



Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2011 7:00pm

Mr. Ceresini called the meeting to order at 7:00, and thanked the large crowd for attending what he calls his favorite meeting of the year because he is not wearing a suit.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Case: There was about \$8,000 in expenses this month for Drum Major Camp, Guard Uniforms (decreased from last year), and the production of the concert CD's. \$1500 of that went to paying for the cafeteria expenses for the Indoor and Craft shows.

Financial Secretary's Report: Maki Traynor: The report was distributed with no questions. The student accounts are up to date.

Recording Secretary's Report: Laurie Kissinger: The minutes from the last meeting are posted online. They were approved by Cathy Sangillo, and seconded by Jill Eyster. They were approved by a unanimous vote.

President's Report: Diane Baker: Packets of information went home on the first day of band camp for the Marching Band students. You hopefully have seen this by now, as it has info about everything going on with Marching Band right now.

Student officers: Not available as they are practicing.

Mr. Ceresini's Report: Summer practices are going well. After the first 1 ½ days of band camp they have learned approximately 30 seconds of the show! They are on pace for the show being done in time for family night next Thursday. The uniform fittings are going well, with all but three students fit so far. He thanked Judy Koontz and her crew of helpers for a job well done. The Drum Majors went to camp at WCU along with 500 drum majors from up and down the East coast. The report was that they had a great time! Everyone should have received a supply order form, if there are any questions about this ask Mr. C. or get in touch with Lori Hanlin who is handling wearables. There will be a contest for designing the tour shirt and the buddy night shirt. The winner will get a gift card of their choice from Scrip. Mr. C. introduced his student teacher Miss Bixler from PSU who has started early to help with Band Camp. Friday will be our 5th annual service day, held at 5 United Way locations. This is a great opportunity for the kids to work together as a team on something other than music. Family night will be next Thursday, you can come between 7-8 to watch rehearsal and at 8:00pm will be the band's first public performance, along with some fun activities. Picture Day order forms were handed out this week, the pictures will be taken Friday August 12th. The pool party is also that day, from 6-10 at the new location of Koons Pool. There will be copious amounts of food and fun! The first day of school is August 29th, the schedules should be out soon, if something is wrong (band related) let Mr. C. know. The Band fair/Pigskin Preview will start at 5:30 and will feature section performances, a dunk tank, and games and food. At 7:00 in the stadium is the Pigskin Preview which is the kickoff to football season, with the band, cheerleaders and football players.

The first Football game is on Friday Sept. 2 and is home against Manheim. The students will meet in the band room at 3:00, go to Landis to practice, and eat before the game. The band plays pregame for home games, and plays in the stands during the 1st, 2nd, and 4th quarter. Subway is usually available for most of our events. Mr. Bob does a great job of putting together a boxed dinner of a 6" sub, chips, cookie/apple and a drink for \$5 and will deliver the order to us. The order forms are due the Thursday before a game. Mr. C.

talked a little about football etiquette “We cheer, not boo” and he noted that our band gets intensely passionate about games. For more game day info, check out the Unofficial Handbook which is on the website under “what’s new”

Trip Update: The trip has gone to Mrs. Johnson for final approval. The plan is to leave on March 7th after school, and come home March 11. We will fly to Orlando, and the entire music program will participate in Orlandofest which is a festival adjudicated by professional musicians. The trip will also include time at Universal Studios. This trip is optional for all students, and the projected cost is to be no more than \$975 which is all inclusive. The deposits will be due by the middle of September, with a payment plan available. There are fundraising opportunities available and you can likely raise the total amount.

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership: We currently have received 18 memberships. Please consider joining as soon as possible!

Business sponsorships: Kim sent out 1200 letters to area business. We have received \$5,270 so far, and are receiving some daily. You can approach the business you frequent, and remember that 30% of the donation goes into your student account!

Script: We encourage people to get involved with this program. It is a great way to build up your student account with money you already spend on everyday shopping! Missy clarified that if you are using presto pay your order can go in up through the evening (9:00), not 1:00 as previously announced. If you are submitting paper orders they need to be in the envelope in the band room by the end of the school day. Reminder that you will be receiving a 50/50 split of the proceeds this year.

Wearables: Lori Hanlin will have samples and items for sale at both the pool party and Bandfair.

Pool Party: Remember it will be at Koons this year, not Deavon manor. The pool will be closed to the public, and will be from 6-10 pm. You should have received the list of what food to bring; the boosters will supply burgers, hot dogs, and drinks. You may want to bring chairs.

Band Fair: Shannon had posters to distribute. We need a lot of volunteers for this event, please sign up on CHARMS! We will also need bake sale items for that event, please package them to sell for 50 cents. Remember this is one event where the boosters do not feed the kids as this is a fundraiser, so please make sure your child has money to eat.

PEPSI Products: We are in constant need of Pepsi products during the Marching Band season for sale at events, and to give the kids at games. Water can be any brand, but soda must be a Pepsi product due the school districts contract. Cans only please for soda! Bring donations anytime to the band room storage area.

Concessions: Thanks to Tim Schultze for stepping up to take over this important job!

Chaperones: We need 4-5 chaperones and a truck driver for every event. Chaperones help with uniforms, minor first aid, taking equipment out to the field and taking care of water breaks. You can ride the bus, and you do not have to worry about parking or pay to get in the event! Sign up on CHARMS. Remember, you must be a booster member to be a chaperone. (Another good reason to get your membership in!)

BandaRama: We have had some acceptances from bands, but not at the same rate as last year. There are some other shows scheduled on the same date as ours.

Mentoring: The assignments will be out soon.

Kids Discount Book: We are going to try this fundraiser instead of the Ram Card. Thank you to Janice Ellis for agreeing to chair this fundraiser. You will receive a portion of the proceeds for your student account, and if you sell 5 books, you get one free!

Aarogas Night: The coupons went out in the packet; we receive 15% of the check total when a coupon is used. You can go to any location all day, most band parents hang out at the one on Route 22, and it becomes a fun gathering. The coupons will also be available on line. We made approximately \$500 from this event last year.

GTP/HERCO: Hershey will pay you an hourly rate for the hours you work, and this goes towards your student account. There is more info on this program on the website.

PRESIDIO Brass: Google this group for more info on their band. This will be a residency and they will work with our kids all day, and some of our kids will perform with them that night. The Ramada Inn donated rooms for them to stay in-Thanks!

NEW BUSINESS:

Wolfgang Candy: Melissa Graeff will again chair this fundraiser. The orders will be taken around Thanksgiving and will have them the week before Christmas.

Sub Sale: Will be held late September, more info to follow.

Military Band: We are hoping to get the Marine Band in the spring. This is a community service that the Armed Forces Bands offer, and we give out free tickets to the community. Joanne Baylor is going to look into this.

CHARMS: Diane and Cathy gave a brief tutorial on how to use this.

IRS 2010: There was a problem with our filing for an extension of the 990 form, resulting in a penalty from the IRS. Accountant Ted Brosious is looking into this. If anyone has an accounting background, please let Diane know.

Audit: We are gathering info to have an audit done as per our bylaws.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday Sept. 6th at 7:00pm

Sincerely,
Laurie Kissinger
Recording Secretary