



Central Dauphin Band Boosters' Association

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, October 6, 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. A question was asked as to whether the Treasurer's report includes the deposits for the Orlando trip. Eric said that there is a separate trip account and no need to prepare monthly reports for that account. 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. Because of the lag in getting invoice and receipts, this information is not current with respect to some events such as Band-a-Rama. Tim pointed out the Student's 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: music lessons, repairs, trip, event expenses, and required attire. If you don't agree with Tim's amount for your student's account, it may be a timing issue. Please contact Tim if you have any questions concerning your student's account. The Recording Secretary's Report (Sue Douma) was reviewed and passed on the motions of Shelly Cosgrove and Jen DeFazio.

Vice President's Report (Diane Baker) - Diane gave us a membership update. As of September 28, 2009, we have 102 memberships, the most we've had since the 2002-03 school year. This breaks down to 22 members for the Class of 2010 (71% of seniors); 23 members for the Class of 2011 (68% of juniors); 25 members for the Class of 2012 (54% of sophomores); and 32 members for the Class of 2013 (55% of freshmen). Total membership is 61% of total band families. Of the 102 memberships, 58 are at the Family level, 27 are at the White level, 10 are at the Green level and 6 are at the Gold level. Our membership goal is 100%. We appreciate all of the families that have become members. We are now going to target those families that are going on the Disney trip and have not yet become members.

Mr. Ceresini's Report: Mr. Ceresini thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He said there was a nice crowd. Mr. C then gave us a recap of the various events that happened since our last meeting: Light the Night – Instead of marching around City Island as in previous years, the band marched across the Walnut Street Bridge because of the construction being done on the island. The Band played at the end of the bridge as the participants walked by. Since the participants made a loop in Riverside Park, the band kept playing and played for approximately 45 minutes. A teacher told Mr. C that he heard the band playing at his house in Lemoyne. This is a nice event and walkers are very appreciative of the band's participation in the event. Band-a-Rama – Mr. Ceresini said this event was uber greatness. He thanked Kathy Christie and her volunteers. Mr. C said that it was an awesome night and the fact that there were so many bands was very cool. Everyone loved the drumline retreat. Kudos to Cindy Case for the wonderful program. Waynesboro Show – It rained so the show was held in the auditorium. There were three high school and one middle school band in attendance. The college band that

was to attend the show cancelled. This is a nice event. They come to our show and we go to their show. Allentown – J. Birney Crum stadium is a perfect place to have a band show. Mr. Ceresini was very proud of the kids because he felt they had their best show so far this year. There was a medical incident with one of the students. The student is fine now. However, there was no ambulance on site. Mr. Ceresini sent emails to the USSBA with this concern. Mr. C will make sure that the next show at the end of the month will have an ambulance on site. Home Football games – The three units (band, cheerleaders, and football players) are working together. The Athletic Director purchased the large spirit flags that are new this year. The cheerleaders paraded with the band at the first game. Mr. Ceresini said that the prospects are good for many more Rams wins this year. Marching band is going well and it has been a great season so far. Giff Howard from Bloomsburg University conducted a concert band clinic last Wednesday, he's a "name" percussionist; in fact, he has his own brand of mallets. Mr. Howard recommended several people that could conduct free clinics for the bands. The Mansfield Wind Ensemble wants to come to CD and do a clinic. The Veteran's Day concert is November 4th. There is good attendance from the Community for this event. Jazz I's East Shore Y gig didn't work out. Jazz I will play at the Korean War Veteran concert and at the Artie Shaw concert. Back to School Night was nice. Mr. Ceresini likes to get to talk to the parents. The Band Handbook and calendar were given to the students. They are also available online and there were extra copies at the meeting. The Marching Band was practicing at the parking lot while we had our meeting. The parking lot is not the full size of the field. The line painting cost the Boosters \$650. The lights in the parking lot do not come on until 7:18 but the lot is flatter and dryer than the practice field. The Indoor groups are either getting started or are started. Several of the East students have expressed interest in joining our drumline and guard units. The majorettes are already a combined group. The student officers are helping with many duties such as the library and with putting the wall calendar and cork boards back up on the wall. With respect to new uniforms, the representative from Stansbury will be giving Mr. C pictures of the design. We want to contact East High so that we can get uniforms for both schools at the same time. The Boosters have saved approximately \$12,700 for the purchase of new uniforms. New ponchos will be purchased at the same time as the uniforms. The approximate cost of new uniforms and ponchos is \$50,000. Many students have signed up for the Florida trip. Mr. Ceresini has a contract on a house (trivia: Mrs. C had a horse named Sprinkles). He is very excited about that. There is a lot going on right now. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting. A comment was made concerning the condition of the music folders. Mr. C said that new ones cost \$13. They can be fixed with duct tape. There are also some problems with the interim report cards but those problems can be fixed.

Old Business:

Scrip – Barbie Bloom. September sales totaled \$14,040/Total profit was \$650 (Boosters - \$465; Students - \$185); and Fiscal Year To Date sales totaled \$40,416/Total profit was \$1,861 (Boosters - \$1,331; Students - \$530). Eric said that the Scrip program provides a nice cash flow. Orders are due the first and third Tuesdays and pickup is the following Saturdays.

Business Sponsorship – 30/70 Profit Split: To date the Boosters have received \$17,050 in sponsorships and commitments. In Kind Gifts include: Hotel Hershey Brunch, Willis McGahee Autographed cap; Rock & Roll Hall of Fame tickets, autographed Reggie Brown photo and an autographed Troy Polamalu photo. The deadline for ads in the Artie Shaw program is next Tuesday.

Landis Field Concessions - Ram Home Games Visitor's Side - Guises, Baldwin's, Mansures and Thorwarts – The revenues for the September 18th and 25th games were

\$1,963 and \$3,229, respectively. The Boosters make 20% of this revenue. The Bake Sale Table made \$320 at the McDevitt game. The Golden Spatula award was given to Shelly Cosgrove for her creations, including chocolate-covered Twizzlers. The Guises would like to thank all their helpers and ask that we support Kevin Baldwin's efforts with concessions. People are still needed to learn the ropes. Although the Boosters only receive 20% of the revenue, the concessions are important because we have a presence at the game, we serve the kids and we receive all the profits of the Bake Sale table.

Karns 1 for the Schools – Jennifer DeFazio – Get a Fresh Rewards card at any Karns Foods store. Register the card at www.karnsfoods.com. Click the "1 for the Schools" tab on the Fresh Rewards link and select the Boosters from the drop down menu. The Boosters receive 1% of the purchase. Please show your card when you shop because the clerks will not ask for it. Karns only lets one group per school benefit from this program and the Band Boosters are the group from Central Dauphin High School.

Band Fair/Pigskin Preview – September 2, 2009 – Janice Mountain. Kudos to Janice for a great job. Revenue was \$2,657 and expenses were \$1,677 for a profit of \$980. Janice was thankful for the great weather and wants to thank all of her volunteers.

28th Annual Band-a-RAM-a 2009 (September 19, 2009) - Kathie Christie – Kudos to Kathy as this was a great evening. Kathy would like to thank all of her volunteers. The revenue was Tickets \$3,477; Concessions \$2,537; Parent Ads \$1,484; Program Sales \$561; Grams \$533; Bake Sale \$255 and 50/50 \$135 for a grand total of \$8,982. The Tuba section (Brandon Allen, Zach Smith and Jacob Case) won the Section Ad contest. They will have dinner with Mr. C. Eric asked if anyone had any suggestions and the topic of giving out a certain amount of wristbands to each group was discussed. This topic will need to be discussed further. Save the date information will be mailed to band directors soon.

Bonus Books – Diane Baker – We started the Books on September 18th. 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. Kudos was given to Dylan W's mom for selling 14 books. Diane said that we have to sell 200 books by October 19th to get ten books free.

SKH Fall Event – October 3, 2009 – Tonya Mansure – The event had a profit of \$565. Tonya kept running out of hot dogs! Eric said that we may do this event only one time per year instead of both Spring and Fall.

Buddy Night – Saturday October 17, 2009. Sue Acri and Diane Baker have volunteered to head this event. Both of these ladies were disruptive during the meeting but we will still keep them on board. Sue will be getting the pizza from Lawnton Court Pizza. The Sauls have the t-shirts. There will be 61 eighth graders. This is an important event because it sometimes is the deciding factor as to whether these students will join the Marching Band. There are also SATs and the Middle Paxton Halloween parade that day.

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. 350 tickets have been sold already. We need to sell 250 more tickets to break even. It would be great to have a full audience for the Jazz I students to perform to. This is not only a potentially good fundraiser but it gives the Jazz I students a chance to play with a professional, gigging band. Ushers and Box Office volunteers are needed. There will also be a concession stand so bake sale items are needed. A volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around at the meeting.

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 now 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. 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.

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. Approximately 90 students and 41 family members have signed up for the trip. Mr. C is thrilled with the number of travelers. The Room Sign Up sheet will be posted soon. There will be eight students per suite. Adults should find others to room with to decrease the cost of the room. Adults should email Eric with who they are rooming with. There will be a mandatory trip meeting, tentatively set for February 24, 2010. This meeting will cover practices, uniform fittings, concert band items, and dietary needs. Information on trip insurance is available online. If you have any questions, please email the Boosters at boosters@cdramband.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.

Coffee Sale – January/February 2010 – **Leona Asper** – This product sale is Mr. G Coffee from Lewistown. 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.

New Business:

Senior Rec Night – November 6, 2009 – Laurie Kissinger. Laurie is having trouble reserving the Middle School cafeteria for the parent meeting. Eric said he would help Laurie with this problem. Vo Tech is doing the flowers. Laurie needs one more person to help her with this event. Senior papers are coming back to her.

KeyNotes Concert & Ice Cream Social – November 7, 2009 – Sue Acri. Despite her many outbursts during the meeting, Sue volunteered to be the event head for this event.

Harrisburg Holiday Parade/Senior Speeches and Pizza Party – November 21, 2009. This is the third year for this great tradition. All parents are welcome, but Senior parents might have a special interest in attending.

Holiday Dessert Dance – December 11, 2009 – Cheryl Blaha and Michelle Doyle. This year we are trying this event without the dinner. Hopefully, we will attract a larger crowd because it will be less expensive. The performing kids will be fed.

Valentine's Dinner Dance - February 10, 2010 – Michelle Doyle and Cheryl Blaha. The Boosters purchase the ingredients and the Family Consumer Science students prepare the desserts.

Craft Show – April 10, 2010 – Judy Koontz – Twenty one crafters have already signed up. A mailing was prepared and will be sent. We hope to have a sellout by Christmas.

Indoor-RAM-a – April 17, 2010 – Sue Acri, Sue Douma, Sue Kinneer, Barbie Bloom and Michelle Doyle.

Band Banquet – May 21, 2009 – Donna Skelton and Sally Davies. They are working on getting organized.

2010 Band Awards – Application Process. The students apply to win the various band awards this year. There will be a common application with an essay.

2010-11 Officers. Sixty percent of the Executive Committee has a graduating senior! It's time to start thinking about whether you are willing to commit to making the program even better. Talk to any booster officer (Mr. C, Eric, Diane, Jolene, Tim or Sue) if you are interested in details on the job.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 7:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned- at 9:04pm