

Pennsbury Band Boosters

Meeting Minutes

November 23, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

President's Report (Shelly Punchatz):

- Thank you to Susan Griffin, who made all of the orange Santa hats and donated the materials.
- Thank you to Dave Willard and Jeff Herbst for taking and posting the photos on the website.
- Upcoming schedule:

Wednesday, November 25 – report at 8:00 for parade walk through in Philadelphia

Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving) – report at 7:15 a.m.; band will escort Santa Claus at end of parade

Friday, December 4 – West Chester Holiday Parade

Monday, December 21 – Booster meeting

December 27-January 3 – London trip

February 6 – Pennsbury will host PCMEA auditions. Volunteers will be needed to help with this event. There will be a food concession.

- Luggage needed for London trip – about 35 suitcases to pack uniforms and hats.

Suitcases must be soft-sided, 26 x 18 x 11, with wheels and a handle (no duffle bags).

Drop off date will be announced.

- Volunteers will be needed to fill vacant positions in the Boosters organization that are now being held by parents of graduating seniors. These positions include chairs of committees such as gate, concessions, etc. Contact Shelly Punchatz if you are interested (shelly@pennsburybands.org)

Treasurer's Report (Shelly Punchatz):

- Report was distributed and reviewed. Motion to accept report (Dave Truelove/John Hughes 2nd); report accepted unanimously.

Approval of Minutes (Pam Castellanos):

- Motion to approve September minutes: Karen Gibbon/Amy Gallo (2nd); minutes approved unanimously.
- Motion to approve October minutes: Susan Reibel/Deb Alleva (2nd); minutes approved unanimously

Band Director's Report (Frank Mazzeo):

- Mr. Mazzeo meets with rising juniors and seniors to get their input regarding the direction of the program for the following year. Parents with concerns/issues about the program should inform their student so that he/she can articulate those concerns at the meeting.
- Next year, the band will avoid festivals on Sundays (except for championships) and will avoid having three events in one weekend. Band will perform in the Pulaski Day Parade.
- London trip:

Students must submit copy of passport; Mr. Mazzeo will speak with students.

Once the students go through Customs, the chaperones collect the passports for safe-keeping.

Luggage: maximum total of 62"; maximum weight of 40 pounds.

Luggage inspection will be held on December 23rd; students are to bring their packed luggage.

Students will wear their band coats to travel to London.

Complete instructions regarding all information/details of trip will be provided by December 4.

Dave Willard is handling information for those families going on trip.

- Issue: There have been three incidents of parents acting on their own but representing the Pennsbury bands. Parents absolutely cannot, as individuals, state that they represent the Pennsbury Bands. If parents have an issue/concern, they need to speak with Mrs. Punchatz, Mr. Capriotti and then Mr. Mazzeo. If not satisfied after that, parent can speak with administrators.
- Mr. Mazzeo expressed great pride in the performance of the band at Hershey. He said it was a great experience and he has received many accolades.

Q: Will a "director's cut" version of the Hershey performance be available?

A: That's in discussion; will let everyone know.

Q: How can a video of the performance be ordered?

A: Order videos through the TOB website: www.njtob.org

Q: Do the students have to take the bus home from the Thanksgiving Day Parade?

A: Parents needs to provide a note if they want to take their students home. However, they must meet their student at the end of the parade route or the student will go home on the bus.

Q: What is the expected return time to school on Wednesday, November 25?

A: Approximately 1:00 p.m.

Q: When will Lab Band begin rehearsals?

A. Rehearsals will begin the beginning of December.

- Pennsbury will host a trombone gala event on May 30, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at PHS West. PCJB will perform, along with renowned trombonist Bill Watrous. Other performers include: Joe Alessi, principal trombonist with the New York Philharmonic, etc.

Fundraising (Stan Gursky):

- This month's options include: discount cards, Avon, David's Cookies, Fisher Pies.
- Tracey Thomas has Giant cards.
- Lisa Meyers has candy.
- Plans are underway for restaurant nights.
- Fruit orders will come in around the second week of December; those who ordered will be notified directly.
- 3J items will be in soon; those who ordered will be notified directly.

London T-shirts (Pam Castellanos):

- Each student going to London must purchase a London T-shirt. Order forms are due December 4. Shirt is long-sleeved, orange with black lettering. In addition to the purchased shirt, the Band Boosters will provide each student with one additional shirt.

Motion to adjourn the meeting (Dave Truelove/Sherry Adamson 2nd); meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Castellanos, Secretary