



Central Dauphin Band Boosters' Association

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, March 3, 2009

President Eric Bloom called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The Treasurer's report was presented but not passed pending final audit. The Financial Secretary's report was presented. The Recording Secretary's Report was reviewed and passed on the motions of Eileen Lavelle and Jennifer DeFazio.

Vice-Presidents' Reports: Nothing reported.

Mr. Ceresini's Report: Mr. Ceresini started his report by playing us a song on the crystal wine stems that the Boosters purchased for the County Band festival. These stems will be used by the concert bands as well. He also pointed out the Boosters purchased a corkboard to be used to post upcoming band events. A few days before the Band Concert on February 24th, Mr. C separated his shoulder while playing basketball before school. Both bands and the Percussion Ensemble played well in spite of Mr. C only using his left hand to conduct. On February 27th and 28th, Central Dauphin hosted the County Band festival. Mr. Ceresini thanked all of the parents that helped at this event. The participants had a good time and the conductors were great. The Wind Ensemble performed at the Elementary Honors Band concert that was held on February 11th. The 5th grade band was very intent. Mr. C will be taking two students to the PMEA Region V Band at East Stroudsburg Area High School on March 5-7. The Valentine's Dance was great. Mr. Ceresini thought that in the future the Jazz choir Solaris should have their own set-up since there was down time while getting ready for them. There was also loud talking during their performance by some of the students. Mrs. Sunday has already agreed to participate in this event next year. Mr. C thanked Cheryl Blaha, Michele Doyle and their volunteers for all their hard work. The Jazz/Orchestra concert is March 24th. The District Jazz Festival is March 26-28. Regarding the Indoor groups, everything is getting finalized for the Wildwood trip. The first deposit for the trip was due March 2nd. There will be four 15 passenger vans used to transport the students to Wildwood. The vans offer more flexibility than a bus, they are less expensive, they are easier to park, and they do not require a parking permit. Parents that are interested in volunteering on the Wildwood trip should contact Mr. C. Also, if you need tickets to the events, you should contact Mr. C so he can coordinate purchasing them. The Majorettes are classified differently for TIA because they have students from different schools. They won in their category at last Saturday's Lower Dauphin show. The Guard is ranked 10th out of 25. The Drumline was promoted to the next level. The KIDA championships are March 28th. The Musical is steaming along and is March 11-14. Shows are selling out so you should get tickets now if you would like to see it. The show is funny and Mr. C described it as having some hick and some half-crude humor. Planning for the 2009-10 Marching Band has begun but first, the 2008-09 Marching Band will soon start gearing up for the Memorial Day parade. There might be an after school practice. Marching Band practice begins on June 8, 9, and 10th and then it will be every Tuesday evening after that. Drumline and the Bandfront may have some additional practices. Band Camp begins on August 3rd. On August 19th, the Marching Band will play at Citizens Bank Park before the Phillies game against the Arizona Diamondbacks (also Brad Lidge Bobblehead night). Those not wanting their Bobbleheads may want to sell them on eBay to the Bobblehead nerds, not to be confused with band nerds. The Band Student of the Month for February was Maura DeLong.

Booster Kudos: Kudos were given to the following people: Valentine Dance Committee - Cheryl Blaha and Michele Doyle. County Band Helpers – Judy and Valerie Koontz, Diane Smith, Donna DeGrandchamp, Jenifer Donnelly, Donna Skelton, Paige Burns, Janice Mountain, and Barbie and Eric Bloom.

Old Business:

Fundraising and Event Updates:

Scrip – Barbie Bloom. February sales totaled \$11,567/Total profit was \$551 (Boosters - \$390; Students - \$161); Fiscal YTD sales totaled \$102,680/Total profit was \$5,259 (Boosters - \$3,744; Students - \$1,515) Program Total sales \$287,696/Total profit was \$15,708 (Boosters - \$11,174; Students - \$4,534).

RamBand Cards – Diane Baker – The cards cost \$10 each with \$3 going to the Boosters and \$7 to your student account. Diane reported that the revenue so far is approximately \$1,870. Diane said that the cards themselves are paid for but she would like to account for each of them. She has not heard back from 74 students that were issued cards and have neither paid nor returned them as yet. There are plenty of cards remaining to sell and there is no limit to the number of cards you can sell. We will sell the cards at the Craft and Indoor shows.

Valentine's Dance (February 12, 2009) – Cheryl Blaha & Michele Doyle – Cheryl and Michele reported that the revenue from this event was \$602 (\$444 admission + \$158 raffle). Expenses were \$217 for a profit of \$384. The music was awesome. The Jazz choir Solaris was great. Many thanks to Mrs. Sunday and her FCS students for the fabulous desserts provided. We are considering revising the format of the Holiday Dinner Dance to a dessert and snacks only event similar to what we did for this dance since there is not as much planning involved.

Wolfgang Sale – Denise Hess – Denise reported that the revenue for this fundraiser was \$1,559. Delivery will be at the Craft Show April 4th or Tuesday, April 7 at the Band Booster meeting.

Craft Show (April 4, 2009) – Judy Koontz and Crew – This is the Boosters largest single day fundraiser. The Craft Show is now sold out! We have sold to 190 crafters. 104 of those are returning crafters and 86 are new. Revenue to date is \$11,234 (\$11,120 for 278 spaces and \$114 for lunches). Volunteers are needed to setup on Friday night before the show, help at the show and to distribute signs and posters in the community. A volunteer is also need to take over for Paige Burns whose job it is to solicit volunteers. Paige has assembled a very organized sign-up book for this purpose. Please let Eric know if you are interested in helping fill her spot as this is crucial to the success of the show!

Indoor-Ram-a (April 18, 2009) – Barbie Bloom, Michele Doyle, Sue Kinneer, Sue Acri and Sue Douma – The Committee met prior to the Booster meeting in order to get things going. We discussed pre-selling tickets. Please watch your email for volunteering opportunities. The groups that have signed up are: Percussion – CDHS, CD Combined MS, Lower Dauphin HS and MS and Mechanicsburg HS. Majorettes – CD/East also known as the Silhouettes for TIA competition. Guard - CDHS, Lampeter-Strasburg White Guard, Lebanon HS and MS, Lower Dauphin HS and MS, Mifflinburg HS, Red Land HS and Villa Pirata. Handouts will be distributed to the indoor kids this week for program advertising with a 70/30 Booster/Student split. Please don't solicit our Business Sponsors.

SKH Sale (May 2 and October 2, 2009) These dates have been reserved. We need a coordinator to organize the May event. Don't worry about leftovers as they can be used at Knoebel's. This is the week before Mother's Day so we should be busy. This is also the weekend of the TIA Championships at Wildwood.

Knoebel's (May 16, 2009) – Tim and Belinda Clouser – The Clousers have graciously agreed to organize this event. Both Jazz bands will perform and the performers will receive wristbands for the park.

Band Banquet (May 29, 2009) – Donna Skelton and Sue Kinneer. Nothing new was reported other than the planning is under control and that volunteers will be needed to setup on the day of the banquet.

Golf-a-RAM-a (June 11, 2009) – Mark Guise, Hal Hammaker and Jenifer Donnelly. This event will be held at the Deer Valley Golf Course with a shotgun start at noon. The cost is \$75 per player which includes grounds fees, cart, strip steak dinner and giveaways. There will be prizes for everyone. We need about 60 players to make this work. The car this year for the Hole-

In-One Contest will be a Saturn (free lease for one year). We saved approximately \$100 by having the Saturn since no insurance costs are involved. Non golfers can participate in the dinner after the tournament. The price will be announced at a later date. We also need businesses or groups (Majorettes and Drumline did this last year) to sponsor holes. Hole sponsorships cost \$100.

Band-a-RAM-a 2009 (Kathie Christie) – We are uncertain as to which circuit we will join. Even the date is uncertain. We will need freshman/sophomore parents to assist with this event to learn the ropes.

Artie Shaw Orchestra Concert (October 20, 2009) – We need someone to volunteer to be the Event Head. We will try to maintain the pricing from the Glenn Miller concert (\$12 adult/\$9 senior and student). We are also likely to try online ticket sales although there are extra costs to boosters charged as a convenience fee to the ticket buyer.

Get the Picture (GTP)/HERCO – Michele Doyle – Michele said that GTP has posted shifts through the beginning of June. The locations for GTP are HersheyPark, Chocolate World, Strasburg Railroad and Dutch Wonderland. You must be 14 years old for GTP. HERCO will have shifts available later this month. Locations are in the food areas at the Giant Center, HersheyPark, and the Stadium. You must be 18 years old for HERCO. Workers receive \$5.85 per hour and a voucher to HersheyPark. Please see the RamBand website for additional details. If you are interested in this fundraiser you must email Michele to sign up.

Other Updates:

San Antonio Trip – Sue Kruleski, Sue Kinneer and Denise Hess – We are re-evaluating the destination in light of the San Antonio projected trip cost of \$1,400 and the unprecedented economic turmoil.

2009-10 Officers – Nominations will be accepted at the March or April meeting. The election will be at the April meeting. There will be a Vice President position vacant. All of the officers whose band kids are not graduating are willing to return; however, we are always seeking parents of underclassmen for leadership positions. If you are interested in details about the job responsibilities, please contact the incumbent. Our band program cannot continue to thrive without the assistance of the Boosters and the Boosters are nothing without the help of each member family. Please consider assuming a leadership role in 2009-10. Fresh ideas, new skills, and diverse opinions will only make our organization stronger! Also, feel free to volunteer to shadow a position for a year, especially for the Treasurer and Financial Secretary roles.

New Business:

Website Update – The website migrated to a new server. We shouldn't notice any difference.

Band Camp 2009 (August 3-7 and 10-14) – Volunteer Day, Parent's Night and Pool Party.

Band Fair/Pigskin Preview – September 2, 2009 – We need a coordinator!

Phillies vs. Arizona Diamondbacks – August 19, 2009 -Brad Lidge Bobblehead Night

Freshman Meeting – Eric asked this year's Freshman parents for suggestions.

Last Comments and 50/50 – Donna DeGrandchamp won the 50/50 drawing.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 7:30pm. **Band Booster Association Elections**

The May and June Booster meetings have been rescheduled because of a concert and graduation. The new dates for the meetings are May 6 and June 3.

Meeting Adjourned- at 8:57pm