



Meeting Minutes  
May 4, 2011

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

**Treasurer's Report: Cindy Case:** The expenses this month were for the craft show, drum supplies, and Indoor expenses. There were also deposits made for all three of these categories. We currently have \$22,000 in our checking account, which is about \$3,500 more than this time last year.

**Financial Secretary's Report: Crystal Richard:** Crystal reported that we haven't yet been billed by the school district for craft show or indoorama expenses (custodial and cafeteria staff).

**Recording Secretary's Report: Laurie Kissinger:** In an effort to "go green" we will not be handing out printed copies of the minutes at the meetings, as they are available online to read within a week of the meeting. We will have them available on the screen at the meetings if anyone has any questions. The minutes from last month's meeting were approved by Jeff Saul, and seconded by Brenda Budd. They were approved by a unanimous vote.

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

**Student Officers Reports: Josh Richard and Dan Budd:** The officers made their final appearance dressed in swim attire, not for the upcoming summer weather, but as a precaution against the next rain storm! They reported that Indoorama had a lot of cool groups attend. The Jazz I "prison gig" was really appreciated by the volunteers, and the students got lots of cake! The Middle Paxton Elementary Jazz band did a workshop with our Jazz I, and a boy named Chris loved Dan's "shiny sax". The report from Wildwood was that the students had fun at the Haunted House on the Boardwalk. The Concert Bands Spring concert was one of the best concerts of the year, and the seniors enjoyed being recognized. The storm that night provided really cool rain sound effects. The Jazz Bands are getting ready for the Knoebels Picnic where there is a lot of time to play, and a lot of time to ride rides. The officers are also looking forward to the Marching Band getting back together one last time for the "hottest" parade of the year, the Linglestown Memorial Day Parade.

**Band Directors Report: Mr. Ceresini:** He confirmed that the "Prison Gig" went well, we have been doing this for a long time, and the volunteers really appreciate us coming.

The spring concert went well, the students did a great job with very difficult music, and all the concert groups have made a lot of progress through this school year. He will be working with the recording company to get the music recorded throughout the year onto a CD and they will be available for purchase.

Indoorama IV was a great event, and there was a lot of positive feedback about the event and our school.

Wildwood was a nice weekend, and all of the groups had their best performances of the year. It was a very nice way to end the season! The kids enjoyed the pizza party held there. Next year there is a potential scheduling conflict with Wildwood; it is the same weekend as our prom. The instructors will be making a decision at the beginning of the season about what to do.

Knoebels Picnic-Our groups will be performing at 2pm and 6 pm. There is another HS band performing that day, and they will be playing at 4pm.

The Spring Orchestra Concert is coming up on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Band Banquet reservation forms were sent home with the students, but they can also be found online if they don't make it home! You can email these to Paula Winch.

Graduation is June 7<sup>th</sup>, and the Concert Bands will be playing for this event. The underclassmen routinely say it is one of their favorite places to play as they can see their friends graduate.

Marching Band will be participating in the Linglestown Memorial Day parade, and there will be a quick rehearsal on May 26<sup>th</sup> after school. Mr. C. doesn't know why the officers call it the "hottest" parade, just because the past two years have been unbearably hot! After the parade our band will be playing the National Anthem at the Memorial Site in Koons Park.

Student Leader Auditions are being moved one week later to allow more students to participate in more than one audition. The information will be going out by the end of this week.

We are looking for some parents to help with the Showcase events held at our school, on Fridays from 8-2, and Saturdays from 8-1 for the next few weeks. We just need one or two people each day, mostly to show the groups how to get the each area and assist the music staff. The Booster association makes \$3,000/year for helping with this. Please contact Mr. Ceresini if you are able to help out.

Mr. C. is already starting to get his class information for next year, and there are 94 people signed up for Marching Band already, and this number should increase. There are also enough students signed up for Jazz, that there will be 3 Jazz Bands again next year.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

*Indoorama* was a profitable event, and Eric thanked Sue Acri and Maki Traynor for all the hard work they did running the kitchen.

*Scrip*: April was a fair month. We could be making a lot more money with this program if more people participated.

*Basket Sale*: We have 7 baskets left; they would make great Graduation gifts! The order forms are on the website.

*Jazz Concert*: We will be hosting an Ice Cream Social after the concert, and the officer's will be the "scoopers".

*SKH*: We are cancelling the spring event due to a scheduling conflict with the Knoebel's picnic, as there are too many families involved with Jazz Bands to pull this together.

*Knoebels*: If you plan to attend please RSVP to Mary Ellen Loser so they can plan on how much food is needed. This is open to all band families.

*Band Banquet*: Please RSVP for this event by May 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be using the same caterer and DJ as last year. The doors will open at 6pm, and a group of students are working on the slide show for that night.

*GolfaRama*: This will be held June 17<sup>th</sup>. Please try to solicit business for hole sponsorships, they cost \$100 and \$30 will be given to your student account. We need golfers for this event, and if you are not a golfer, you may still come for the steak dinner for only \$25.

*Band Camp*: Judy Koontz will take care of the uniform fittings, the dates for this are on the calendar.

*Pool Party*: Jennifer DeFazio is beginning planning this event. We are considering changing venues, and she is currently taking bids from Koons and Mountainview pools.

*Band Fair*: We continue to ask that some people step forward to help head this event.

*Landis Concessions*: We are also looking for some people to help head this program.

*Bandarama*: Laurie will be sending out a "Save the Date" email blast to the directors in the next week.

*NOLA 12 trip*: The trip committee is preparing a presentation for Freshman orientation. An event planner has not been chosen yet for this trip.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

*Indian Valley Band Family*: We held a collection to help a family in Mifflin County that lost their roof and most of their possessions in a storm in the last few weeks, and the mother has lung cancer. Eric was hoping that we could raise \$150-200, but he was pleasantly surprised by donations from our booster families in the amount of \$900! It is a testament to the wonderful people we have involved in our program!

*Budget Meeting*: Will be held May 25 @ 7 pm in the band room to make plans for next year. All are welcome.

*Freshman Orientation:* This meeting will give an overview of our band program, and talk about the trip for next year.

*Membership Changes:* Diane reported on some membership changes for the upcoming year, as well as some business sponsorship changes. The price will increase on the basic Family membership to \$20, and there will be more tickets given for the higher level memberships to increase attendance at some of our events.

*Boosters Job Openings:* We are looking for a Publicity Maven (expert) who will handle emails, press releases, etc. The software is pretty easy to use, and we have good contacts at the Patriot News, the Paxton Herald, and Clearchannel. Please let Diane know if interested.

*Wearables:* This person handles the ordering and distribution of the band polos, tour shirts, and the cool t-shirts and sweatshirts you see everyone wearing at events.

*Scrip:* We have a potential trainee for this position.

*Craft Show:* We need someone to start working with Judy to learn the ropes.

*Photographer:* This could be shared by several people.

*Ramagram:* We have decided to discontinue this publication as no one came forward to put this together.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> @7pm (the day after graduation!)

Sincerely,

Laurie Kissinger, Recording Secretary