

Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association
Meeting Minutes- Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. Ceresini called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. President Eric Bloom was absent....it was said that he is “working” in the Napa Valley area.

Treasurer’s Report- Cindy Case: The report reflects approximately \$4,000 in “wish list” purchases made this past month including a new jazz bass, cymbals, timbales (shallow single headed drums with metal casing invented in Cuba according to Wikipedia), and Marching Band software upgrades. \$2100 was paid out to Enterprise for truck rentals but this will be reimbursed by the school district.

Financial Secretary’s Report- Crystal Richard: There is no unusual activity to report this month. The student accounts are up to date except for the candle and candy sales which hopefully will be entered sometime this week- but please have patience because the individual entries are very time consuming. A motion to approve the Financial Secretary’s report was made by Molly Thompson and seconded by Cathy Sangillo. Report was unanimously approved.

Recording Secretary’s Report- Laurie Kissinger: The minutes for the November meeting were presented. There was some discussion led by Mr. Ceresini about whether or not to “quibble” with the referenced nicknames for “Farmer” Josh Richard and “Bovine” Dan Budd but a motion was made by Crystal Richard and seconded by Brenda Budd to approve the minutes as presented and they were unanimously approved.

Vice President’s Report- Diane Baker: No report.

Student Officer’s Report-Josh Richard and Dan Budd: The student officers, appropriately dressed in seasonal sweatshirts and Santa caps, recited a shortened version of “Twas the Night Before Christmas” which included a referenced to sleeping Booster members. The officers then reported that while the Booster members have apparently been sleeping the Marching Band finished off their season with a successful Key Notes concert and the ever popular Powder Puff Game. There were three (3) football play-offs, the farthest into the play-offs the team had gotten in the past four years. The Airmen of Note was said to have been “pretty much amazing” and the free CD’s were a definite “Plus”. Jazz Bands are in full swing with 60 players playing last week at Strawberry Square. Upcoming events this coming weekend include the Holiday Dessert Dance, with Dancing Michelle and Keith, and the Keystone Chorus Concert with Grill Master Cosgrove. Finally Jazz 1 will perform on December 15th for the Rotary but most importantly it will allow Dan Budd a day off of school on his birthday. Their report concluded with Happy Birthday wishes for Dan and Happy Holidays wishes to all.

Band Director’s Report- Mr. Ceresini: Mr. Ceresini recapped many of the events that the student officers also talked about however noted that the Powder Puff game is a favored event for him because he is “expressly not in charge” and that there were many participants playing an assortment of instruments including a violin. Senior Night honored the large senior class and lasted about 30 minutes, with each senior being personally congratulated by their director/coach and Mr. Wright, then acting principal. The Holiday Parade was great- not too cold and very well attended. The pizza party afterwards was also a success and included sometimes tearful senior speeches. Thanks were extended to the Boosters for coordinating the party. The end of the football season was a disappointment but the new parkas are a hit- the snaps all work, the pockets have no holes and best of all they are insulated and

warm. Thanks were given to the School District for the purchase. Thanks were also given to the Boosters for purchasing 4 rolling racks which allow for easy storage and a convenient numbering and assignment system, allowing students to each have their own parka and be able to re-use their own “snotty tissues” that have been stuck in the pockets. Pending school district approval and at the suggestion of the Sangillos, all but the moldiest of the old parkas will be donated to a Guatemalan boys orphanage. Student Officers Josh and Dan were also put to work demonstrating the new bass purchased by the Boosters for approximately \$1800. The bass (known as the “Blond Model”) will be used primarily by the 3 jazz bands. The Veteran’s Day concert with the concert bands was “cool” and, as with future concerts, was fairly short- no longer than an hour in order to allow the students to stress learning fewer songs but doing so more thoroughly. All 3 jazz bands participated in the Strawberry Square concert which was very well attended. Many audience members stayed throughout the entire event causing Mr. C to inquire about employment options that allow for such a long lunch break! Mr. Master’s presence was appreciated and as an added bonus gave Mr. C. a lunch buddy. Besides the Jazz events reported by the student officers, Jazz 1 also played at Middle Paxton Elementary School where the kids have enthusiastically requested to now come and watch/participate in a Wind Ensemble rehearsal. The Airmen of Note concert was very well attended and thanks were given to Gail Hrobuchak, Eric Bloom and Diane Baker for coordinating. Although not meant to be a fundraiser there was some profit from the bake sale. The musical pit will be getting started soon, probably in January. There have been delays because of problems with the CDHS computer system which has been down for several days meaning no emails. The Indoor Units are up and running and all “look great”. District Band try-outs were held this past Saturday with 20 students participating. Mr. C is proud of all of those who tried out as it takes a lot of work and nerve to so. 8 students made District Band, the most yet in Mr. C’s tenure at CDHS. They include Emily M. (flute), Robyn M.(clarinet), Meghan B.(clarinet), Tyler H.(clarinet), Kristen B. (tenor sax), Megan K.(French horn), Andy B. (first chair oboe) and Adam B (first chair snare). Congratulations! Costs of attending the Festival is \$90 per student and this expense, along with the \$5 per student try-out fee is paid for by the school district. Upcoming events include Jazz 1 at the Rotary on December 15th and Mr. Master’s Jazz 2 at the American Legion on December 16th. The Orchestra/Choir concert will be on December 21st and on December 23rd the Orchestras and Choirs will play at the mall, leaving the remaining music students to be entertained throughout the day by Mr. C and his magic tricks. County Band Auditions are scheduled for January 12th – sign-ups will be posted next week. All students already have the music; it was their beginning of the year practice test piece. Hopefully around 60 students will audition.

Old Business

Script- Barbie Bloom reported that the last order before Christmas was due at the Booster’s meeting and will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, December 14th (not Saturday because of the extra holiday processing time).

Landis Concessions: We have received a check for \$3228 for our share of the Landis concessions proceeds. This was budgeted at \$2150 so did better than expected. In addition, Molly Thompson reported bake sale profits of \$907.75. Good job concessions/bake sale crews!

Chaperones (marching band)- Chaperoning had a successful year with no students lost or unaccounted for. There were also no ambulance rides and only a few relatively minor injuries. The Marching Band transportation was not quite as successful with numerous equipment truck issues including a truck that would not start after the last game of the year. But fortunately Mr. C was “jumped” by “some guy” in the CDMS parking lot at Landis Field so eventually made it home, although not until about 1:30 a.m.

Product sale recaps-

Blue Mountain Candles- 253 candles were sold and should be delivered around December 18th. Profit is \$5 per candle (divided 70%-30% between Student Accounts and Boosters)

Wolfgang Candy-The Order should be ready for pick-up on December 20th. Melissa Graeff will notify purchasers via email of the pick-up arrangements. Sale total was approximately \$3000 with a 43% profit margin to be divided 70%-30% between Student Accounts and Boosters.

GTP & HERCO Volunteering - Volunteer slots are still available.

Holiday Dessert Dance- The jazz bands will all play at the dessert dance on December 10th. All families are reminded to bring desserts and appropriate serving utensils. Cost is \$3.00 for individuals and \$5.00 for couples

US Navy Band- (March 31, 2011) The director has already met with Mr. C and toured our facility. Ticket distributions will be handled similar to the distributions for the Airmen of Note. Discussions were had about the correct number of tickets to print, knowing that there will be no-shows.

Spring Craft Show-(April 2, 2011) Judy Koontz reported that applications are being processed and 30 returning crafters and 15 new crafters have already submitted their applications. Judy asked that underclass parents, especially freshman, step forward to take over some of the responsibilities so as to have the opportunity to learn the ropes before Judy (finally) graduates.

Indoor-Rama-(April 9, 2011) Barbie Bloom reported that 10 groups have already registered and requested that Freshman parents consider volunteering to help her in order to learn the process for next year. The TOB website is www.NJATOB.org and it is an excellent resource for information about all Indoor events.

Band Banquet (June 3, 2011)- The banquet will be held the last week of school which is later than usual. Anyone who has suggestions should contact Gail Hrobuchak or Paula Winch.

2011-2012 Trip Committee Update- Joanne Baylor reported that the committee met just prior to the Boosters meeting. They have spoken with Gateway Travel and are considering New Orleans as the destination. New Orleans would offer opportunities for touring, volunteering and performing. The bus trip would take 18.5 hours, the same time as prior trips to Orlando. Cost should be less than \$1,000 per student. School Board approval would be required, as is required for all overnight trips.

New Business

Donations- A general request was made for all members to remember that corporate sponsors will often provide food or drinks or other items if asked.

Ram-A Gram- Articles are due to Shannon McLeod by December 17th

Letter Jackets- Cindy Case asked about the possibility of offering "letter jackets" to the students. After discussion it was agreed that she will look into the idea and will check with Jeff Saul about it they would be available through "Wear-ables".

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm after congratulations were offered to Mr. C. for completing his graduate school work and for become a new parent- to a kitten named George Bailey.

The next Band Boosters Meeting is Tuesday, January 4, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Diane Baker

Substituting for Laurie Kissinger, recording secretary