

Boosters meeting minutes - October 20, 2008

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

Handouts on table: Agenda; Performance to Budget - September 2008; September 15, 2008 Booster Meeting minutes; fundraising handout packet; performance schedule.

President's introduction - Karen Fox:

- Karen extended thank you and appreciation extended to Dave Willard, Festival Chair, as well as to all Festival volunteers.

Secretary's Report - Paula Adler:

- Reviewed minutes from September 15, 2008 meeting. Motion to accept minutes: Mr. Szymanski. 2nd: Ms. Sharpe.
- Paula thanked families for resubmitting yellow health cards.

Treasurer's Report - Chris Herbst:

- Chris overviewed \$9,137 spend (of \$35,000 budget). Spend related to Kimmel Center, color guard-related expenses, band-related equipment. Motion to accept Treasurer's report: Amy Algazi; 2nd: Beth Myers.
- Chris reviewed the Deposit and Reimbursement forms that must be submitted so that deposits can be related to the appropriate categories and booster-related bills can be paid and charged to the appropriate expense categories. Submissions must include name and what deposit or spend is for. Deposit and reimbursement forms will be posted to the band website.

Band Director - Frank Mazzeo:

- Mr. Mazzeo reported that the picture of the Band's Hong Kong performance is now hanging in Pennsbury East hallway, near main office.
- Festival -
 - Mr. Mazzeo thanked Dave Willard, Karen Fox and all Festival volunteers for their hard work and support of the Band.
 - Feedback from other schools' band directors was very positive.
 - A request came in to consider having a concession stand again on the Visitors' side of the stadium.
- Gift to Band -
 - Smart Music program continues to be received very well. Pilots at Manor, Afton and Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary schools are underway. High school students can use for improving skills and for practice for County and District bands.
 - New instruments continue to arrive (flugel horns, piccolos).
- Middle School band day -
 - Mr. Mazzeo felt this was a successful event. Lots of coordination needed. Thanked all volunteers.
- Trip discussion - Plan for student announcement in place

- for 10/31 at approximately 3 pm in PHS- East auditorium.
Time depends on guests' arrival.
- Thanksgiving Day Parade -
 - Our band has a feature spot in the parade. We will be taped on 11/26 in Philadelphia while practicing.
 - Mr. Mazzeo will send a note to PHS teachers alerting them that kids will miss school.
 - Uniforms - Need parents' help with band members. Band members are losing hangers, coming in with jewelry, nail polish, unshaven. Money is owed for socks, gloves, shoes.
 - Field Show - Theme - Starry Night.
 - Mr. Mazzeo feels this is our best show yet relative to the music and movements.
 - Trying Tournament of Bands (TOB) vs. USSBA now. TOB rating is given each week. We've received good feedback from adjudicators. Qualified us for Chapter Championship in West Chester on 11/1. Our final TOB performance for this year is Allentown is 11/15.
 - Parents requested that performance times be posted on websites. Boosters will post to our band website. Parents can also look at TOB website for times. www.tob.org (for TOB) and www.yea.org (for USSBA).
 - Band calendar handed out -
 - Conflicts should be described in note from parent and submitted to Mr. Mazzeo.
 - 10/24 - Senior Recognition.
 - PSATs - Need notes in early to Mr. Mazzeo to arrange early transport back to PHS. Parents should not wait until last minute to submit requests.
 - 11/7 - Junior Prom - considering practice release time. At time of meeting release time was planned for 3:40 pm (there was ultimately no band practice on 11/7).
 - Veterans Day parade - To date, 45 band members have signed up; additional volunteers sought. Mrs. Lustig noted that this is an opportunity to give back to the community.
 - Council Rock North game performance - Discussions continue between administrations on why our band was not permitted to play at any point during the game, except in the stands.
 - Jazz band auditions - for Pennsbury Concert Jazz Band (PCJB) and Pennsbury Lab Band underway.

Miscellaneous - Karen Fox:

- Stan Gursky unable to attend tonight's meeting. This month's fundraising packet available back of room.
- Parents raised issue of needing new sound system for football games, festival. A future discussion.
- Band photos - to be taken on 10/21 -
 - Includes entire band photo, class year photos, officer photos, etc. Individual photos required previous sign up; however, there may be some slots still available. See Karen Fox if needed.

- Uniforms -
 - Mrs. Fox reinforced Mr. Mazzeo's message on ensuring band members are dressed appropriately. Uniform requirements are posted on the band website. Band members continue to buy socks, gloves, etc. (are parents aware?)
 - Parent asked question as to whether band members are able to wear black headbands (all or none rule?) Mrs. Fox to follow up with Mr. Mazzeo and report to parents.
- Trip discussion - 10/31 for band members (parents can attend); 11/3 for parents.

Marching Band Festival - Dave Willard:

- Dave thanked all volunteers. Festival ran smoothly thanks to our volunteers. Weather was great.
- Suggestions for next year's festival - please email Dave with suggestions if not already submitted.
- Committee chair meeting will be held at end of tonight's Booster meeting.
 - Would like to confirm next year's volunteers and lock in positions now.
 - There are opportunities for leadership roles ('one and done') for the festival; please consider stepping up by continuing in your leadership role or volunteering for one.
- Will report final results of Festival at November meeting. Note that some of the refreshments were donated and so expenses would have been higher without these donations.

Close - Karen Fox:

- Volunteer appeal - Committee chairs should lock in 2009-10 chair before an event concludes.
- Website for all band announcements → www.pennsburybands.org. This is the best means of communication to reach families and band members so please check the website regularly.
- Band hotline - 215-949-1510. Numbers is also located on band website.
- Next Booster meeting is 11/24.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:00 pm: Rick Cooper; 2nd - Elaine Echols.

Respectfully
submitted,
Paula Adler,
Booster
Secretary