



Central Dauphin Band Boosters' Association

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, October 7, 2008

President Eric Bloom called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The Treasurer's report was presented but not passed pending final audit. The Financial Secretary's report was presented. The Secretary's Report was reviewed and Mr. Ceresini requested that the September notes be changed to add that the Band Students also appreciate the support of the Band Boosters. The correction was noted and the Secretary's report was then passed on the motions of Scott Mann and Donna DeGrandchamp.

Officers' Reports: Sue Douma reported that we made a final effort to obtain more members by making phone calls to families that had not joined the Boosters. This effort resulted in 10 more memberships in September for a total of \$220. Our efforts were diminished because we didn't have phone numbers for many of the freshman families.

Band Boosters Encomia – Accolades and applause were given to the following groups or individuals: Mr. C and the Jazz I students for the GMO concert; the numerous student volunteers at the GMO concert; Sue Acri for the GMO feed; Mary Becher for Chaperoning; Kathy Christie for Band-a-Rama; Michele Doyle for the band directories and the Band-a-Rama program; Rod Grauel for the practice field lighting; Mark Guise and Hal Hammaker for the Grillin' Pit and Concessions at Landis Field and Band-a-Rama; and Lisa Jeanne and Tom Thorwart for the Bake Sales at Landis Field and Band-a-Rama.

Mr. Ceresini's Report: Mr. Ceresini said that the Glenn Miller Orchestra concert was a fabulous evening and a great way to kick off the year. He said the concert really energized the kids. Mr. C thought that the success of this concert may increase attendance at the other band performances. Mr. Ceresini thanked everyone that helped to make this a wonderful event. The Cooking With the Ceresinis' evening at Supper Suppers was a neat way to get to talk to parents at an almost social event. Mr. Ceresini won a free Chicken Florentine there. He was hoping to do some of the preparing of the meal but the preparation was already completed by the Supper Suppers staff. The Band Student of the Month of September was Zach Smith. Zach is always willing to help in the Band Room and he is learning to play a new instrument. Marching Band is going well and it has been a great year so far. The staff and kids are pleased with how the show is progressing so far. Mr. Ceresini said that he feels that play-off games are almost guaranteed because the Rams should easily win the next few football games. Mr. C said that the fog on the practice field last week looked like Thriller to the tune of the Muppets. He said that they may need more lighting and from multiple directions. Mr. Ceresini thought that Band-A-Rama was cool. He said that it is nice to see the bands that are on display because there are no distractions and the audience is there to hear the bands. Mr. Ceresini thanked Kathie Christie for the great job she did. The students were proud of their performance at the Mechanicsburg show and Mr. Ceresini agreed with them. Mr. C said the important thing is how you feel when you get off the field and not the judges' score. He thought the show motivated the students. He said the kids seemed to embrace the event because it was all about them and not football. The Band Directory was distributed to most of the students today. There is one correction so far. On the third page, the phone extension for Mr. Ceresini is incorrect. The correct extension is 428. The Jazz Band

classes are going well. There will be testing on Wednesday. The Concert Band is also doing well. The rehearsal for the Veterans Day concert is November 3rd and the concert is November 5th at 7 pm. Indoor Drumline, Majorettes, and Guard will begin after the Marching Band season, around Thanksgiving. There is a sign-up sheet in Band Room for Indoor Majorettes to determine if there will be enough participants. There is already an Indoor Drumline at the Middle School and they are hoping to start an Indoor Guard program. They need approvals from the principals. The Musical is starting auditions this week. The Pit orchestra will begin in January. Mr. Ceresini picks the participants of the orchestra and usually chooses upperclassmen. A new copier has been purchased by the Band Boosters because the other one broke.

Old Business:

Chaperoning – Mary Becher. The Chaperoning is going well this year. Mr. Ceresini is not sure what time the Band will be leaving for the Williamsport game. He should know the time tomorrow.

Fundraising and Event Updates:

Wearables – Jeff and Claire Saul. The Wearables sale is over. The second round of Tour T-shirts have been distributed. The Buddy Night T-shirt was unveiled. It is very cute and was designed by Amanda Skelton. Amanda won a \$25 Scrip card for her winning entry. The Buddy Night t-shirts will be given to the 8th grade students at the Middle Schools in order that they can wear them for Buddy Night.

Scrip – Barbie Bloom. September sales totaled \$10,000/Total profit was \$533 (Boosters - \$386; Students - \$147); Fiscal YTD sales totaled \$32,638/Total profit was \$1,775 (Boosters - \$1,271; Students - \$504) Program Total sales \$217,654/Total profit was \$12,224 (Boosters - \$8,701; Students - \$3,523). Please keep the RamBand Scrip in mind for your routine grocery, gas, and clothing shopping and especially for your upcoming Holiday shopping. Also ask your friends and relatives to use our Scrip.

Business Sponsorship – Eric Bloom. To date, the Boosters have received \$12,175 in cash donations/pledges and \$343 in in-kind donations.

Macy's Shop for a Cause – In total \$125 in passes were sold, \$110 by Macy's at the GMO concert.

Landis Field Concession – Mark Guise and Hal Hammaker. Underclass parents are needed for the October 24th football game as this is Senior Recognition Night and Hal has a senior daughter. The Platinum (the gold spatulas were unavailable) Spatula Award for the month of September for her Brownies with Marshmallows and Chocolate Chips that were as enticing as the Sirens of Homer (no not Homer Simpson, Duh!) was awarded to Judy Koontz. Judy was not in attendance to accept her award but Roger Koontz graciously accepted on her behalf.

Glenn Miller Orchestra (September 16, 2008) – This event was very successful. Total revenue was \$9,251 (Tickets \$9,032 and Concession \$219). Some of the revenue resulted from seats that were sold twice (Band Boosters bought them initially but since they volunteered at the event and didn't use their seats, they allowed them to be resold). Total expenses were \$5,525 (Band \$4,000, Tickets \$175, Advertising \$475, Programs \$800, and Concession/Meal \$75) for a total net profit of \$3,726. Extra Glen Miller programs are now available. Please see Eric for these.

Band-a-Rama – Kathy Christie – Our revenue was not as much as expected. One of the reasons was Lebanon Valley College is more expensive than the High School band which they replaced. We discussed many different scenarios, a different date, competition bands vs. non-competition bands, etc. If you have any thoughts on getting more bands for Band-a-Rama, please email Mr. Ceresini. We decided that we would pick-up on this discussion at our next meeting. The programs were awesome!

Wolfgang's Candy – Donna Skelton – Donna had the packets available for us to take at the meeting. This is a voluntary event. The profit is at least 40% of the sales (Students – 70% and Boosters – 30%). The more we sell the higher the discount will be. Also, we save money by picking up the candy. The orders and money are due by the end of school on Thursday, November 6th and delivery will be on Tuesday, December 2nd at the Band Booster meeting.

SKH Fall Concession (October 11) – Donna DeGrandchamp. The DeGrandchamp and DeFazio families will organize this event. The following items are needed: Baked goods, soups,

chili, breads, Pepsi products, and helpers. Donna will be there starting at 8 am. She said that people usually start eating sweets at 10 am, go for lunch items at 11:30, and start buying items to eat at home at 2 pm.

Buddy Night (October 17, 2008) – Tammy Bien and Jeff and Claire Saul – The 8th graders will come here and practice with the Marching Band. There will then be a pizza party for all the students. During the 3rd quarter of the football game, hot dogs and students will be available for the band students and 8th graders.

Senior Recognition Night (October 24, 2008) – Paige Burns – There is a change from other years in that the Senior Recognition program will be before the band plays. The usual pizza party for the Seniors has been cancelled because it has always been a big logistical problem. The pizza party for the Seniors will be held after the Harrisburg Holiday parade. There is a brief meeting for all senior parents in the Middle School cafeteria before the program.

Fall Concerts – Posters were available at the Booster meeting for the upcoming fall concerts. The KeyNotes Concert is Saturday, November 1st. We still need an Ice Cream social organizer for this event. The Veterans Day Concert is Wednesday, November 5th. The October Ram-a-Gram was mailed on October 6th to over 500 people which included band families, 8th grade families, Nursing Homes, Veterans groups and our Sponsors.

Craft Show (April 4, 2009) – Judy Koontz and Crew – This is the Boosters single day fundraiser. Mr. Chronister's Tech Ed class is helping us with new floor layout so that we can move the auditorium hallway spaces to the gym. Crafter mailings will be sent out in mid-October.

Indoor-Rama (April 18, 2009) – Barbie Bloom, Sue Kinneer & Sue Acri - We already have three groups that solicited us. We must make a decision as to how many groups that we are going to have.

New Business:

Holiday Dinner Dance (December 12, 2008) – Cheryl Blaha and Michele Doyle – Flyers were available at the meeting. Both Jazz bands will perform. The price is \$19.95 for Adults and \$14.95 for Seniors/Students. There is a Booster pack available for \$64.95 (includes two Adult tickets and two Senior/Student tickets). The prices were lowered this year in an attempt to attract more attendees and seniors. The price for the music only is \$6. Reservation Forms are on-line. Wristbands will be used instead of issuing tickets. The caterer has been secured. We are still looking for someone to be in charge of the Raffle.

Band Banquet (May 29, 2009) – Donna Skelton and Sue Kinneer. Mr. Ceresini talked to a representation of the students and they chose a buffet meal and they didn't care where it was. A decision was made to have the Banquet in the High School cafeteria. Donna has secured the caterer and the use of the cafeteria for that evening. Volunteers will be needed to help decorate the cafeteria.

CD's – Nate Oakley – If you haven't gotten the CD's you ordered from Nate please email Eric.

Last Comments and 50/50 – Kathy Christie won the 50/50 drawing.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 7, 2008 at 7:30pm. Please vote first!

Meeting Adjourned- at 8:46pm