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BAND BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes -- Wednesday, May 6, 2009

Mr. Ceresini called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Treasurer's report was presented. The Financial Secretary's report was presented and Tim Clouser reported that checks #4932, and 4934 totaling \$1,365.00 previously questioned by Dr. Bloom as Indoor-RAM-a expenses had been moved to General Indoor Expenses. The recording secretary (for this meeting being Donna DeGrandchamp) failed to record who motioned for the two financial reports to be accepted and passed or who seconded said motion. (So sorry).

Vice-Presidents' Reports: Donna DeGrandchamp said the only news she had was that SKH had gone very well, and that this would be her last meeting since her band member was graduating. Paige Burns reported that this would also be her last meeting as her daughter was moving on in a different direction and would be unable to take band next year.

Mr. Ceresini's Report: All the indoor groups had Chapter Competitions (we are in Chapter 6) and did very well. The Majorettes had a 1st place finish, the Drumline had a 1st place finish and the Guard finished 3rd. Congrats to all!

Wildwood was quite a learning experience, and since this was a first time, next year will be a little different and a lot easier. TIA sets up the housing and next year there will be an adjustment on that. Eric Bloom brought up the fact that accommodations down at Wildwood overall are from about a -4 to a 1. None of the hotels was really that great. Even the Comfort Inn, (which was the only recognizable name down there) was not anything to write home about. Overall, the trip was good and Mr. C thought the price for admission to the events was a little high, but the cost for housing per kid at about \$9 was very reasonable (Eric said they got their money's worth).

The Concert Bands had their concert on Tuesday, May 5th, and Mr. C thought it went very well and he was pleased because the Monday night rehearsal was "bad" and the concert turned out "oh so nice!" He had the band students listen to a recording he had made of them 7 months ago, and he said it was comical to see and hear their reactions to how they sounded then. The concert had been recorded and Mr. C knows the guys doing it and it should be very well done and we will have the CDs back in a timely manner. They will probably be ready after school and he'll get them out to people.

May 20th is the orchestra concert, so the wind ensemble players that play with the orchestra have that, and then it's on to graduation. The graduation music was handed out and they are getting familiar with the music.

Next year's show (2009) will be "A Hero's Journey Home" (Mr. C thinks of Odysseus or the Iliad, but said it could be any epic hero's journey). It is great music by Karl Jenkins and where the Muppet show music was fun; this will be more dramatic and challenging. The kids gave it an ovation after they heard it. Mrs. Budd commented that her kids really liked it and were already listening to it and getting familiar with it at home.

Drum Majors and Section Leaders had a "pre"-audition last week. There will also be Band Officers this year like the Choir has. We will have President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian and Librarian. Those who want to do it are to write an essay. They are due tomorrow.

There will be a Marching Band rehearsal on May 21st and the Memorial Day Parade is on the 25th. They will do 1 Muppet Show Parade song and it should be pretty easy. The Band will wear Khaki shorts and Band Polos.

The Summer Practice Schedule is in a bit of flux because the district is shutting down the schools totally Friday – Sunday. So Band practices will probably not be affected, they will be Tuesdays. But Band Front is a bit questionable right now.

The Jazz Bands have been playing gigs. Jazz I played the “Prison” Gig at the 4 Points Sheraton. They played for about an hour and a half. Also played at the Redland Jazz Show. The problem there was it was so loud. Finally, Mr. C’s favorite was playing for Northwood Nursery School at our school. They come in and learn about the instruments and we play for them. The really neat thing is they get inspired to play instruments. Three of our Jazz musicians were in the Northwood Nursery School program. It’s never too early to plant the band seed!!

May 15th is the final Jazz concert, and both bands will be recorded. May 16th is Knoebels Picnic, be at the school by 8:45, and we’ll leave at 9:00 a.m.

The Showcase is going well, we have groups come in during May, they play here and then they go to Hershey Park. The good thing is we get \$ from this and they get a great experience.

Booster Kudos: Mr. C talked about how thankful he was for all that the Boosters do for the Band, and for him. He spoke of how he didn’t know what he would do if we didn’t do all that we do, like the indoor show. If he had to put that all together, he would have to not teach for the week before or it just wouldn’t happen. So he wants the Boosters to know he realizes how much the Boosters do and how fortunate he is to have them. He called us the Assistant Band Directors. Indoor-RAM-a went really well and thanks to Barbie, the Sues, Kinneer, Acri, and Douma, and Michele Doyle, and to all that made that happen.

Thanks to the indoor students and Staff – Dan Stoner, Aaron Lichtenwalner and Amanda Feher.

Thanks to the Wildwood Chaperones – Sue Acri, Diane Baker, and Michele Doyle.

Thanks to Janice Mountain for heading up the SKH event. It was great knowing we had two events going on because we have such great parents.

Thanks to all our graduating parents, especially the boosters who have coordinated or volunteered for various booster events over the past years: the Biens, Meadaths, Hammakers, Hulls, Lavelles, Wertzes, and Blooms and DeGrandchamps.

To Paige and Donna for their service to the Band as outgoing officers.

Old Business:

Scrip: For April we had \$8,707 in sales, \$121 into student accounts and a Booster profit of \$288. Year to date totals respectively are: \$124,149, \$1,810, and \$4,438.

Craft Show: Basically we are all done. We did as well as if not better than last year, about \$12,000.

Indoor-RAM-a: Barbie reported that we did very well. We had 2 fewer units than last year due to scheduling conflicts, but the groups that were there were full of great compliments. The judges were very nice. It was a very pleasant working experience. A couple of groups abused the admission fee policy so we will work on that for next year, but all in all it is a really nice group of people to work with and a very enjoyable experience.

SKH Spring Festival: We have new facilities at Stauffer’s. They built a patio area where they want the concessions sold from. They said next year we should have the band playing. The weather wasn’t the most optimum for our sales. Eric said maybe we should consider whether it is worth our efforts to do it both in the Fall and the Spring or if perhaps we should just pick one weekend. We made \$352, to which Mr. C quickly responded “That’s 8 drumheads.” All the leftovers went to the Clouser’s for Knoebels.

Knoebels: Jazz I and II play at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. We have sodas, we need water!

Band Banquet: Donna Skelton says everything is coming together. Reservations are due on the 12th of May. We have the Pens, the gifts for the band students, the Blankets are done, and having the Auditorium for the Awards and the slideshow is so nice. We do need decorators, and paper goods for the drinks and desserts.

Freshman Orientation: The meeting is our next Booster meeting which is June 3, 2009. Mr. Wright, Coach McNamee may join our meeting and get those freshmen pumped up about the band. We are working at keeping all the information to a minimum so as not to overwhelm anybody. The individual sections will do some more things with the kids in their sections.

Golf-a-RAM-a: Is scheduled for June 11th with a 12:00 noon shotgun start at the Deer Valley Golf Course. A \$75 fee covers the grounds fees, cart rental, and a strip steak dinner. Mark Guise said they are hoping to have 60 players to make this work. Mr. C said some kids on the golf team were asking if they could come. We will have some giveaways and there is a Saturn Lease free for a year for anyone who gets a hole in one. Mark said we really need Hole Sponsors because the hole sponsorship is pure profit to the band. \$100.00 will sponsor a hole.

Band Camp: It runs from August 3 – 14, 2009. We still need the tent. Eric was wondering when he should start the countdown clock. Mr. C talked about doing some rehearsals in one of the back parking lots. Mrs. Johnson is considering it. The benefits to this are the walk is far less so there would be more actual rehearsing, the staff could see the show from the top of the hill so they can see what it looks like, and the lot is not as “ckajarbolled” (Mr. C’s new word) as the field. We need to see about painting the lot like a football field (that may be the deciding factor). So much of what the band parents used to do is now being handled by the kids and the section leaders, but what still does need to happen is the uniform fittings. Judy Koontz has agreed to head this up again, but any help would be appreciated. There will also be Flag sewers needed. Doing the flags ourselves saves us hundreds possibly even thousands of dollars. We are going to do another service day on Friday, August 7th. If anyone has a suggestion as to a community group that would benefit from our services send it in to the Boosters. There will be some new things for the parents during Parents’ Night which will be Thursday, August 13th. We also still want to have our Pool party; however, we need an event head and a pool!

Phillies Game: August 19, 2009 come hear the Band perform at the Phillies game! The district is providing transportation for the band and the chaperones. If you desire to be a chaperone sweet talk Mrs. Becher. It would be great to fill the section at the park (we have section 304 which has 200 seats and is the pavilion deck in right field), so come and support the band! Tickets are \$18 and it’s Brad Lidge Bobble head night. (Eric pointed out that the bobble heads for Lidge are already going for over \$30 on eBay, so . . .) The game starts at 7:00 p.m., the Marching Band plays on the field at 6:20 or so and there is no playing in the stands. This gives them time to change and really enjoy the game. It should be a great night. The Boosters will be working out more details for the adults who want to go but won’t be chaperones. Ticket order forms are online.

Band Fair/Pigskin Preview: This will be on September 2, 2009. We still need an event head. You can make it as intricate or as simple as you want, or you can just do what Paige did last year and you will have a successful event. We are going to start later so the team, the cheerleaders, and the band can all get there. There will be food, and games. Dr. Guise suggested that if we do the pig, we only do the butt end because there is too much to have to store for later events. The event is a lot of fun.

2009 Concessions: We need concessionaires-in-training!! So, let’s see some underclassmen families get in there and learn the ropes. Anyone who has worked the concessions will tell you they are a blast!

Band-a-RAM-a: Kathy Christie reported that the 1st wave of letters went out. Eric explained the saga of the event in that we considered making it a competition event and how for a number of reasons things have not panned out. Mostly due to the judges’ fees, so now we’re going back to an Exhibition Event and we are trying to line up bands to make it worth all the effort. Matt’s called 2 colleges and we are still working on fees and cuts. Once again, a Freshman or Sophomore parent to help would be good.

Artie Shaw Orchestra Concert: Sold our 1st two tickets. We need an event head. We will maintain pricing at \$12 adult/\$9 seniors and students.

Trip Update: It is not final but is 80% Disney/20% SeaWorld over Easter Break. We will announce the payment schedule and tentative itinerary at the June orientation meeting to give those parents a heads up and an incentive for Fundraising. We are working with several companies for the best price, trying to keep it at around \$750.

New Business:

2009 -10 As required by our bylaws, we must hold a Budget Meeting. It will be Tuesday, May 26, 2009 to coincide with the Officers' Meeting.

Question was brought up about Associate Membership and Eric said he believed you could be an Associate Member of the Boosters and still help out at events, but that you could not chair an event or be a committee head.

Next Meeting: June 3, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. (This meeting was rescheduled due to graduation.)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 PM