

Central Dauphin Band Boosters' Association

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, January 5, 2010

President Eric Bloom called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The Treasurer's report (Jolene Yaede) was presented but not passed pending final audit. This report shows revenues and expenses for the month. The Boosters received revenue of \$2,400 from the Football Boosters for the concession stand and also revenue for the Wolfgang Candy fundraiser. The Financial Secretary's report (Tim Clouser) was presented. The first page of this report lists the financial information by event. The second page shows budget to actual. If you have any questions about either of these reports you can email the Boosters. The Recording Secretary's Report (Sue Douma) was reviewed and passed on the motions of Jeff Imboden and Cindy Case.

Vice President's Report (Diane Baker) - Diane had nothing to report.

Mr. Ceresini's Report – Mr. C thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. District Band Auditions were held on December 5th. Nineteen students auditioned and five students were selected. Kudos to seniors Drew Krasner, Steven Edinger, Maura DeLong, Taylor Young, and sophomore Andy Bayer. The Jazz bands performed at the Holiday Dinner Dance on December 11th. Thanks to Cheryl Blaha for organizing this great event; there were no major problems with the transition from a dinner dance to a dessert dance. The next evening, the Jazz bands played at the Capitol Chorus held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. This was a neat show and the audience was very appreciative. Jazz I played at the Four Points Sheraton for the Rotary Club. This year Mr. Ceresini did not have to sit on Santa's lap (does this mean he was a bad boy this year?). Mr. C presented his latest Wish List purchase at the meeting. It is a five octave marimba which cost \$7,000. The marimba has all-terrain wheels and its bars are made of synthetic wood so that it can get wet. The marimba will be used by the Marching Band, Indoor Drumline and the Percussion Ensemble. Mr. Ceresini was very excited by this purchase and thanked the Boosters. In the past four years Mr. C thinks the Boosters have purchased \$52,000 worth of instruments for the band program. Upcoming events include: County Band Auditions January 20th at Susquehanna Township HS. Forty students have signed up to try out. The students will meet at CD at 5:30 and will return at 9pm. The Indoor Majorettes will have their first competition on January 30th at the Biglersville Show. The Indoor Guard will also have their first competition that day at the Salisbury Show. Four students will attend the District Jazz Tryouts on January 22nd at Central York High School. The pit for the Musical began practices today. President of the Band, Brandon Allen, gave his report. He first told us that Vice President Ben Guise could not attend the meeting because he is in Texas. Ben will play the tenor drum in the band for the All American Bowl Game. Brandon wished us all Happy New Year and then gave us his report. He said that the Jazz bands had three gigs that were all good. Jazz I is focusing on Duke Ellington music. The orchestra, choir and concert band had their concerts and also performed at the Harrisburg Mall. The Pit for the Musical began practicing today. Upcoming is the County Band and District Jazz auditions. Mr. Ceresini then continued with his report. As for an update on the new uniforms, he knows that the purchase of new uniforms is getting in front of people's eyes in the Business Office. The Stanbury rep is working on a sample of the uniform and we should have that soon. Mr. C will go to each of the Middle Schools towards the end of January to recruit new students for the band before scheduling for next year begins. Mr. Ceresini ended his report by saying that things were getting started again after the Holiday break.

Scrip – Barbie Bloom. December 2009 was the biggest month for Scrip ever! Don't forget that you can now get 5% on gas at the Giant stores at both ends of the District (West

Hanover/Susquehanna New Giant). December sales totaled \$33, 089/Total profit was \$1,837 (Boosters - \$1,320; Students - \$517; Fiscal Year To Date sales totaled \$106,013/Total profit was \$5,283 (Boosters - \$3,778; Students - \$1,505).

Wolfgang Candy – Barbara Edinger – Revenue for this fundraiser was \$3,482 (Boosters - \$595; Students - \$972). This sale went very smooth.

Blue Mountain Candle Sale – Scott Reigle – We sold 214 candles. The revenue for this fundraiser was \$2,782 (Boosters – \$321; Students - \$749). The top seller sold 33 candles.

Winter Strawberry Sale – Melissa Graeff - There is an envelope on the bulletin board for the orders. Orders and money are due January 14, 2010. Delivery will be in February. The cost is \$26 per flat (8 quarts) and the profit will be \$8 per flat.

Coffee Sale – January/February 2010) – Leona Asper – This product sale is Mr. G Coffee from Lewistown. The cost is \$7.50 per bag. These are small sample size bags. The coffee is available in ground or whole bean. The profit for student accounts will be \$2.36 a bag. Information for this product sale was available at the meeting.

Valentine's Dinner Dance - February 10, 2010 - Cheryl Blaha. This event will be from 6-8:30pm. Flyers were available at the meeting. The Boosters purchase the ingredients and the Family Consumer Science students prepare the desserts. Mr. Ceresini said that the Family Consumer Science teacher will have a Pastry Chef come in to assist the students in making the desserts. Josh Davis, the Jazz Studies professor at Susquehanna University, and his band will play at the dance. Josh will also provide a work shop for the students. Dancing Dave and Eileen will not be at the dance because Dancing Dave has moved to Georgia.

Craft Show – April 10, 2010 – Judy Koontz – Two hundred nine spaces have been sold so far (121 booths sold as of January 2^{nd)}. The show is 75% full already! The due dates for return crafters is January 8th. Volunteer event heads are: Signs- Jeff Imboden (Jeff sent out an email blast requesting sign placers – he received seven responses); Advertising – Melissa Graeff; Volunteers – Joanne Baylor; Show Setup – Rogers Koontz; and Concessions – Jolene Yaede. Emily Mountain has agreed to learn the ropes from Jolene for the Concessions.

iGive – The Boosters raised approximately \$300 from this fundraiser. This is an easy fundraiser. You just sign up online. iGive is a software program which tracks your online shopping habits. iGive then donates a percentage to the Boosters.

Indoor-RAM-a – April 17, 2010 – Sue Acri, Sue Douma, Sue Kinneer, Barbie Bloom and Michelle Doyle. Thirteen groups have signed up already.

Band Banquet – May 21, 2009 – Donna Skelton and Sally Davies. The committee is finalizing the menu. The group chose a "picnic" theme.

Golf-a-RAM-a: Mark Guise is willing to teach two or three people so they can learn about organizing this event. If you are interested just email Mark or the Boosters at boosters@cdramband.org. Last year about 50 people participated in this event, including our principal and two assistant principals. If no one steps up to coordinate this event it will not take place because Mark is a senior parent.

2010 Band Awards – Applications are available online. Applications are due by mid April.

2010-11 Officers. Sixty percent of the Executive Committee has a graduating senior! It's time to start thinking about whether you are willing to commit to making the program even better. Talk to any booster officer (Mr. C, Eric, Diane, Jolene, Tim or Sue) if you are interested in details on the job. Cindy Case has agreed to be the new Treasurer.

Legends of Music IV – **Glenn Miller Orchestra.** Cindy Case has agreed to make preliminary inquiries and determine the feasibility of hosting GMO next fall. The two dates that were being looked at were Monday October 25th or Thursday October 28th. Gail Hrobuchak attentively pointed out that Trick or Treat night is Thursday October 28th so we will most likely chose the Monday date. GMO has a polished "stage presence" and great name recognition. The first GMO concert was a sell-out.

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. The next payments are due Friday, January 8, 2010(\$175/traveler) and Friday, February 5, 2010(balance due/traveler). Statements will be provided to each family so they know what they owe. The Student Rooming List will be posted in the bandroom starting the week of January 5th.

There will be a mandatory trip meeting on February 24, 2010. This meeting will cover practices, uniform fittings, concert band items, and dietary needs. There will be a trip handbook distributed at the meeting. Information on trip insurance is available online. Practices will be held on: February 2nd at 7pm, March 2nd at 7pm and March 23rd at 3pm. These dates are also posted on the online calendar. If you have any questions, please email the Boosters at boosters@cdramband.org.

New Business:

CDHS Community Chat – This will be held at CDHS in the Library at 6pm on January 6th. The January PTSO meeting will be held in conjunction with the Community Chat. Please try to attend, as Dr. Gonzalez has been very supportive of our group's efforts.

Finance Committee Meeting – January 26, 2010 – This meeting is required by the Booster Association's by-laws and is a review of the fundraising events to date. This review will determine if any revisions are needed to the 2009-10 Budget. It is also a fundraising idea meeting. All Boosters are welcome to attend.

Website Update – Microsoft stopped supporting FrontPage 2003 so we will be migrating our site to Microsoft Expression Web. Unsupported features required a web redesign. We also migrated the website to a one terabyte hard drive for easy transportability (our site is hosted by Infoquest). We can also use this for booster records. Gail Hrobuchak has volunteered to help out with learning the website maintenance. Some of the website responsibilities, especially the calendar and email blasts, will be spread out to others such as the new Recording Secretary, student officers, Mr. C or his student teacher or intern.

Ram-A-Gram – A December issue was not published but there was not a single inquiry or complaint as to why there was none. We discussed whether the Gram should continue to be published monthly or should we move to quarterly or semi-annual issues. John Cosgrove spoke up in support of the newsletter's value. We discussed the Gram's intended audience and decided that it was a good marketing tool. Volunteers are needed to take over the publishing duties.

Senior/Alumni Updates – Don't forget to watch the All American Bowl game on Saturday at 12:30 to see Ben Guise. The band show is available at www.allamericangames.tv. Stephanie Douma (Class of 2008) was selected for the second year to participate in Intercollegiate Band. This year's concert will be held at West Chester University. Eric would also like to know where all the seniors are going to college.

Harrisburg Senators Game – The Marching Band will try to arrange to play at a Senators game this summer in their new ballpark. Diane Baker has agreed to coordinate this event. We may be able use this event as a fundraiser.

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Next Booster Meeting: Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 7:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned- at 8:38pm