA.

Karns "1 for the Schools" program – Jennifer DeFazio – The Boosters would receive 1% of any purchase if we can get people to sign up for the Karns card. Karns only lets one group per school benefit from this program and the Band Boosters are the group from Central Dauphin High School.

Event Heads – We have received event heads for Senior Recognition Night (Laurie Kissinger) – Key Notes Ice Cream Social (Marian Gardner) – Coffee Sale (Leona Asper). We still need an event head for the Strawberry Sale. Please let Eric know if you are interested in heading this event.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 7:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned- at 8:45pm