



Central Dauphin Band Boosters' Association

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, December 2, 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. Eric brought to our attention the expenses for the Muppet Show and Indoor Show rights, which were some of our largest expenditures for the month. The Financial Secretary's report was presented. We will try to prepare a comparison to budget report either on a calendar or on an event to event basis by the January meeting. The Secretary's Report was reviewed and passed on the motions of Donna DeGrandchamp and Scott Mann.

Vice-Presidents' Reports: Nothing reported.

Mr. Ceresini's Report: The Marching Band's presence at football games came to an abrupt halt when the Rams lost to Gov. Mifflin in the first play-off game. The game was farther away than what Mr. Ceresini thought and our band did not get to see Gov. Mifflin's band perform. Mr. Ceresini said that he was proud of the Marching Band students. The Marching Band had a successful season, they improved with every performance and they were all dedicated. The Marching Band concludes their 08-09 season with the Linglestown Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2009. Planning for the 09-10 Marching Band season will begin for Mr. C on January 6th. The Marching Band did appear in the Harrisburg Holiday Parade and took home second place. A pizza party and the Seniors' annual "Profound Advice from the Stool" event followed the Parade. A Pep band made up of volunteers was at the Powder-puff Football game. It was a very cold event but was fun nonetheless. The Veterans Day Concert was great. There was a good audience. The bands performed well and looked great. The Percussion Ensemble was nice. They had to learn everything new so there was a learning curve. Jazz 1 played at the Mini-thon and JCC. Both were successful performances. Jazz 1 played during the Dodge ball tournament so they didn't have a huge audience but did have approximately 15 fans. Both Jazz bands will perform at Strawberry Square on December 5th at noon and on December 12th at the Dinner Dance. The Indoor programs had their respective meetings and have begun rehearsals. The Indoor calendar was distributed. The groups will start going to shows at the end of January. If there are any students interested in joining the Indoor groups it's not too late yet but will soon be. The Middle School Indoor Guard program is in a holding pattern. They don't have a practice place and there is no timetable as to when they will begin but it will be a short season. Winter Brass is for those interested in playing Brass instruments. They met before school. Mr. Ceresini will visit the Middle Schools before or after the holidays. He will tell them about the 2010 all-band trip. He would like the 8th grade parents to come here before the students schedule their classes for next year. There are tryouts for District Band this Saturday at East. District Jazz Band tryouts are in January at Dallastown High School (bring money for food). The deadline for sign up is December 3rd. The deadline for sign-up for County Band is December 5th. Interim report cards are coming out soon. Mr. Ceresini said that there will not be a Mini-trip this year because there is no room in the schedule. Mr. Ceresini has not chosen the band student of the month as yet so it may become the band student of the quarter. The new RamBand pop-up sign which was used at SKH and will be used at the Strawberry Square gig was at the meeting.

Booster Kudos: Kudos were given to the following people: Freshman Marching Band volunteers – Diane Baker, the Schrocks and the Graeffs; Head Chaperone Mary Becher and her regular cast of chaperones – Sue Aciri, Diane Baker, Sue & Andy Douma, Jeff Imboden, and Sue Kinneer; Truck drivers – Kevin Baldwin, Mick Schrock, Scott Graeff, and Dave Becher; Gere Lavelle for preparing the Association's tax return for the year (Gere is a senior parent so we will need a volunteer for the 2009

filing. There is a new form for next year); Mark and Natalie Guise for handling the Key Notes concert; Mark, Hal and Tim for cooking burgers in the snow after the Holiday Parade.

Old Business:

Fundraising and Event Updates:

Holiday Dinner Dance (December 12, 2008) – Cheryl Blaha and Michele Doyle – Cheryl received many reservations at the meeting. Cheryl needs to know by December 5th if you are planning on attending. She doesn't necessarily need the money by then but she does need a count. Set up in the cafeteria for the dance begins at 3pm if you would like to help. T. Burger of the Patriot News will be highlighting the dance in his article that will be in the B-1 section of Saturday's Patriot News. He will be taking pictures at the Jazz bands Strawberry Square gig.

GTP/HERCO – Michele Doyle and Cheryl Blaha. There are shifts available but not many for HERCO. Michele said she worked at a hockey game and she really had to work.

Scrip – Barbie Bloom. November sales totaled \$16,831/Total profit was \$852 (Boosters - \$600; Students - \$252); Fiscal YTD sales totaled \$63,394/Total profit was \$3,329 (Boosters - \$2,370; Students - \$959) Program Total sales \$248,410/Total profit was \$13,778 (Boosters - \$9,800; Students - \$3,978). 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. This week's Scrip will not be available until Tuesday.

Wolfgang's Candy – Donna Skelton – The candy was available for pick-up at the meeting. A total of 390 boxes of candy were sold. Total revenue was \$3,300 (last year's revenue was \$5,700 but that was a trip year), Student Profit was \$1,100 and Booster Profit was \$600. Thanks to Donna for organizing this event and to all who participated.

RamBand Cards – We needed a coordinator but Diane Baker was courageous and volunteered to coordinate this event. The cards will sell for \$10 each. We will ask each Booster family to sell 3 cards. The profit for the cards will be 30% to the Boosters and 70% to the student accounts. We hope to have the cards by January.

Valentine's Dance (February 12, 2009) – We decided to address this event after the Holiday Dinner Dance.

Craft Show (April 4, 2009) – Judy Koontz and Crew – This is the Boosters largest single day fundraiser. The crafter applications are steadily coming in. We will start putting out signs advertising the show in March.

Indoor-Ram-a (April 18, 2009) – Barbie Bloom, Sue Kinneer & Sue Acri - We already have eight groups that have signed up before we even mailed out applications. We will need program advertising. The profit will be a 70/30 Booster/Student split. Please don't solicit our sponsors.

Band Banquet (May 29, 2009) – Donna Skelton and Sue Kinneer. Nothing new was reported on the banquet.

Band-a-RAM-a 2009 (Kathie Christie) – We will likely affiliate with the TOB circuit. We will need freshman/sophomore parents to assist with this event to learn the ropes.

Other Updates:

Uniform Committee Update (Paige Burns, Donna DeGrandchamp, Jen DeFazio) The committee and Mr. Ceresini looked at many different uniforms and they picked some that they liked. The representative from Stanbury will provide sketches.

New Business:

2010 Trip Announcement – The destination of the 2010 all band trip will be San Antonio, Texas! Note that this is our tentative plan, pending our ability to confirm bookings, travel, district approval and whatever other hoops we may have to jump through. We may even participate in the 2009 Alamo Bowl or the 2010 Battle of the Flowers Parade. Here are some of the attractions the RamBand hopes to perform at: Six Flags – Fiesta Texas, Riverwalk, Sea World and the Alamo. Our goal in announcing the trip this early is to give interested families a head start on building up their student's account. More information concerning the trip can be found in the December Ram-A-Gram and on the band's website.

Last Comments and 50/50 – Natalie Guise won the 50/50 drawing.

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

Meeting Adjourned- at 8:30pm