



Central Dauphin Band Boosters' Association

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, February 3, 2009

President Eric Bloom called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting was preceded by the Finance Committee meeting. We talked about the finances in general terms. We decided that we do not need to change the budget projections. However, we need to make money at the Craft Show or this could affect our remaining events. We also talked about how we can get more band families to participate in our fundraisers. The Treasurer's report was presented but not passed pending final audit. Eric noted that \$8,400 was deposited from money collected from the Craft Show applications. The Financial Secretary's report was presented. The Recording Secretary's Report was reviewed and passed on the motions of Jeff Imboden and Sue Kruleski.

Vice-Presidents' Reports: Nothing reported.

Mr. Ceresini's Report: Mr. Ceresini started his report by telling us that he is very grateful for what we do. He said that he doesn't worry that much about money. He also appreciates our support on a personal level. The Band Student of the Month for January was Andrea Zeppuhar. The Wish List recent purchases were on display at the meeting. On display and demonstrated by Mr. C were three djembes and a vibraphone. Mr Ceresini visited both Middle Schools in January. A letter also went home to the 8th grade parents about scheduling classes. Mr. C thought the meetings went great and many students showed interest in the band programs. It is expected that the turnout for Marching Band and the concert bands will be high. East High hosted a KIDA preview show last Saturday. This show is an educational process. The judges work with the kids and help them with their shows. The CD Majorettes have joined the East High Majorettes and will be called the Silhouettes. Mr. Ceresini has prepared a letter for the Indoor Drumline and Guard on his thoughts about Wildwood. The cost will be about \$275 which includes transportation, lodging, tickets to the show, and a wristband for rides on the Pier. It does not include lunch, dinner and spending money. Both Jazz bands performed at Chocolatefest. Before the event even ended, the bands were asked to come back next year. This is a neat event. The bands played for 2 ½ hours. The Jazz band students were given lunch and were allowed to visit the events. The kids like to perform there. Jazz 1 performed at the Friendship Center Birthday party. They played for 45 minutes. Mike Wertz, Drew Krasner and Taylor Young were selected to participate at District Jazz Band. The Festival is March 27-29 and is at Kennard-Dale High School. Melissa Koontz was selected for the District Vocal Jazz Choir. Both Jazz bands will perform at the Valentine's Dessert Dance on February 12 as will the Vocal Jazz Group Solaris and Dancing Dave and Eileen. The District Band festival was this past weekend. Six students participated. Regional Band will be held the first weekend in March at East Stroudsburg North High School. Mike Wertz and Drew Krasner were selected to participate. The Wind Ensemble will perform next Wednesday at the Elementary Honors Band concert held at CD Middle. Mr. Ceresini will conduct the Elementary Honors Band. The Winter Band concert is February 24 with a rehearsal on Thursday February 19. Central Dauphin will be the host of County Band which will be held on February 27 and 28. In addition to the 26 members who made the band through audition (listed below), Mr. C added the following musicians: Oboe – Vinnie DeGrandchamp, Pad Bass – Melissa Koontz, Bassoon – Tesa Burns, and String Bass – Greg Gish. The Musical is March 11-14. Mr. Ceresini thanked Donna Skelton for chaperoning at the

County Band auditions. Mr. Ceresini also had a request for parents to help with getting equipment and props on and off the floor at Indoor competitions.

Booster Kudos: Kudos were given to the following people: Mr. Ceresini for all he does; County Band Participants though audition: **Flute**- Amanda Skelton, Gabi DeFazio, Rosemary Whipple; **Oboe**- Andy Bayer, Danielle Feger; **Clarinet**- Drew Krasner, Steven Edinger, Tyler Hinson, Liz Clouser, Robyn Murray, Sarah Mater, Chelsea Covage; **Bass Clarinet**- Jen Graeff; **Alto Sax**- Taylor Young, Jen Katz, Christine Saul, Kelly Donnelly, Anthony Gazetti; **Tenor Sax**-Andrea Zeppuhar; **Trumpet**- Mike Wertz, Jason Yaede; **French Horn**- Maura DeLong, Megan Kinneer; **Baritone**- Margaret Bloom; **Tuba** - Zach Bloom; **Percussion**- Bryan Davies; Donna Skelton for chaperoning our county band auditioning students so they could get home earlier; District Jazz Band Participants: Trumpet – Mike Wertz, Piano – Drew Krasner, and Alto Sax – Taylor Young.

Old Business:

Fundraising and Event Updates:

Scrip – Barbie Bloom. January sales totaled \$7,395/Total profit was \$312 (Boosters - \$213; Students - \$99); Fiscal YTD sales totaled \$91,113/Total profit was \$4,708 (Boosters - \$3,354; Students - \$1,354) Program Total sales \$276,129/Total profit was \$15,157 (Boosters - \$10,784; Students - \$4,373). Barbie gave us a pep talk. She said that only 30% of the Band families participate in Scrip. If everyone participated we could make a lot of money. We discussed ways to increase the number of participants. We discussed having some Giant cards on hand at meetings. We also said that it helps to get in a regular habit of purchasing Scrip and it helps to be organized. Also discussed was reloads for the cards but only some companies are available and it takes away from our profit.

RamBand Cards – Diane Baker – 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. Payments are due February 15. There are plenty of cards remaining to sell and there is no limit to the number of cards you can sell. We will 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. Also, Dancing Dave and Eileen will be there. Michele had flyers promoting the event at the meeting. Set up for the dance will begin at 3pm. Cheryl and Michele need some volunteers to be bouncers. Michele said that the Valentine's dance is easier to coordinate than the Holiday dance because there is no meal. She suggested that we change that event to cookies and snacks. We decided to talk about that when we discuss next year's budget.

Wolfgang Sale – Denise Hess – Flyers were available at the meeting. The orders and money are due February 28 at the end of the band concert. Delivery will be at the Craft Show April 4th or Tuesday, April 7 at the Band Booster meeting.

Craft Show (April 4, 2009) – Judy Koontz and Crew – This is the Boosters largest single day fundraiser. As of February 3rd, 259 booths have been sold and processed so the show is already 92% full. We attributed this large early turnout to the fact that we mailed Save the Date and reminder cards to the Crafters. Jeff Imboden had signs available at the meeting that he wants volunteers to take and place around the community. Paige Burns had a sign-up book that she passed around at the meeting. She will need volunteers for show setup and show day.

Indoor-Ram-a (April 18, 2009) – Barbie Bloom, Michele Doyle, Sue Kinneer & Sue Acri – The groups that have signed up are: Percussion – CDHS, CD Combined MS, Lower Dauphin HS and MS and Mechanicsburg HS. Majorettes – CD/East. Guard - CDHS, CD combined MS (?), 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 received the senior surveys from the students. The students like the DJ and the blankets so Donna booked the DJ. Donna took the extra blankets that were not claimed by the students from previous years. She

painstakingly took out the incorrect last digit of the year and will have the “9” embroidered so the blankets can be given to the seniors. The students did not really have interest in the plaques so we may just give them a nice certificate. The students like the awards ceremony but want it to be kept short and they like the slide show.

SKH Sale (May 2 and October 2, 2009) These dates have been reserved.

Golf-a-RAM-a (June 12, 2009) – Mark Guise. There is a small committee working on this event. The car this year for the Hole-In-One Contest will be a Saturn.

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.

Artie Shaw Orchestra Concert (October 20, 2009) – We need someone to volunteer to be the Event Head. We will try to maintain the pricing from the Glenn Miller concert. We are also likely to try online ticket sales although there are extra costs to boosters charged as a convenience fee to the ticket buyer.

Other Updates:

Uniform Committee Update (Paige Burns, Donna DeGrandchamp, and Jen DeFazio) Initial sketches were provided. Due to budget issues and the experience Cumberland Valley had, we will not approach the School Board now. Our hope is to get two more years out of the current uniforms.

San Antonio Trip – Sue Kruleski, Sue Kinneer and Denise Hess – We are still soliciting bids from travel agents. We are also looking at other options including another Spring Break trip or President’s Day. We are waiting for pricing from the travel agents and the big issue is airfare.

2009-10 Officers – Nominations will be accepted at the March or April meeting. The election will be at the April meeting. There will be a Vice President position vacant. 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.

New Business:

Volunteers for County Band Concert – Mr. Ceresini will need a few volunteers to help in the auditorium and with the Director’s spread.

Bon-Ton Community Day Event (February 28, 2009) – Coupon books are available for \$5. The entire \$5 is donated to the Boosters with a 30/70% Boosters/Student split. The coupon is valid during the Community Day Sale on Saturday, February 28th. The coupon books consist of one \$10 coupon, good toward any item of \$10 or more (exclusions apply); four additional coupons, each good for up to 20% off one item (exclusions apply) – in addition to special One Day Sale prices.

iGive Reminder: www.igive.com – Online merchants pay iGive a commission. Up to 26% of the purchases go to the RamBand. There is a \$5 first time bonus if you sign up and purchase. Use igive for all your online purchases. There are over 700 vendors, including QVC.

Freshman Meeting – Eric asked this year’s Freshman parents for suggestions.

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

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

The May and June Booster meetings have been rescheduled because of a concert and graduation. The new dates for the meetings are May 6 and June 3.

Meeting Adjourned- at 9:03pm