



Central Dauphin Band Boosters' Association

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, July 7, 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. This report shows revenues and expenses for the month. We are currently in the red zone for cash flow. We are in need of funds, so please enroll as a member of the Boosters! The Financial Secretary's report was presented. This report lists the financial information by event. Tim pointed out the Student's Accounts are updated each month and are posted on the bulletin board in the Band Room. Student Account funds can be used for various purposes: music lessons, repairs, trip, event expenses, and required attire. The Recording Secretary's Report was reviewed and passed on the motions of Sue Kruleski and Brenda Budd. Sue Douma noted that for June 2009, we received 11 memberships for a total of \$505. As a comparison, for June 2008, we received 12 memberships for a total of \$420. Sue mentioned that the enrollment forms were available at the meeting and she would collect any forms that were completed.

President's Report: Eric mentioned that the budget may have to be amended but he deferred any comments concerning the budget until the August meeting.

Vice-President's Report: Diane mentioned the availability of membership enrollment forms at the meeting.

Mr. Ceresini's Report: Mr. Ceresini welcomed the newcomers. He said that the online calendar can be relied upon until the end of summer. The Fall events should be confirmed by the beginning of August. By the start of school, the calendar should be in place. If you have any questions concerning an event, please email or call Mr. C at mceresini@cdramband.org. The Marching Band is in full swing. Mr. Ceresini said that it was good to have the mini band camp to start the Marching Band season because it gives the first time students a chance to settle in. Currently there are 98 students participating in the Marching Band. This is 20 more students than last year's Marching Band. There are two T-shirt design contests. One is for the Tour t-shirt which is worn at most Marching Band events and the other is for the Buddy Night t-shirt. Two baritones and one saxophone have been purchased by the Boosters for use by the band programs. The Indoor groups (percussion, majorettes and guard) will be going to Wildwood on April 29-May 2, 2010. The cost will be approximately \$300 per student and this event will not conflict with the prom. The Band Handbook, which explains everything you need to know about the Band program, is being updated and should be handed out at Band Camp for those in the Marching Band and at the start of school for those not participating in Marching Band. The scheduling of courses seems to be working out well but if your student has any scheduling problems with band or other subjects you can let Mr. C know and he will try to solve the problem. Mr. Ceresini said that he appreciates the new parents and thanked them for coming to the meeting. He said that they should always feel free to contact him at mceresini@cdschools.org with any concerns or questions. Mr. Ceresini kept his report to nine minutes!

Old Business:

Band Banquet- Kudos to Donna Skelton and crew for their budgetary heroics. Revenue was \$2,180, expenses were \$3,750 for a net cost of \$1,570. The 2008 net cost was \$5,750. This event will always cost the Boosters since it is to honor the band students and is not a fundraising event.

Golf-a-RAM-a (June 11, 2009) – Kudos to Mark Guise, Hal Hammaker and Jenifer Donnelly. The preliminary revenue (more money's coming in every day) for this event was \$3,235,

expenses were \$2,341 for a net amount of \$894. Almost 50 golfers participated. It was a fun event and we made money.

Scrip – Barbie Bloom. June sales totaled \$11,993/Total profit was \$541 (Boosters - \$389; Students - \$152); Fiscal YTD sales totaled \$145,363/Total profit was \$7,204 (Boosters - \$5,132; Students - \$2,072). Scrip percentages vary by merchant; 30% of the profit we make goes right into your student account, so you're getting credit for your everyday shopping.

Band Camp (August 3-14, 2009) – Judy Koontz will coordinate the distribution of uniforms. Please send an email to the Boosters or Judy if you are interested in helping. Service day, coordinated through the United Way, will be Friday, August 7th. Fifteen students will help at the Wildwood Lake Sanctuary, 15 students will help at the Central PA Food Bank, 50 students will help at the Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Assn. (CATRA), and 30 students will help at the silence of Mary Home. We received a lot of great press from this event last year. Parents' Night is Thursday, August 13th. The Pool Party is Friday, August 14th. The event heads are Jen DeFazio and Alison Ruello. The party is at Devon Manor, 4400 Devonshire Road near Northside Elementary. The Boosters provide the hotdogs, hamburgers, condiments, and paper products. Students' families are asked to bring food items. Watch for an email and band camp handouts for more information. The Boosters cover the entrance fee for current band members and their immediate families who are not members of Devon Manor. Members of Devon Manor are asked to please bring their membership cards to help defray the admission costs. Alumni are welcome and will be responsible for the \$3 entrance fee.

Phillies Game (August 19, 2009) – The section 304 seats are gone. There are some tickets remaining in Section 308. These tickets are \$22. We've accounted for about 250 tickets so far. Tickets must be reserved by July 14th. The tickets will be distributed by mail in late July. You must find your own transportation unless you are a chaperone. The Boosters are paying for the students' tickets. The Marching Band will be playing on the field before the game at 6:35pm. The band probably will wear their uniforms to perform, then change before entering the stands.

Band Fair/Pigskin Preview – September 2, 2009 – Janice Mountain. This is the unofficial (Harrisburg) debut of the Marching Band. The Landis Field Grillin' Pit will handle the food. There will be concessions with food, drinks, and a bake sale. There will be student games, including a dunk tank, inflatable toss and kiddie games. There will be a raffle and 50/50 sales. We will need donations of beverages (unless advised otherwise, Pepsi products only, please). There had been a Band Fair meeting prior to the Boosters meeting. Janice asked if we had any menu or game ideas. She said they are kicking around PR ideas. They may just put up posters. Eric asked if anyone had any radio station, TV, or Patriot News connections. If you have any ideas or want to volunteer you can contact Janice at Jthemtn@aol.com. You can also sign up to volunteer online. Mr. C will handle the emceeing and performance schedule.

28th Annual Band-a-RAM-a 2009 (September 19, 2009) - Kathie Christie – This is a Marching Band Exhibition held at Landis Field that has been a CD tradition since 1982! A competition band is not Mr. Ceresini's top priority. The RamBand and the **East High Marching Panthers** participate as well as visiting bands. Nine bands have committed so far: CD, CD EAST, Dallastown, Kennard-Dale, Shippensburg, Steel High, Waynesboro, William Penn (York) and Wyomissing. We would like to have twelve high school band and one or two college bands. If you know any band directors, please contact Kathy. Eric showed us a program from the 2007 Band-a-RAM-a and explained the various advertisement options. There are the business sponsor ads, individual ads, and the one line student ads. All of money from the one line ads goes right into your student's account. We are also looking for a freshman or sophomore parent to assist Kathie with this event since she is a senior parent.

Artie Shaw Orchestra Concert (October 20, 2009) – We need someone to volunteer to be the Event Head. Tickets cost \$12/adult; \$9 students or seniors; \$37 Booster Family pack (4 tickets). Jazz I will perform prior to the Artie Shaw Orchestra. We will start promoting this event more at the beginning of school.

Band Trip Update – Disney 2010 -Sue Kruleski, Sue Kinneer and Denise Hess – The all-band trip to Orlando, Florida is Wednesday, March 31 through Monday, April 5, 2010. This is Easter break. GTC (Orlando, Florida) has been selected as the travel agent. The initial deposit of \$100 is due by September 25th. There will be a \$100 gift card drawing for those who submit their

deposits by the end of band camp (one entry/traveler). This is our effort to get the ball rolling on the Disney trip! The tentative itinerary was available at the meeting and is online. We have been approved by Disney for the Band workshop Guard workshop, and the parade. There is the potential for a concert but that is not confirmed as yet. There will be a trip kickoff meeting mid-September (before the deposit is due). This trip is not mandatory and is open to any student who participates in a performing unit. If you have any questions, please email the Boosters at boosters@cdrmband.org.

New Business:

Wearables – Jeff Saul. To check out what is available and for some pictures go to the Booster website and click on the Fundraising tab on the left and then click on Wearables. Jeff said that he does not keep a large inventory but he can order anything you want and it will be available in two weeks. The required Band polo shirt and Tour t-shirt are available from Wearables. Jeff will also have a Wearables table at Band Fair.

Ramband is now on Facebook.com. This is a great way to coordinate Band Camp carpools and alumni updates. Facebook is a discussion board.

Business Sponsorship Overview – Eric Bloom. Eric gave us an overview of the various sponsorship levels. He sent a mailing to approximately 1400 business to inform them of the sponsorship program. Next week there will be a mailing to band families which will contain their business assignments. Please complete the call report and return to the Boosters by August 14th. This is a good sell because the band supports the community. If you have any question, please contact Eric at ericbloom@psualum.com.

Product Sales – Bonus Books will be available for sale starting in September. Diane Baker is the event head for this product sale. The books sell for \$25. There is a profit of \$12 per book with a 70 student/30 Booster profit split. That's \$8.40 in your student's account for each book sold. Regional books are not available. Wolfgang's Candy is the next product sale which will take place in October/November. Barbara Edinger volunteered to coordinate this event. This sale is also a 70% student/30 Booster profit split. Someone asked if the band ever does car washes and Eric said that these have not been profitable for the band.

Football vs. CD EAST – September 4, 2009. There will be a Landis Field Tour. We need a guide to meet first time band parents at 6:15 for tours and introductions. It is East High's turn to have the post game feed. The Boosters have offered their assistance.

Buddy Night – Saturday October 17, 2009. Sue Acri and Diane Baker have volunteered to head this event.

2009-10 Volunteering. There are three ways to signup: online, most events have their own page; at Booster meetings; and email either the Event Head or the Boosters at booster@cdrmband.org. Upcoming volunteering needs are: Band Fair – Janice Mountain at jthemtn.aol.com; Landis Field Concessions and Grillin' Pit – Dr. Mark Guise at guisefam@earthlink.net; Marching Band chaperones (4-5 needed per game/parade and a truck driver) – Mary Becher at mrsbx4@msn.com; Band-a-RAM-a – Needs are Food (concessions, bake sale), flower/candy grams, Hospitality (greet individual bands), other (tickets, programs, 50/50, entry gate), anything (will do any job needed) - Kathie Christie at kathy109@comcast.net.

Pepsi contract – The contract is still not settled so Eric said we should still donate only Pepsi products.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at 7:30pm. Band Camp meeting!

Meeting Adjourned- at 8:43pm