



## **Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association**

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, January 13, 2009

President Eric Bloom called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting was rescheduled due to inclement weather last Tuesday. The Treasurer's report was presented but not passed pending final audit. The Financial Secretary's report was presented. The Budget versus actual element was added to the report. Eric advised us to not take the bottom sums too literally because some events have not taken place as yet, such as the Indoor-RAM-a show. Mark Guise raised a concern that the business sponsorships & other fundraising activity may be down because of the state of the economy. Eric said that the Finance Committee, which is meeting at the end of the month, will consider this issue as part of its budget review. The Recording Secretary's Report was reviewed and passed on the motions of Eileen Lavelle and Diane Baker.

**Vice-Presidents' Reports:** Nothing reported.

**Mr. Ceresini's Report:** Sixteen students auditioned for District band and six students were selected to participate (listed below in the Booster Kudos). The District Band will rehearse & perform at Annville-Cleona High School on January 29-31. County Band auditions will be held January 21<sup>st</sup> at Susquehanna Township High School. Mr. C would like a parent to volunteer to be a chaperone for that evening so that the students could go home early. Please let him know if you are interested. The County Band Festival will be held on February 27-28. The Jazz Bands played at Strawberry Square on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The students had a good performance and enjoyed their time at the Food Court. The Holiday Dinner Dance was awesome and it was a great night. Mr. Ceresini thanked Cheryl Blaha, Michele Doyle and all volunteers for all their help with this event. The Dance Instructors were very cool. Concerning the Jazz 1 Formal Wear Update, Mr. Masters is taking the lead for this right now. Mr. C thinks that probably nothing will be done this year about the formal wear because Mr. Masters is very busy with the Musical. A possibility is that tuxedos will be rented for the concerts. The Indoor Groups are practicing their routines. Because of a lack of participants, the CD Majorettes have joined the East High Majorettes. The first Indoor show will be held at East High on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Ceresini will have a plan in place by next week for the Wildwood show. The Majorettes will not be participating in the Wildwood show. The Indoor Middle School Guard is on hold right now because of red tape. For recruiting purposes, Mr. Ceresini visited Central Dauphin Middle School on the day of their concert. The students seemed interested in what he had to say. Mr. Shellhamer also stressed the importance of continuing with music in High School. Mr. C will visit Linglestown Middle School soon. A letter from Mr. Ceresini will be mailed next week to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. A vibraphone and djembe were purchased from the Wish List. The Band Students of the Month for October, November and December were Ronni Hull, Mike Wertz, and Andrew Bayer, respectively. Eric, Mr. Ceresini, the football and cheerleading coaches, Rick Fox, and Doug Fisher, a football parent, attended a spirit meeting. The reason for the meeting was to increase communication, camaraderie, and participation between the football players, cheerleaders, and band. Some of the ideas discussed were to have the band play at the end of the game like State College does, be recognized on each other's websites, and the Coach wants the football players to attend some band events.

**Booster Kudos:** Kudos were given to the following people: Cheryl Blaha & Michele Doyle for a great 2008 Holiday Dinner Dance; District band auditioners & participants: seniors Mike

Wertz (Trumpet) and Zach Bloom (Tuba); juniors Drew Krasner (Clarinet), Steven Edinger (Clarinet) and Maura DeLong (French Horn); and freshman Andrew Bayer (Oboe).

**Old Business:**

**Fundraising and Event Updates:**

**Business Sponsorship** – Certificate packets were mailed.

**Scrip – Barbie Bloom.** December sales totaled \$20,324/Total profit was \$1,046 (Boosters - \$760; Students - \$286); Fiscal YTD sales totaled \$83,718/Total profit was \$4,375 (Boosters - \$3,130; Students - \$1,245) Program Total sales \$268,734/Total profit was \$14,824 (Boosters - \$10,560; Students - \$4,264). Scrip was down about 15% from last year. This could be due to the economy or this school year being a non-trip year.

**RamBand Gear – Jeff and Claire Saul** – Eric and Jeff were modeling new premium Ram Band sweatshirts which are available in green and gray. The price is \$55/60. The order form is available on-line. If you have any other ideas for Ram Band gear please talk to the Sauls.

**RamBand Cards – Diane Baker** – The cards were distributed last week. The cards cost \$10 each with \$3 going to the Boosters and \$7 to your student account. New merchants on the card this year are Giotti's, St. Thomas Restaurant and Forte Music. This sale is voluntary but we ask each Booster family to sell 3 cards per student. There is no limit to the number of cards you can sell. We are trying to market within the CDS and local community by email and posters that were available at the meeting. Free cards were given out to those that support us such as the Principal and Vice Principals. We will need volunteers to help sell the cards at concerts, dances, and other band events.

**Valentine's Dance (February 12, 2009) – Cheryl Blaha & Michele Doyle** – The tickets are \$3 per person or \$5 per couple. Mrs. Sunday and her FCS classes have the desserts covered. We decided we will ask those attending to donate Pepsi products. There will be a raffle with gift certificates from the following sponsors: \$100 Carrabba's, \$50 Wegmans, \$30 Game Room, and \$10 Atlanta Bread Company. Michele made flyers promoting the event but they were not at the meeting. School announcements will be made to promote the dance. We are trying to get Mrs. Sunday's classed to attend.

**Craft Show (April 4, 2009) – Judy Koontz and Crew** – This is the Boosters largest single day fundraiser. As of January 13<sup>th</sup> 185 booths have been sold and processed so the show is already 57% full. This compares to 11% full at this time last year. We are 157 booths ahead. Eric had the new signs at the meeting. Jeff Imboden will be in charge of the signs and Melissa Graeff is in charge of PR. The date, time and location of the January meeting is to be announced soon.

**Indoor-Ram-a (April 18, 2009) – Barbie Bloom, Michele Doyle, Sue Kinneer & Sue Acri** - We already have 16 groups signed up already. Percussion – CDHS, CD Combined MS, Lower Dauphin HS and MS and Mechanicsburg HS. Majorettes – CD/East. Guard - CDHS, CD combined MS (?), Hanna Guard, Lampeter-Strasburg White Guard, Lebanon HS and MS, Lower Dauphin HS and MS, Mifflinburg HS, Red Land HS and Villa Pirata. Program advertising will be introduced in February with a 70/30 Booster/Student split. Please don't solicit our Business Sponsors.

**Band Banquet (May 29, 2009) – Donna Skelton and Sue Kinneer.** Donna had senior surveys available that she gave to Mr. C to hand out to the students. She would like to know if the students liked the DJ and the blankets. Donna took the "8" out of one of last year's blankets to see if the blanket could be used for this year by having a "9" replacing the "8".

**Band-a-RAM-a 2009 (Kathie Christie)** – We will likely affiliate with the TOB circuit. TOB provided two dates September 26 or October 24. We will need freshman/sophomore parents to assist with this event to learn the ropes.

**Other Updates:**

**Uniform Committee Update (Paige Burns, Donna DeGrandchamp, and Jen DeFazio)** Initial sketches were provided. They are working with the representative.

**San Antonio Trip – Sue Kruleski, Sue Kinneer and Denise Hess** – We are still soliciting bids from travel agents. We are planning to start with pricing on the Alamo Bowl Trip which would be 5 days/4 nights, December 27-31, 2009. We are also looking at other options including another Spring Break trip. A "San Antonio" page has been added to the website.

**New Business:**

**Trip Fundraising** – Opportunities for trip fund raising include: RamBand Cards in January, Indoor Rama program Ads in March, Golf-a-Rama hole sponsors in May and Business sponsorship in June. A spring Wolfgang Candy/Bulb sale for Easter has been added. Denise Hess will coordinate this fundraiser. The packets will be distributed in late January. Orders will be due on February 28<sup>th</sup> at the end of the band concert. Orders can be picked up at the Craft Show on April 4<sup>th</sup> or the Booster meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance Committee – Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** – This meeting is to review the approved budget and suggest necessary changes. Everyone is invited to attend. If you have any thoughts, please tell Eric.

**Auditing Committee Issue** – The books of the Treasurer need to be audited. Please tell Eric if you are interested in doing this.

**2009-10 Officers** – Nominations will be accepted at the March or April meeting. The election will be at the April meeting. All of the officers whose band kids are not graduating are willing to return; however, we are always seeking parents of underclassmen for leadership positions. If you are interested in details about the job responsibilities, please contact the incumbent. Also, feel free to volunteer to shadow a position for a year, especially for the Treasurer and Financial Secretary roles.

**Big Band Concert Opportunity – October 20, 2009 – Artie Shaw Band.**

**Last Comments and 50/50** – Diane Baker won the 50/50 drawing.

**Finance Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 7:30pm.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 7:30pm.

**Meeting Adjourned-** at 8:35pm