



## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 4, 2011 @ 7:00pm

President Eric Bloom called the meeting to order at 7:00 and welcomed everyone back after the holiday break.

**Treasurer's Report: Cindy Case:** The expenses this month were for Wolfgang candy, candles and gift cards for the staff (this augments their "salaries"). The deposits were from concessions and the scrip program.

**Financial Secretary's Report: Crystal Richards:** The profits for the candy and candle sales are now updated and posted into the student accounts. If there are any questions please contact Crystal.

**Recording Secretary's Report: Laurie Kissinger:** The minutes of last month's meeting were presented and motioned to approve by Paula Winch. It was seconded by Kay Mesaros. They were passed by a unanimous vote.

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

**Student Officers Report: Josh Richard and Dan Budd:** The officers were dressed festively to welcome in the New Year, complete with hats, noisemakers and large glasses. They reported that the Jazz bands had a menagerie of holiday gigs including Strawberry Square, playing with the Keystone Capitol Chorus, and playing for the Rotary Club. Many students from the concert band participated in the Orchestra concert at school on December 21, and also got to perform at the Harrisburg Mall with them on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. The musical pit and the indoor groups are now rehearsing. County Band auditions are coming up, the last few years about 1/3 of this ensemble is made up of CD students. There are also a lot of students planning to audition for District Jazz Band. Another favorite of the students is Chocolatefest where all 3 jazz bands perform.

**Band Director's Report: Mr. Ceresini:** Miss Dietrich is working with the company that is making the concert CD's, and they will hopefully be ready this month. An email blast will be sent when we know the date. The Dessert Dance was a nice time and Mr. C. gave thanks to all involved, especially Cheryl and Gail. He reported that the students were also a big help. As the officers reported, the Jazz band played with the Keystone Capitol Chorus, and Jazz I played at the Rotary Holiday luncheon, where Santa almost forgot to have Mr. C. sit on his lap until the kids reminded him! The Chorus and Orchestra concert was played to a very full house. Mr. C. showed the group the certificate and \$300 check we received from the City of Harrisburg for winning the Holiday Parade. The Marching Band was invited to perform at the 2011 Blue-White game, but he had to decline because indoor chapter championships are that weekend.

Jazz I recording day had to be cancelled, and will be rescheduled in February. This recording is used to audition for a National Jazz Festival.

County Band Auditions are next Wednesday. He would like a parent to attend to ride the bus with the kids so Mr. C. can stay and get the scores as they are tabulated. Please let him know if you are interested.

Indoor is waiting for the gym schedule to be updated to know when they can have the parent's preview night. The competitions will begin the last Saturday in January for majorettes and percussion; the guard will be the following week. The deposit has been sent in for Wildwood, so we should get good accommodations.

The Musical Pit has 35 students, and it should be a fun show to perform. The musical is early this year, on the first weekend in March.

## Old Business:

**Scrip:** Target gift cards are now available in \$25 and \$100 denominations. The rebate is not very high (2%) but if you shop at Target frequently please consider using them. We are close to hitting  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a million dollars in sales since beginning the scrip program!

**Valentines Dessert Dance:** There was a question about the start time of this event, and it was decided that it will run from 6:30-8:30 pm. The Consumers science students will again be making the desserts. We will need volunteers to help set up and clean up afterwards, and students are welcome to volunteer. The jazz choir may possibly perform at this event.

**Navy Concert Band:** We will promote this event the same way as we did for the Airmen of Note. We will distribute approximately 1300 tickets to allow for no shows. There will be a group of 8-10 students who will be selected to perform one song with the Navy Band.

**Craft Show:** There have been 154 spaces sold as of Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>. This number is slightly behind last year, but ahead of 2 years ago. This is more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the spaces available. We are still looking for someone to coordinate sign placement (thanks to Diane Baker for volunteering). The volunteer sign ups are on Charms, and again we will need students to sign up for slots. We are also still looking for a freshman or sophomore parent to help Judy with the organization of the show, and to learn the ropes for when she “graduates”. This is our biggest fundraiser, and one of the reasons that the crafters keep coming back is the rapport that Judy has developed with them, and it will be helpful for someone to begin working with her on this event. This is the 21<sup>st</sup> year for the craft show, and when it started there were about 20 vendors participating. There will be a planning meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the band room.

**Indoorama:** There are 24 groups signed up to attend as of Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>. That is twice the amount as the same time last year. There are a lot of new groups this year. We will need a lot of volunteers to help that day.

**Band Banquet:** We are looking for a few senior parents to help plan and give input as this is really the final send off for their students. Please contact Eric if interested.

**Trip committee:** A sample itinerary of a trip to New Orleans was presented and discussed. There were some questions and discussion about whether other schools have had groups travel to this area and what their experiences were. If anyone has any thoughts about this trip send an email to Eric or Mr. Ceresini.

**Business Sponsorships:** There are opportunities for sponsor ads in the Indoorama program and to sponsor a hole for Golf a Rama if anyone knows of a business that would participate.

## New Business:

**Finance Committee:** There will be a meeting on Jan. 18 to decide what to do about the budget, and talk about possibilities for product sales.

**Ram a Gram:** Shannon McLeod needed to step down from her role in putting this together, so we are looking for someone to be the new editor.

**Product Sales:** We would like to come up with two more chances to earn money for your student accounts this year. If you have any ideas please contact one of the officers.

**Band Awards:** The seniors need to apply for these scholarship awards. The information will be online in the next few weeks.

**Golf a Rama:** Doug DeFazio has a meeting with Deer Valley this month.

**BandaRama:** The date is set for Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. C. will contact the district administration to reserve Landis Field.

**Legends of Music:** The booking director for Presidio Brass contacted Eric. They will be traveling thru the area and would be willing to play here for ½ of the fee that we paid for the Dallas Brass to come. It would be a residency and they would work with the kids all day and perform a concert that night.

**Letter Jackets:** Cindy Case contacted Stitch Art and they make them for the other school teams and cost approximately \$280 apiece. If anyone is interested, please contact Cindy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm

Next meeting February 1, 2011 at 7pm.

Sincerely,

Laurie Kissinger, Recording Secretary.