

Meeting called to order by Karen Fox at 7:00 pm.

E-Board in attendance: Karen Fox, Dave Willard, Stan Gursky, Paula Adler, Frank Mazzeo (band director). Absent: Chris Herbst.

Handouts on table: Agenda; Upcoming Performances and Rehearsals, Booster Meeting minutes - March 16, 2009; Treasurer's Report - April 2009; Proposed Budget for 2009-10 Booster year; Golf outing pamphlet, London Commitment letter, London Family & Friends flyer, Candy house list

Presentation - Delaware Valley Wind Symphony (DVWS) - Frank Mazzeo:

- Andy Pack, Co-Founder and President of DVWS, presented a \$500 gift check to Mr. Mazzeo. This is the 3rd year that the DVWS has provided this scholarship.

President's introduction - Karen Fox:

- Welcomed meeting participants; new members.
- Requested attendees review the March 16 Booster meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Karen Fox for Chris Herbst:

- Net increase in expenditures of approximately \$2,700 during the last month. Increase primarily attributable to: Performance equipment/music (\$700); Clinician/training (\$2,000).
- Motion to accept report: 1st: Deb Alleva; 2nd: Sarah Frank.

Band Director's Report - Frank Mazzeo:

- Pennsbury has regained its standing as one of the Best Communities for Music Education Top 100 list. See pennsburybands.org for more information.
- Regional Band advancement to PMEA All State Band - Ben Lupinacci, Dylan Principi and Sean Bailey. Two PHS Regional Orchestra members have advanced to All State Orchestra.
- PCJB -
 - Yardley News article on PCJB. Students interviewed spoke highly of their PCJB experience and their focus on the music.
 - Mr. Mazzeo read the results of the last several competitions (all Superior ratings) as well as section and soloist awards.
 - Cavalcade of Bands State Champions - PCJB earns highest score, three group awards, and three soloist awards.
 - Boston Music Festival -
 - 8 states represented and Canada.
 - Superior rating; Sight Reading: First Place - Superior Rating; Best Section Award - Saxes; Best Soloist of Festival split between two PCJB band members.
 - May 1 - Cape May Court House - Tournament of Bands - Wildwood, NJ. Middle Township Performing Arts Center.
 - May 14 - 42nd annual Jazz at Pennsbury.
- May 21 - Kimmel Center - Symphonic Winds and Concert Bands.
 - See Pam Castellanos for tickets.
 - Parents can take student home after performance with a note to Mr. Mazzeo.
 - Parking - underneath the Kimmel Center and Doubletree.
- See calendar of events for all activities remaining for school year.
- London trip -
 - Mr. Mazzeo now needs to lock in with the travel company by May 1.
 - Families are being asked to commit -- via Letter of Commitment and bringing benchmark payments current -- by April 27. Submit Letter of Commitment to Karen Fox or Dave Willard (or any E-Board member).
 - Locking in the price now will prevent adverse exchange fluctuations. Should the price decrease, additional activities could be added to the trip (e.g., tours).
- Fundraising -
 - The E-Board is in need of new ideas for fundraising that brings in a

larger return on effort.

- Please see Stan Gursky / Pam Castellanos (fundraising leads) or any E-Board member should you have ideas for fund raising.
- New event! Note that we will be holding a Dance to London on May 29 (with a DJ). More details during Stan Gursky's fundraising update.
- Marching Band Officer interviews - May 4-5; Tryouts - June 1-2.
- June 8 - Band sign up night - Mr. Mazzeo discussed the budget review that he is going through now with the district. He will be handing out the 2009-10 Band booklets on June 8, but they are subject to change based on results of budget discussions. Events could be impacted based on ability to fund transportation to all events.

Gift to Band and 2009-10 Budget Review - Karen Fox for Chris Herbst:

- Gift to Band - Karen reviewed status of Gift to Band (see back of April budget sheet). \$24,200 has been spent to date; purchases to be made: \$3,800. Total Gift to Band \$28,000.
- 2009-10 Budget Review -
 - Proposed budget = \$34,775 (2008-09 budget was \$35,000).
 - Allocations very similar to this year's budget. Some savings in reduction in office supplies/copying/printing; increase in \$ allocated for chaperone meals and medical supplies. Most significant change is allocation of \$1,000 for Middle School recruitment. This year's efforts in the area of Middle School recruitment resulted in an outstanding recruitment year (we spent \$960 as approved by the E-Board although not budgeted for this year). It was agreed that we should now make this a budgeted event.
 - Budget vote - all were in favor of approving the 2009-10 budget. Motion to accept the 2009-10 budget: 1st - Karen Gibbon; 2nd - Sarah Frank.

London trip/Golf Outing/Fund Raising - Dave Willard:

- Golf Outing - May 14 with Jazz at Pennsbury -
 - Registration continues to be slow.
 - Hang flyer provided (see back table). Get the word out. These payments can add up for meeting benchmark for London trip.
 - Be sure to include the band member's name on any registrations. Dave suggests photocopying one registration after including band member name so that credit goes to benchmark for band member.
 - Still need volunteers; sign up sheet passed around to the group.
- London trip -
 - As mentioned by Mr. Mazzeo earlier, May 1 is the new commitment date with the travel company. We will be committing \$600 per participant.
 - Commitment forms need to be completed for each person going to London by April 27.
 - Last day to withdraw with refund is April 27.
 - Chaperones -
 - Given chaperone selection process is not complete; money for chaperones will be advanced by the Boosters.
 - Chaperones will pay 1/2 of full per person trip cost.
 - There will be a catch up schedule established.
 - Note that you can be a chaperone and not attend the London trip; however, you can't be a chaperone for the London trip and not be a chaperone for the full year.
 - INTERESTED IN CHAPERONING? If interested in being a chaperone for the entire year, see Karen Fox tonight or contact her ASAP.
 - Insurance coverage/trip cancellation - Mr. Mazzeo will obtain insurance policy terms to distribute to those participating in the trip. Note that security alerts are not covered by insurance.
 - Family and Friends sign up -

- Flyer available tonight and on the band website.
- April 27 - Family and friends commitment date.
- If we have 20-40 family/friends as participants, a unique trip may be arranged. If less than 20, same trip as band members.
- Keep in mind that band members will remain with the band and their chaperones at all times. Family members will not be able to take their child from the band. Of course in case of medical emergency, the family would be contacted.
- \$250 annual benchmark - is not part of the London trip cost. It is a separate responsibility to be paid for each band member.
- Passports - there will be a passport night arranged for the band; however, you can obtain your passport earlier on your own. Turnaround time currently reported to be 7-10 days.

Secretary's Report - Paula Adler:

- March 16, 2009 Booster meeting minutes are available both in hard copy and on band website.
- Paula made a recommendation to 'go green' and have minutes only posted on the band website for the 2009-10 school year (although we would provide hard copy minutes for the remaining Booster meetings for this year). Positive response to 'going green' for 2009-10; request by Jon Shain to continue with including current and prior month meeting minutes.
- Motion to accept minutes: 1st: Deb Alleva. 2nd: Shelly Puchatz.

Fundraising Update - Stan Gurksy:

- Walk-a-thon - turnout not as strong as previous walk-a-thons; however, band members who did attend did well with contributions.
- New initiative - May 29 - Dance to London. Similar fundraising sheet as Walk-a-thon.
- New initiative - 4th of July work party. More information to come on this.
- Candy houses - Wittes, Coopers, Meyers (see sheet distributed with address/phone numbers).
- Stan made a pitch for request for new fundraising ideas. Please contact Stan should you have new events to consider.

Other Updates - Karen Fox:

- Frank family update - Sarah and Andy Frank gave a warm thanks to the Booster organization for the love and support they received post their house fire. They expressed how important this organization is to them and to families in a time of need.
- June 7 - Band banquet. Please submit banquet form with # of non-band members attending; \$30 per person payment. Include stamped, self-addressed envelope to have tickets mailed to you.
- June 8 - 2009-10 Marching Band registration.
- **Next Booster meeting - May 11.** Please be prepared with next benchmark payments.
- All Booster meeting minutes - are posted to the band website (www.pennsburybands.org). Minutes will be posted within 1 week of meeting.
- Website for all band events and announcements → www.pennsburybands.org.
- Band hotline - 215-949-1510. Numbers is also located on band website.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:30 pm: Cindy Greenfield; 2nd - Shelly Puchatz.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Adler, Booster Secretary