



Central Dauphin Band Boosters' Association

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, September 2, 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. Jolene noted that the Boosters received many reimbursements from various sources. The Financial Secretary's report was presented. The Secretary's Report was reviewed and passed on the motions of Donna DeGrandchamp and Hal Hammaker.

Officers' Reports: Sue Douma reported that we have received 67 families as members for a total of \$3,290. The members discussed an apparent perception among some band families that the boosters organization is somehow focused on marching band. Mr. Ceresini and Eric Bloom explained that this may stem from the way things were in the past and the fact that the initial stages of the school year involve more marching band activities because of Band Camp and football season. Actually, the boosters have over the past year attempted to dispel this perception: the all band trip to Orlando, the residency of the Dallas Brass (which involved the concert bands), and the resources devoted to purchasing instruments and equipment used by bands other than the marching band are all tangible examples of the boosters' dedication to the entire band program.

Mr. Ceresini's Report: Mr. Ceresini said that Band Camp was awesome. Service day was cool. He received positive feedback for Service day from the students, staff, and the places that were helped. Mr. C thought the DCI movie night was neat. This year the band got more of the show finished at Band Camp than in past years. If everything goes well, the band will be doing to entire show this Friday at the football game. Pigskin Preview/Bandfair went well. Mr. Ceresini thanked all the many volunteers for this event. The new school year has started off great. The Percussion class is cool and different than the other classes. The first football game with the East High Panthers went well. Seat auditions are being held this week. Jazz 1 is getting ready for their performance at the Glenn Miller Orchestra concert. The Band Handbook has been distributed to all the band students except for those students who are just in the Marching Band. Mr. Ceresini said that he feels comfortable in his role and he enjoys all the support he receives from the Band Boosters. **Old Business:**

Fundraising and Event Updates:

Chaperoning – Mary Becher. Not as many chaperones are needed this year. We have enough drivers for the equipment truck. Sign up online if you would like to chaperone an event.

Band Banquet – Donna Skelton. Donna has done much research on various venues for this event. She has narrowed the selection to two places: 1) the Holiday Inn Grantville with a buffet dinner or 2) the cafeteria at school which would be catered by Strictly Catering. The Boosters discussed the pros and cons of both options and decided that we should let the students make the final decision. Mr. Ceresini said that he would ask the students their preference.

Bandfair Review – Paige Payne. Paige thanked all those who volunteered including those in the grill pit and games. Paige thought it was wonderful to see so many dedicated Boosters helping at this event. The Boosters made a net profit of approximately \$1,200.

Wearables – Jeff and Claire Saul. The Wearables table had many closeout sales and deals which amounted to \$700 in sales at Bandfair.

Scrip – Barbie Bloom. August sales totaled \$14,799/Total profit was \$741 (Boosters - \$533; Students - \$208); Fiscal YTD sales totaled \$22,638/Total profit was \$1,242 (Boosters - \$885; Students - \$357) Program Total sales \$207,654/Total profit was \$11,691 (Boosters - \$8,315; Students - \$3,376).

Business Sponsorship – Eric Bloom. To date, the Boosters have received \$10,925 in cash donations/pledges and \$203 in in-kind donations. Student follow-up assignments were mailed in early August. Thirty percent goes to the Student Account. There has been very few student initiated sponsorships this year. Enders Insurance Agency and Weber Eye Care have both renewed as Platinum sponsors.

Macy's Shop for a Cause – Eric had passes and flyers available at the meeting. This is a voluntary event. We will sell passes for \$5 with \$1.50 of each pass going into your student account. The passes are good for up to 20% off at any Macy's on Saturday, September 20, 2008(some restrictions apply). The passes will be sold at the Glenn Miller Orchestra concert.

Landis Field Concession – Mark Guise and Hal Hammaker. Please see the "Tales from the Grillin' Pit" for a recap of the 2008 grilling season so far. The Golden Spatula Award for the month of August was awarded to Kim Wetzel for her Pecan Crispy Cookies. Kim was not in attendance to accept her award but Brenda Budd graciously offered to ensure that Kim receives it.

Glenn Miller Orchestra (September 16, 2008) – 600 tickets have been sold to date and 100 tickets will be giveaways. We have sold $\frac{3}{4}$ of the tickets and are hoping to have a sellout. The schedule for the evening is: before 4:45 Jazz I will set up and do a sound check; 4:45-5:45 Dinner setup for GMO; 5:45-6:30 GMO sound check, GMO and Boosters set up their concessions in the lobby; 6:30 pm Doors open to auditorium; 7-7:25 Jazz I performs; 7:25-7:30 Announcements/Introductions; 7:30-8:25 GMO first set; 8:25–8:45 Intermission; 8:45-9:35 GMO second set; 9:45-10:30 GMO packs up and there is a meet and greet with the Band students. Volunteers are needed for the potluck dinner (Sue Acri has agreed to organize), ushers, ticket takers, program giver-outers, and lobby concessions. College night is also scheduled for the same evening (in the cafeteria) so we are working with Mrs. Johnson to deal with parking issues.

First Product Sale – Wolfgang's Candy – Donna Skelton – Donna said the packets are coming around September 12 for September/October selling.

Band-a-Rama (September 20, 2008) – Kathy Christie - We have received responses from Lebanon Valley College, Shippensburg SD, Dallastown SD, Waynesboro SD, East High and CD.

SKH Fall Concession (October 11) – Donna DeGrandchamp. The DeGrandchamp and DeFazio families will organize this event.

Buddy Night (October 17, 2008) – Tammy Bien and Jeff and Claire Saul

Senior Recognition Night (October 24, 2008) – Sue Douma and Paige Burns

New Business:

Cooking with the Ceresinis (September 17 at 6:30pm). This event is open to Freshman families first so they can get to meet the Band Director and his wife. After September 5th, the event will be open to everyone else.

Keynotes Concert (November 1) – We need an event coordinator for the Ice Cream Social.

Craft Show (April 4, 2009) Judy Koontz/Jolene Yaede and Crew. There will be a planning meeting at Judy's house (1126 Phillip Court) on September 24. A time will be announced later.

Last Comments and 50/50 – Sue Kruleski won the 50/50 drawing.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 7:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned- at 8:52pm

TALES FROM THE GRILLIN' PIT

Our year began with the End of Band Camp – Pool Party. We had 67 swimmers, a multitude of parents and friends. Special thanks to all those burger flippers and hot dog turners. A lot of food was consumed and our guesstimate on our count was about right. I do not believe anyone left hungry. Much leftover chips and pretzels were available. Please continue to offer your beverage donations.

Pigskin Preview was a large success. We had many new visitors to this Event. We intended on feeding our Band Students and hoped to have enough food for the rest. At one point, we ran out of rolls and eventually cheese. The pulled pork sandwiches made by Poppa Acri went over very well. A unique surprise was an announcement by the football parents that we were to feed the football players!!! This was not communicated to us and we will need to pursue this fact for next year. Thank you for all the dedicated volunteers who pitched in and made this Event work. Our freezer is filled with 10 packs of pulled pork ready for Band-A-Rama.

The East game was a treat for the Grillin' Pit. We managed to feed the Band Students and after the game provided food for the CD & East Bands. We had about 60 hot dogs that no one ate. It appeared that the football players, cheerleaders and Band members all relished in the social mixing for which it was intended. Again thank you for your spending time with us and we hope you will come out for some of our home-spun camaraderie.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Guise
Hal Hammaker