



Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association Meeting Minutes-Tuesday Sept. 7 2010

President Eric Bloom called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and thanked the group for attending.

Treasurer's Report-Cindy Case: We started the month with \$16,544, and ended the month with \$20,413. This is not including Band Fair profits.

Financial Secretary's Report-Crystal Richard: This report does include Band Fair profits. We show \$1541 net profit for that event; it's not clear whether all the expenses have been submitted.

Recording Secretary's Report-Laurie Kissinger: The minutes of the meetings are posted online within a week after the meeting. We received a thank you note from Christine Saul for the boosters sending her to drum major camp. The Boosters paid ~\$2100 for all three of our drum majors to attend this camp at West Chester University. There were 700 participants there this year. Shelly Cosgrove moved to approve the August minutes, seconded by Jeff Saul. Shelly's motion passed unanimously.

Vice President's Report-Diane Baker: Diane is coordinating the volunteer efforts for Band-a-Rama, which is one of our biggest fundraisers and requires "all hands on deck." We have 61 volunteer slots to fill for this event. Diane circulated a sign up sheet at the meeting, but it is also available on CHARMS to please sign up to help. If you have any questions about what some of the volunteer positions are responsible for, please contact Diane or check out the Unofficial Handbook on the website. Eric and Diane also spoke about membership. At this time we have 82 members in the band boosters. The good news: we're ahead of where we were this time last year. The bad news: it only accounts for about one half of the kids in the band programs. If you haven't done so yet, please take the time to join the boosters. We have already supported several things for the kids this year, and as always our goal is to have 100% membership.

Band Director's Report-Mr. Ceresini:

Staff intros: There are three jazz bands this year due to increased interest in this program! Mr. C. introduced Mr. Masters, who is teaching one of the ensembles this year. Mr. Masters also has a student teacher, Miss Lauren Baker, from Susquehanna U., who's helping with the choir and band programs.

CHARMS: This program is new to everyone, but will be a very valuable resource for us. One feature that Mr. C. has begun using is the email list to send out event schedules several days prior to each event. If you have not provided us with your up to date contact information, please log in & do so.

Recaps: Band camp was great. There are 101 students in marching band this year. Community Service Day went well; thanks to Eric and the United Way for helping to set this up. Silence of Mary Home thanked us for donations the guard students made—thanks to Marge Hughes for organizing!

Pool Party: Thanks to Jennifer DeFazio and Alison Ruello for planning this great event! There were a lot of people in attendance who got to watch Mr. C "butcher" his trumpet....

Senators: Thanks to Diane for organizing this. The Senators organization was surprised to see how big our group was! We had half of the school board, 4 principals, the superintendent, and the football coach in attendance to see our band!

West Hanover 225th Parade: It was very exciting...a little long...but they were very happy to have us. Mark your calendars now for the 250th parade (in 2035).

Band Fair: This was a great success. Thanks to Janice Mountain and Joanne Baylor for organizing this. This was the largest crowd that Mr. C remembers—the Phanatic was a blast. Again thanks to the School Board members and principals who attended and supporting our program.

Manheim Township FB game: This trip was a little hectic due to some bus troubles, and a tight fit in the bleachers. Our kids did have fun, especially in the fourth quarter.

T-shirt Contest Winners: The Tour Shirt: Sheridan Knapp & Danielle Feger; Alumni Band: Meagan Kinneer; Buddy Night: Coral Brockman. Congrats to them!

Jazz I-Played for the teachers' first day to rave reviews.

Upcoming Events:

Home Football games: There will be a different schedule this year for home games. The band will leave the HS at 3:00. The football team buses will take us to the field and then go back to pick up the team. The band will be able to use the CDMS cafeteria to leave their belongings, and rehearse on Landis Field for 1 ½ hours. At 5pm the band will meet the football team and cheerleaders as they arrive and have a parade into the stadium. The Rams Club is planning to encourage tailgating. The band will then eat dinner at 5:30—they can bring food or order in. (Mr. C explained how the Subway order process works for new parents (he's already done so for the students): the order forms are in the Band Room. Hand them in by Thursday morning before school. \$5 gets you a meal of 6" sub, chips, soda, and a cookie.) The band will get dressed around 6 and get ready for pregame show. If the chaperones can be at the school by 3pm—great—if not meet at the middle school.

Light the Night: Leukemia walk on Thursday Sept. 16. The band leads the walk in the beginning, and then plays stand tunes as the walkers go by. If any band members want to participate in the actual walk, let Mr. C. know.

Band-a-RAMA: After much deliberation, Mr. C has decided that the band is not going to the Delaware Valley Charter football game that afternoon. The game was mistakenly scheduled after we had planned, organized and actually began receiving commitments. Given the amount of time involved getting the band all the way to NE Philly there and back in time for BandaRama, Mr. C has reluctantly decided to skip the game—both Athletic Director and the Football Coach support (and actually urged Mr. C to make) this decision.

Homecoming Game: The alumni band will be on the field with the band for pregame and in the stands during the game versus Mechanicsburg. The CDHS RamBand will perform for the homecoming court ceremony at halftime. The Mechanicsburg band will play post game (like we did at Lower Dauphin last year), PLEASE STAY AND CHEER ON THEIR PERFORMANCE!!

Buddy Night: October 1. The Four Diamonds tailgate is that night, so we will buy tailgate dinners for RamBand students and 8th Grade Buddies.

Allentown USSBA Show: Oct. 2. This is at J. Birney Crum Stadium, which is an awesome place to watch a show. This is a competition which is judged and scored.

College Fair: Rehearsal time will be adjusted accordingly so that students may attend.

Back to School Night: Sept. 23: Come and figure out how your kids get from the Band Room to room 273 in four minutes or less!

Mr. Ceresini also talked about the raincoats. The current raincoats are so old and so bad; they only make you think you are dry! The school district approved the purchase of new raincoats which come to approximately \$9000. They should be in by October. The boosters also recently put in a \$1000 drum

supply order. This covers materials needed for all the ensembles. They also spent \$1000 on uniforms and flag material for the drum majors and guard.

Mrs. Johnson has officially become the assistant superintendent which will be good for the district. Mr. Wright is the interim principal, with a new principal expected to be named by the 2nd marking period.

The student officer's report is not available tonight as they were involved in band pictures. They will be back next month to inform (and entertain) the group.

Mr. Ceresini finished his report at 7:55 (phew!)

Old Business:

Business Sponsorship: Kim St. Clair: We have received \$12,495 so far in donations! The donations are slowing down, but we are trying for \$4000 more. The \$250 level has been the most popular amount given. It is too late for sponsors to be in the BandaRama program, but they can be included in the Glenn Miller, Navy Concert, and Indoorama programs.

HERCO: Barb Warfield: Now that the college kids have gone back to school, they are really relying on volunteers to cover shifts. It is a good idea to add your phone number and email when signing up in case they cancel you. Once you sign up, the shift is your responsibility-if you can't make it, you need to find someone to cover it. People have a good time doing this program. HERCO gives you a meal voucher and a park pass for each shift. Other family members may participate in this opportunity. There is a link to this program on our website.

RamBand Scrip: Barbie Bloom: Visa and American Express have been discontinued. Consider RamBand Scrip for all your purchases!!

Alumni Band: The deadline for signing up has been extended until Friday. If interested please sign up asap.

Chaperones: Mary Becher. We need some men to sign up to help move equipment please!

Glenn Miller: Cindy Case: Approximately 250 tickets sold so far, to a lot of non-band people! This show is a bargain at \$9, as they sell for at least \$30 at other venues. Jazz I will play ½ hour before the show. The last time they were here, the Glenn Miller members were amazed by our kids. Good tickets will sell out quickly, especially if you need special accommodations, so get your orders in ASAP!!

Product Sales: RAM Band Card-this is our last plea for an event head for this fundraiser or we are going to have to drop this opportunity. The Wolfgang Candy sale will start Nov. 15th, and the brochures will be distributed at the November meeting. Melissa Graeff is coordinating.

New Business

Airmen of Note (US Air Force's jazz ensemble): Nov. 22. This world renowned group will be performing at our school for a free show. This is being organized by an outside group; however, we can make money on concessions.

Band Directory (Kelly McEntee): Will be printed in October. This is another reason to get your band membership in asap.

SKH Concessions (Maki Traynor): We sell food (hot dogs, soup, baked goods) at their fall fair. We usually make \$500-600 on this sale. It will be held October 9th from 9-3pm. We will need volunteers and food. Sign up on Charms.

Keynotes Concert: Need an event head for the ice cream social which follows this concert. **[Many thanks to Alison Ruello and Jennifer DeFazio for volunteering after the meeting.]**

Parka Project: Can we make any money from the old raingear??? If anyone has any ideas let Eric know.

All Band Trip Committee: Would like to start planning for this trip which will take place next school year, so that we can get an idea of when and how much the trip will be. The band has gone to Orlando the last three trips in a row, so we may be looking at something else. If you want to be on this committee, let Eric know. **[Thanks to Molly Thompson, Jennifer Starsinic, Melissa Graeff, and Joanne Baylor for volunteering after the meeting.]**

Karns for the Schools: Jennifer DeFazio reminded the group that we participate in this effortless fundraiser. You need to go online to Karns website and register your frequent shopper's card, and in the drop down box, choose CD BandBoosters, to have the donations made to our organization. We earned \$400 from this program last year just by doing normal Karns shopping. Even if you participated last year, you need to re-register your card, as the program runs on a school year calendar.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

The next Band Booster's meeting is Tuesday, October 5th, 2010

Sincerely,
Laurie Kissinger
Recording Secretary