



Central Dauphin Band Boosters' Association

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, November 4, 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. A question was raised as to whether the Treasurer's Report was reflective of the budget. Jolene explained that the Treasurer's Report is not reflective of the budget but shows the actual amounts that are received and paid. She referred to the Treasurer's report and indicated that the amount we have available to use as of October 31, 2008 is \$14,618. It was noted that the Financial Secretary report is also not reflective of the budget. We will try to prepare a comparison to budget report either on a calendar or on an event to event basis by the December meeting. The Financial Secretary's report was presented. It was mentioned that \$648 was spent on Buddy Night t-shirt for the 8th graders which we felt was a worthwhile expense. The Secretary's Report was reviewed and passed on the motions of Diane Baker and Brenda Budd.

Vice-Presidents' Reports: Nothing reported.

Mr. Ceresini's Report: Mr. Ceresini said that the Buddy Night event was the best that it has gone since he has been here. The Middle School teachers received many positive comments. Mr. C thinks for next year we can get 20 8th graders from each Middle School for the Marching Band and 30 8th graders from each for the concert band. Mr. Ceresini will follow-up with the Middle Schools several times during the year to entice the 8th grade students join the band program. The Pizza party went smoothly as well, we had 39 pizzas and no leftovers. Senior Recognition Night went well. There was a change in the order of the program from prior years. This year the Senior Recognition program was held before the band played. The band was forced to cut their performance short because of time constraints. It was a nice event. Mr. Ceresini was approached by the football coach and a football parent concerning additional ways the football players, cheerleaders, and band could bond for community and spirit. They had many ideas such as a parade at home games, the football team attending Band-a-Rama, the band attending the Cheerleading competition, and a post game event like State College's does. Mr. Ceresini asked if a Booster parent would be interested in helping with this project. The Keynotes Concert was nice. Mr. Ceresini thought that more people attended this year than in the past. A parent noted that the concert seemed short but Mr. C explained that he must balance the time that the brass players perform also there were not as many seniors to recognize as in prior years. The Veteran's Day concert is November 5th. The Percussion Ensemble and Wind players sounded good at rehearsal for the concert when they came together. The Percussion Ensemble will make their debut at the concert with a Percussion only selection. The play-off game is Friday night versus Gov. Mifflin, which is near Reading. The Powder Puff football game is Monday night. Any student is welcome to play in the Pep band. The Indoor Groups will begin practice in November. They will start a Middle School Color Guard this year. The Middle School principals approved the Color Guard and district money has been found to finance the instructors. The Jazz bands are in a lull at the moment but will soon start to have more performances. Jazz II will play at Strawberry Square on December 5th. The Holiday Parade is November 22nd. We discussed whether we should buy Santa hats for the band. Items have been purchased from Mr. Ceresini's wish list. New cymbals were purchased for the drum set. They were expensive but Jolene Yaede

saved us ten percent by her diligence. The Boosters will provide \$200 to Mrs. Sunday's Family Consumer Science (that's Home Ec for us old people) class for supplies needed for dessert preparation for the Valentine's Dance.

Old Business:

Fundraising and Event Updates:

Wearables – Jeff and Claire Saul. The Wearables have new items for sale such as a new beanie, headband and sweatpants. There is a new order form on-line. Those wanting items for Christmas gifts should submit their order by the first week of December.

GTP/HERCO – Michele Doyle and Cheryl Blaha. All of the shifts for HERCO are now filled. There are GTP shifts available. Michele advised us that the place to volunteer is the Giant Center. She said she worked both of the TSO concerts and received \$28, a voucher for HersheyPark and she was able to enjoy the concert and the work was easy. The GTP does not offer a HersheyPark voucher. So far \$164 has been put in student accounts for GTP and \$830 for HERCO.

SKH Fall Concession (October 11) – Donna DeGrandchamp. The Boosters made approximately \$300 from the sale. Extra donations of bake good were given out at Buddy Night. Thanks to the DeGrandchamp and DeFazio families for organizing this event.

Scrip – Barbie Bloom. October sales totaled \$13,825/Total profit was \$710 (Boosters - \$508; Students - \$202); Fiscal YTD sales totaled \$45,563/Total profit was \$2,476 (Boosters - \$1,769; Students - \$707) Program Total sales \$231,579/Total profit was \$12,925 (Boosters - \$9,199; Students - \$3,726). Please keep the RamBand Scrip in mind for your routine grocery, gas, and clothing shopping and especially for your upcoming Holiday shopping. Also ask your friends and relatives to use our Scrip. Barbie advised us that there are on going bonuses that you can check out at the link on our website or you can go to glscrip.com. Also, there is now an American Express scrip that can be used at Target and Costco.

Landis Field Concession – Mark Guise and Hal Hammaker. We are finished with the Concession stand for the year. We made approximately 50% less than we did last year. However, Hal and Mark feel that the camaraderie among the Band parents, feeding the kids, and having a presence at Landis Field is worth the effort. They would also like to thank all the many volunteers that helped them this season. The students were very appreciative of our efforts and they expressed their gratitude. Since a lot of the folks that helped will have seniors next year it is important that we get underclassmen parents to learn the ropes.

Wolfgang's Candy – Donna Skelton – Donna was not at the meeting. This is a voluntary event. The profit is at least 40% of the sales (Students – 70% and Boosters – 30%). The more we sell the higher the discount will be. Also, we save money by picking up the candy. The orders and money are due by the end of school on Thursday, November 6th and delivery will be on Tuesday, December 2nd at the Band Booster meeting.

Craft Show (April 4, 2009) – Judy Koontz and Crew – This is the Boosters single day fundraiser. Mr. Chronister did a new floor layout so that we can move the auditorium hallway spaces to the gym. We gained approximately 25 more spaces. We will give him scrip as a thank you. Twenty-six crafters have signed up already without even receiving the information. There will be a crafter application envelope stuffing party at the Koontz' house on Thursday, November 6th at 7pm. Please call them at 541-9596 if you are available to help. Jeff Imboden has volunteered for sign placement.

Indoor-Rama (April 18, 2009) – Barbie Bloom, Sue Kinneer & Sue Acri - We already have four groups that have signed up before we even started publicizing the show.

Holiday Dinner Dance (December 12, 2008) – Cheryl Blaha and Michele Doyle – Flyers were available at the meeting for distribution. A mass mailing will be sent to nursing homes and other likely participants. Reservations are due by December 5th. Cheryl solicited three gift baskets from Jake's Country Trading Post that we can raffle off; each worth approximately \$40.

Band Banquet (May 29, 2009) – Donna Skelton and Sue Kinneer. Nothing new was reported on the banquet as Donna and Sue did not attend the meeting.

New Business:

Beverages for Visiting Bands - Mark Guise suggested that we implement a policy that the Band Boosters will provide the visiting bands with beverages whether hot or cold similar to what State College does for us. Mark suggested that we formally adopt this as a policy or resolution so that it becomes a CD Ram Band tradition, rather than something that's done for awhile and then forgotten. This policy was unanimously adopted by the consent of the meeting and the Band Director.

Uniforms – Paige Burns – It takes a great amount of time to design and receive band uniforms. Paige is forming a Uniform committee. Those interested should contact her. Mr. Ceresini will approach the School Board concerning new uniforms in approximately six months. We would like to work with East High in this endeavor.

2010 Trip Planning Underway – The destination of the 2010 trip will be announced at the December meeting. We would like to keep the cost of the trip under \$1,000. Mr. Ceresini will meet with Mr. Kibler and Mr. Masters on Thursday to discuss a mini-trip for this school year and to discuss uniforms for concerts.

Band-a-Rama Meeting – We would like to have a meeting to discuss this event.

PR Impact – We have received press for our Community Service day, the GMO concert, Band-A-Rama, and band concerts. This press has lead to invitations from Macy's Department Store, the YMCA, and the Harrisburg Senators.

Last Comments and 50/50 – **Hal Hammaker** won the 50/50 drawing.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 7:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned- at 8:42pm