



Central Dauphin Band Booster's Association  
Meeting Minutes-August 3, 2010

President Eric Bloom called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. This is the first meeting of the Marching Band season. Eric reminded the group about the mentoring assignments that were sent out approximately three weeks ago. If you haven't gotten in touch with your families yet, please do so. If anyone has any questions about upcoming activities, the booster officers' contact information is on the website- [www.cdramband.org](http://www.cdramband.org). There was also a large "First Day Packet" sent home with the students on the first day of Band Camp which has information about upcoming events.

**Treasurer's Report-Cindy Case:** There were a lot of deposits last month for memberships, Business sponsorships, and Senators tickets. The expenses were for Band front uniforms, suit bags (which we will be reimbursed for), and a payment to the Glenn Miller Orchestra.

**Financial Secretary's Report-Crystal Richard:** The student account info is now on Charms. Only about 60 people have logged into Charms so far. Please check this out as soon as possible so that we have accurate information for parents and students.

**Recording Secretary's Report-Laurie Kissinger:** If you miss a meeting the minutes are usually on the website within a week. We received Thank You notes from several graduating seniors; Jason Yaede, Elizabeth Thorwart, and Ben Guise for the Band Boosters Scholarships that they received. The Report was reviewed and passed on the motion of John Cosgrove, and seconded by Kim St. Clair.

**Vice President's Report-Diane Baker:** We are continuing to work on membership, starting with the marching band members, and then will move on to the other ensembles. We have a breakdown of membership by sections, and so far the low brass is in the lead with 80% membership, and the clarinets are in last place with 0%! Let's go, everybody!!! We will welcome membership from other family members (grandparents, etc) and alumni.

**Student Officers' Report-President Josh Richard and Vice President Dan Budd:** There was a discussion about the weather so far for Band Camp, and the officers reported that on Tuesday they were "almost comfortable". They reported that the band has 2/3 of the show memorized, and are 1/2 way through the first song which is great for the first day! The educated the boosters on how practice runs, and talked about the team building activities that they did on the Monday afternoon session. They also gave us a brief demonstration of Zumba (Latin Dancing). Friday is RamBand Service Day, and next week they will have theme days (dressing in certain attire). They are looking forward to a great year!

**Mr. Ceresini's Report:** So far they have gotten a lot done! He also educated us on how the band is using Zumba for some of the Physical training activities, and reported that he was tired after two minutes! He thanked Judy Koontz and her uniform crew, as the uniforms are already done! Mr. C. has a staff of about 20 people this year, who are spending a lot of time making sure the program runs well. They give up a lot of their free time to make our program a success. The Drum Majors went to camp at West Chester University, thanks to the Band Boosters (~\$2100 to send them). They learned leadership skills, and brought back a lot of enthusiasm and energy which they are using in rehearsals. He talked about the supply order sheet; please contact him if you have any questions. One clarification/correction: the price of gloves for the wind players should be \$5 for three pairs, not \$5 a pair. If you overpaid, you can have the money put into your student account if you let Financial Secretary Crystal Richard know. Mr. C. talked about the t-shirt design contest, and the patron ads-information on both of these is in the

packet that came home. This Friday is our third annual service day. It is a good experience for the students and the community. The Patriot-News will be sending a reporter to cover this event, as it is a good human interest story. A new site was added this year, The Neighborhood Center, which is on Third Street. It is affiliated with the Methodist Church. Saturday is the Drum Corps International show in Allentown. This is not an official school trip, and no transportation will be provided, but a lot of people wanted to go, and Mr. C was able to get discounted group tickets. Next Thursday is Family night during the evening session of Band Camp. There will be a lot of fun activities on the practice field. Pictures will not be done next Friday due to a scheduling conflict; they will be done at a later date.

*Upcoming events:*

*Senators Game:* The marching band members will get in free; we are selling tickets to family and friends. Ford Thompson, president of the school board will be throwing out the first pitch. Dr. Gonzalez, two CDHS principals, and four school board members are scheduled to attend.

*West Hanover 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade:* August 28<sup>th</sup>. He will have the students meet at the start of the parade route, rather than bussing them from the school. Attire for this will be polos and khakis. It is tentatively scheduled from 10am-noon. Look on our website for a link to the West Hanover site to find the parade route.

*First Football game:* The students will report to the Band Room at 3:00, practice, have dinner (order in, bring something), get dressed and go to game. They perform in the stands during the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters. They are able to eat and drink during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, so please don't give your students food in the stands. The students should not be using cell phones unless they are on a break. The football players have already made some song requests this year for stand tunes.

*Jazz I:* will be playing on August 26<sup>th</sup> for the teachers' 1<sup>st</sup> day. There will be a rehearsal on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*Schedules:* They should be out in the next day or so, if they are not correct let Mr. C. know. Marching Band will not show up on this initial schedule, it will be added later. He reminded the group that Marching Band is a graded/credited class, and the students are graded on attendance and having a great attitude.

**Old Business:**

**Pool Party:** This is the finale of Band Camp. Please come even if you don't plan to swim! There will be a wearable table there, so you may want to bring your checkbook. Please RSVP from the form that was in your packet, so we know how much food to have. It is free admission for the whole family, siblings under 18 must have a signed waiver handed in. JP (a jazz band made up of RamBand alumni) will be performing, and in the past there has been a conga line in the baby pool! **Please bring along a small gratuity to cover JP's costs...!**

**Band Fair:** This event is held on Landis Field in conjunction with the Pigskin Preview. There is food, games, and will feature the first performance of the field show. OC from KISS 99.3 will be there, as well as the Phillie Phanatic from 6-7pm. We will need a LOT of volunteer help for this event. There will be a dunk tank (with staff and principals as the dunkees), and we are looking for someone to transport this from Horning's to the field. Please go on Charms to volunteer for this event. This is a fundraising event for the Boosters; *the Boosters will not be paying for the kids' food*, students will need to bring money for food and games.

**Business Sponsorships:** We have received \$7575 so far. We are hoping to raise \$15,000. The best places to approach are local business which you patronize. If you need the forms they can be printed from the web site. We have more band families in the program this year, but so far only about a dozen

have signed up to help with this program. In response to a question about the August 13<sup>th</sup> date on the Sponsorship form, Kim explained we will take Sponsorships at any time; the deadline to get ads in to the Band-a-RAMa program is August 27.

**RamBand Scrip:** If you participate in RamBand Scrip, it is much easier to process if you sign up to place your order online with ShopWithScrip.com. You can either send a check in (payable to CD Band Boosters) or use PrestoPay. If you are ordering Giant grocery cards, use the drop down box and choose “Giant CD” and this gets us the 5% rebate. Careful that you’re picking the correct one, as some of the other Giant choices do not work in our area. If you participated in scrip last year, you do not need to sign up again.

**Concessions:** The concession crew is open to new members! At the football games we work for the football boosters and make a percentage of the profits. The bake sale table is something we do on our own, with donated items, and is pure profit to the boosters. Please package your items individually priced to sell for 50 cents. There are concession slots available for Football, Band Fair, and BandaRama, and there is something for everyone to do! It is a lot of fun and a great way to meet people. If you are working the concession stand for football games, you get in for free.

**Chaperones:** Mary Becher is coordinating this. This is also a good way to get involved. We are there less to monitor behavior (plenty of band staff for that), and more about helping to haul and set up equipment. If you are chaperoning, you get into the games for free.

**Band-a-RAMa:** So far there are 12 HS bands, Bloomsburg University, and the Marine Corps from Camp Lejeune scheduled to perform. The program for this event includes two great ways to acknowledge (and embarrass your kids), Parent Ads, and Patron Ads. Patron ads sell for \$1 and this money goes straight into your student account. Parent ads come in several different sizes, and you can design your own ad, or contact Cindy Case if you need help designing one.

**Alumni Band/Homecoming:** Megan Kinneer is working on this with Mr. C. for her senior project. We had a big turnout for this for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and are hoping to repeat this.

**Glenn Miller (Oct 25):** The order forms for this event are in your information packet. The Jazz 1 ensemble will open for the orchestra. Glenn Miller is the premier big band touring group, and the last time we hosted them at CDHS the event was a sell out. The tickets sell for \$12 adults, and \$9 senior/students. They’ll play at Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster -- and lots of other venues-- for much higher ticket prices. There is a Family Pack (discounted prices) available for Booster members.

**Wearables:** Students can enter the design contest for the tour shirt, buddy night, and alumni shirts. The tour shirts and polos are necessary for performances.

**RamBand Card:** We need an event head for this fundraiser. You would need to contact some businesses that would be willing to participate (many local businesses are familiar with this and have participated in past years), and coordinate the distribution/money collection.

**Wolfgang Candy:** Thanks to Melissa Graeff for coordinating this sale. It will be held in Oct/Nov.

### **New Business:**

Thanks to Cathy Sangillo for taking over as volunteer coordinator.

RAM-a-Gram: Shannon McLeod-this will now be published quarterly, and will be more of a community newsletter. We will be accepting student written articles. The deadline for the next issue will be the last week of August.

**Next Booster Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

Meeting adjourned-at 8:27pm.

Sincerely,

Laurie Kissinger, Recording Secretary