



Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Feb 3rd, 2011 @ 7:00 pm

President Eric Bloom called the meeting to order at 7:00 and welcomed to group to the meeting which had to be rescheduled on this evening due to weather conditions.

Treasurers Report: Cindy Case: There was an expense of \$4,284 to B&H audio for sound equipment that will be used by the indoor groups, jazz bands, and the chorus. The chorus will be contributing towards this cost, and we also got a \$1,500 donation to be used towards this equipment. So far this year the boosters have spent approximately \$8,000 for the indoor programs.

Financial Secretary's Report: Crystal Richard: There will be a craft show deposit in the near future.

Recording Secretary's Report: Laurie Kissinger: The minutes of last month's meeting were presented and motioned to approve by Diane Baker, and seconded by Doug DeFazio. They were approved by a unanimous vote.

Vice President's Report: Diane Baker: No Report.

The student Officer's were not available to speak at tonight's meeting due to Musical Pit rehearsal.

Old Business:

Scrip: Scrip is now available for Target. The Scrip coordinator is "graduating" in June, so we are looking for someone to take over this program. Barbie reported that with the new software, the program is actually very easy to run. Scrip has taken a lot of the pressure off of the organization to have fundraisers. January is typically a slow month, and we just made \$250.00 by essentially doing nothing other than families ordinary shopping. If more band families would participate, we would have no problems meeting our financial goals.

Restaurant night at Arooga's: This event will be held on Monday Feb. 7th. The restaurant will donate 15% of checks to our organization if the RamBand Fundraising coupon is presented. The coupons can be found on the website, be sure to pass them along to your friends and families.

Subs and Sandwich sale: This fundraiser is from R&K Subs, and the information is on the website. The orders are due Feb. 15th, with delivery Feb 22nd. The indoor participants can raise money for the Wildwood trip with this sale. Forms were handed out to the Middle School guard and drumline so they can participate as well.

Valentines Dessert Dance: Gail was unable to be present at the meeting, but reported that everything was under control with preparations.

Basket Sale: This sale will start officially March 1st, and this product will hopefully have a broad appeal to the CDHS community and alumni, not just band families. They will make great Mother's Day or graduation gifts. The information about the basket sale can be found on the website.

Navy Concert Band: The Patriot News is sponsoring this concert and will be providing 3 free ads in the newspaper. Diane has already received 12-15 orders for tickets. We have printed 1,400 tickets to account for no shows, as we had some empty seats for the Airmen of Note, and we had given out all of the available tickets. There will be a group of students selected to play *The Washington Post* with the Navy Band.

Craft Show: All the vendor slots are sold out! Judy has assigned 233 spaces, and has some more applications she is holding on to. We raised the price by \$5 this year, and Eric pointed out that this is an

excellent example of the law of supply and demand! Janice Mountain will be meeting with the cafeteria representative to begin making plans for the food court. We will start sending out email blasts to encourage people to sign up on Charms to volunteer. This is our most profitable event and requires a lot of volunteers to pull it off.

Indoor-RAMa: We currently have 44 groups signed up to attend. We had 47, but the Mifflin County Schools had to pull out due to a lack of funding from their school board for transportation. Last year at this time, we only had 15 groups sign up! This is quickly becoming a favorite show for many participants. We have had many people say that this is the best run show, with the best facilities. For every group that attends, we usually make several hundred dollars profit in concessions. Again, this is a huge event, and we will need a lot of volunteer help to put this show together. Please sign up on Charms. There is also an opportunity for Sponsor ads and parent ads to be purchased in the program.

SKH Spring Event: The date for this will be May 21. This is the first weekend after the frost warnings usually expire and should be a busy weekend at the garden center. Sign up on Charms to volunteer.

Band Banquet: The caterer and DJ have been confirmed, but we do not yet know the theme for the food. Megan Kinnear and Ben Asper are working on putting together the slide show. We are still looking for input from senior parents, as this is the final “send off” for your students.

Band Director’s Report: Mr. Ceresini: (Late arrival due to Pit rehearsal) He commented that the weather lately certainly has been making things exciting!

Jazz Bands at Chocolatefest: Everyone had a great time, and the kids played well. They were invited back on the spot!

County Band: 40 kids auditioned, and 29 were selected for this band. Nine students from our school placed first chair on their instruments.

Indoor groups: Parents night has been difficult to schedule due to the weather. He will hopefully be able to schedule some gym time soon for this presentation. All three groups will be going to Wildwood. Mr. C. has 2 busses confirmed, and the overall price should be \$315 per participant. The commitment forms should be sent home early next week. We are likely to be in a much closer group of hotels due to our early booking.

Musical Pit: Rehearsals are coming along nicely. There are 37 students in the group this year. The show is early this year, and opens in approximately 1 month.

Course Selection: Mr. C. attended the 8th grade selection night and there seem to be a lot of students interested in band.

Jazz Bands: There are many upcoming events. Jazz I will be going to Temple University on March 9th. March 22nd is the Pops concert.

Marching Band: Mr. C. has started listening to show “themes”, and will probably announce the selected show in May. Things on the summer rehearsal calendar are confirmed.

New Business:

Hershey Bears Fundraiser: Mike Feher is coordinating this event. Hershey sells us the tickets at a discounted price and we sell them at face value. We will make a profit of \$6/per ticket. A minimum of 50 tickets need to be sold, with no limit of the maximum we can sell. The seats are in the lower level and they will block off a section for us, so everyone can sit in the same area. The game is Sunday, March 20th at 5:00 pm. The orders need to be turned in by Feb. 24th.

Golf-a-Rama: The date is not confirmed yet, it will be a Friday afternoon in early June. We are looking at Deer Valley Golf Course. Hole sponsorships are the biggest way we make a profit on this event, so please consider looking for sponsors. The weekend sports anchor from Fox 43 News will be the celebrity golfer, and Doug is working on having him hopefully doing his broadcast from the event.

The cost should be about the same as last year. Doug is working on getting some cool stuff for raffle prizes...maybe a Mr. Ceresini bobble head??

Presidio Brass: We have a commitment from them, but have not yet signed a contract. Mr. C. is going to try to coordinate with Mr. Richardson at East to have their kids participate in the workshop. We are looking for an event head for this program.

Trip Committee: Mr. Miller has not yet gotten back to Mr. C. with his opinion about the destination.

Ramagram: We continue to need an editor for this publication.

Varsity Jackets: Cindy Case is meeting with some suppliers to get prices on different styles.

Officers: The nominations are 2 meetings away. Please speak to any of the current officers if you have any interest or questions.

New Business:

Pepsi: Joanne Baylor got a donation from them, and can possibly get more for the Craft Show and Indoorama.

Knoebels Jazz Band Picnic: Need a coordinator for this event, which mostly involves being the grill master for the picnic. The date is not definite yet, please contact Eric if interested.

Old rain parkas: Cathy Sangillo got approval to donate them to an orphanage in Guatemala, now we have to figure out how to get them there, as it would cost the orphanage a lot of money to receive packages.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday March 8th @ 7pm

Sincerely,

Laurie Kissinger, Recording Secretary