

Pennsbury Band Boosters

Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2009

President's Report (Shelly Punchatz):

- \$100 donation was received from a woman in Morrisville who enjoyed listening to the band
- Dave Willard was thanked for organizing the Marching Band Festival and producing an outstanding program book.
- Calendar events for November were distributed and reviewed.
- November 16th is the indoor concert. Therefore, the Booster meeting has been rescheduled to November 23rd.
- The Witte family has ordered 6-0th anniversary T-shirts. Mr. Mazzeo and the band staff were presented with shirts.
- The photos on the band website are available for purchase.
- Contact Dave Willard to volunteer for the Golf and Jazz outing to be held in May.

Approval of Minutes (Pam Castellanos):

Since September meeting minutes were not available in advance, they will be approved at the November Boosters meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Chris Herbst):

- Report was distributed and reviewed. Motion to accept report (Dan Riben/Deb Alleva 2nd); report approved unanimously.

Vice President's Report (Dave Willard):

- Dave thanked everyone who helped make the Festival such a success. Preliminary reports indicate that this Festival took in \$2,000 more than last year. A full report will be given at the November Boosters meeting.
- Festival books are free for each person/business that placed an ad. Dave requested that each person who solicited an ad take a book to that business.

- Pennsbury is tentatively hosting a Tournament of Bands event on October 31. It has been determined that five bands need to register in order for us to host the event; to date, only 3 have registered. A decision will be made soon regarding the event. (Post-meeting note: event was cancelled).
- The agenda for the London trip is being finalized. The forms packet needs to be submitted as soon as possible. Pam Castellanos is following up to make sure forms are submitted and complete.
- In response to questions about student i.d. cards that have not been received yet, it was indicated that the i.d.s will be available in November and can be used as a second form of i.d. (in addition to the required passport).
- Jeff Witte is available to notarize forms if needed. (jswitte87@comcast.net; 215-486-5030)

Band Director's Report (Frank Mazzeo):

- Mr. Mazzeo introduced Mr. Reggie Meadows, Assistant Principal at East, who will be a trip chaperone. Mr. Meadows spoke in support of the band and its students and is looking forward to accompanying the students on the London trip.
- A letter to Pennsbury band parents from Mr. Mazzeo was distributed.
- Mr. Mazzeo read letters from Roger Bramble, Deputy Lieutenant to the Queen and Senator Robert Casey, with well wishes for the band's trip.
- The purpose of Pennsbury's involvement with the Tournament of Bands (TOB) was discussed, along with the scoring system. TOB judges give valuable assessments that help the band to improve its music and marching. Our band's score from the first TOB competition to the second increased almost six points, which is good. Pennsbury Marching Band is currently ranked 6th in our group.
- Information about the Highlands Regional TOB competition was provided.
- Mr. Mazzeo and staff will re-evaluate this year's field show at the end of the competition season and determine whether it will be as intricate (90 sets of drills this year) in the future. The students have worked extremely hard on the show.
- The band will escort Santa Claus at this year's Thanksgiving Day parade, marching in front of Santa's float.
- The band will not be performing in the Veteran's Day parade on November 8, due to the regional TOB competition.

- Pennsbury Concert Jazz Band rehearsal is just on Tuesday afternoons for now.

Q: Regarding TOB scoring, can the band vault ahead from one competition to the next?

A: Yes, but the score will not go in reverse.

Q: Do different bands get scored differently?

A: Bands are adjudicated based on groups; Pennsbury is in Group IV.

Q: Is degree of difficulty of music and marching considered?

A: Yes.

Q: Does TOB ranking predetermine championship?

A: The more competitions the bands perform in, the better the outcome will be.

Q: Will band students in the National Honor Society have an opportunity to count any of the band activities towards the participation points they need for NHS?

A: Mr. Mazzeo is discussing this with the administration and is attempting to get one band activity to count for NHS.

Q: Where does the money in the band's Student Activity Account (SAA) go?

A: In the past, the SAA money has been used to purchase new plumes and instruments.

Q: When will the band get new uniforms?

A: The purchase of new uniforms is being investigated for the future.

Fundraising (Pam Castellanos):

This month's options include: Corbi's Pizza, Macy's gift cards in \$25 denominations, Avon, etc. A minimum of \$1,000 in Macy's cards must be sold as a group in order to get money in the student's account.

Motion to adjourn the meeting (Karen Gibbon/ Susan Griffin 2nd); meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Castellanos