

Pennsbury Falcon Band Boosters
General Membership Meeting Minutes: 2/7/2011
7 pm, Cafeteria, Pennsbury High School East
Web Site: www.pennsburybands.org

Board Present: Shelly Punchatz, Amy Gallo, Jon Shain, Tracy Thomas, and Frank Mazzeo

Board Absent: Chris Herbst

Membership present: see attached sign-in sheet

Handouts: Meeting agenda, Fundraising Newsletter & Fundraising information including; Gertrude Hawk chocolates, That's my Pan, Hoagie Sale, Avon, iGve.com, Great Lakes Scrip, Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, Genuardi's eScrip, Starlight Bowling, & Pennsbury Jazz Band Festival Book Ad forms (business & personal).

Proceedings:

President's welcome & introductions - Shelly Punchatz

- Meeting called to order at 7:14 pm.

Treasurer's report – Shelly Punchatz

- Performance to Budget report for January was discussed (not printed). There were no expenditures.
- Motion to accept January's report. (Lisa Cacaes, Maria Blumberg 2nd). Approved

Secretary's report – Tracy Thomas

- Motion to accept meeting minutes for January. (Paula Adler, Craig Griffin 2nd). Approved.

Fundraising/ Trip coordinator - Amy Gallo

- January's fundraising event at KnuckleHead's raised \$300.
- Turn-ins for tonight:
 - Great Lakes Scrip, Avon, Joe Corbi's, Jazz Band ads **Jazz band ads deadline is March 1. Please leave them in Shelly's mailbox or send to: PHS Band Boosters, PO Box 146, Fairless Hills, PA, 19030.
 - Giant scrip & Wawa cards can be purchased tonight.
- Fundraising options for February:
 - NEW: Gertrude Hawk Spring Chocolates, That's My Pan & Hoagie sales. Gertrude Hawk Spring Chocolate sales are 50% profit to benchmark account. That's My Pan – shaded items are \$5 & smaller items are \$3 to your benchmark account. Hoagie sale – 12" American hoagies for \$6. Orders due 3/21, assembly & delivery 4/2. \$2 to benchmark account.
 - Band boosters are no longer offering chocolate bars from Gertrude Hawk's, but will sell Hershey bars instead. If interested, you can sign out a case. A case is \$78, with \$39 going to individual's account (50%). Bars are sold at \$1.50 each.
 - Ongoing: Avon, Fat Tony's (433 Alden Ave., Morrisville), Great Lake Scrip, Giant Scrip, Genuardi's eScrip, Wawa coupons, and iGive.com/Pennsburybands
 - Please read the new "Boost the Band" monthly newsletter for more fundraising details & band information.
- February's fundraiser on the 9th is a Chick-fil-A Spirit Night. A special "thanks" to Jon Shain and his family for offering to match all money raised and for getting his company to do the same! Please come out to eat Chick-fil-A as your money spent, will be tripled!
- Raffle idea, "Support the Orange, Win an Apple" discussed for the summer. Mandatory sale of 10, \$5 tickets. Pay up front at band sign-ups (6/6/11) & sell tickets over the summer. Drawing to be held in September. Vote taken, 59 in favor, 5 opposed. Will proceed with raffle.
- Future "event per month" fundraisers:

- March 5 - Starlight Bowling @ Morrisville Lanes, 8:30-11:30pm. 6 tickets sold to date, need more sold or the event will be cancelled.
- April 8 – Barnes & Noble Night. 10% of sales will go to Boosters.
- May 22 – Pancake Breakfast
- June – possible car wash
- Possible re-instating of Golf Outing discussed. Vote taken to assess interest. 0 in favor, All opposed. There will be no golf outing this year.

Band Director's report- Frank Mazzeo

- When the planning for BCMEA auditions & concert was not going as expected, Pennsbury offered to host both. The auditions on Jan 22 went smoothly and Mr. Mazzeo would like to thank all of the volunteers who made the day possible. Many positive remarks, about the volunteers, were made from attending parents.
- The PMEA District (11) Band festival will be held this week, Feb 10-12. Several students from Pennsbury made the district band. Three students from last year's district band/orchestra, Dan Adler, Sean Bailey & Shuni Liu, have advanced to the All-Eastern Festival.
- 5 students advanced to the Regional Orchestra Festival scheduled for Mar 10-12.
- Mr. Mazzeo was pleased with all of the bands performances at the winter concert.
- Reminder that the spring concert will be held at the Trenton War Memorial. It is close & there will be plenty of seats as well as ample parking. Bands performing include Middle School Honors, 9th Grade, Concert & Symphonic Winds.
- The Pennsbury All-Elementary Festival will be held March 12. Please volunteer to staff concessions. Sign ups are in the back, or you can email Amy or Shelly.
- PCJB performed well at their first competition in West Chester on 2/6. They were awarded best section for saxophones & trumpets & 3 soloists' awards went to Dan Adler, Sean Bailey & Hillary Curran.
- This weekend (Feb 11 & 12) is the Princeton Jazz Festival. Pennwood's Jazz band performs Fri & PCJB performs Sat.
- Pennsbury's Jazz festival will be on March 26, 2011.
- The e Board welcomes all fundraising ideas & volunteers!

Argentina Trip Questions/Comments – Frank Mazzeo/Amy Gallo

- Q: Will there be a trip in 2012-2013? A: Too many unknown factors to commit to another trip right now. Focus is on Argentina.
- Q: Based on current economic factors, is there the potential for the cost of the Argentina trip to increase? A: Yes. Price cannot be locked in yet with touring company, but there is a contingency fund and ways of changing details of the trip to match the price as it was offered. Will lock in ASAP.
- Q: At what point will the costs being reviewed, become too high? There will be negotiations with the touring company & the executive board to make sure the price stays competitive. The board will not lock in to a trip that is unaffordable.
- Instructions to sign up tonight: 8th graders - sign up for band, join Boosters, complete a trip commitment letter (signed by parent & student), and turn in trip deposit with form. All others – sign commitment form + deposit (or indicate that deposit is in account)

Other Business-

- The nominating committee will prepare a slate of officers & committee chairs to be presented in March.
- The 2011-2012 budget will be presented at the general meeting in March & voted on in April.
- The PCJB competition dates are listed with these minutes, please come out & support the

band.

- Summer Band Camp dates: Aug 15 & 16 - freshman, Aug 17 to 19 & 22 to 26 – All band members.

PCJB Calendar

February 12 – Princeton Jazz Festival
February 25 – UArts Jazz Festival (daytime)
March 4 – Souderton HS Jazz Festival (begins at 6:30)
March 5 – Penns Grove HS Jazz Festival (begins at 7:00)
March 9 – Temple University Essentially Ellington Festival (daytime)
March 11 – Spring-Ford HS Jazz Festival (begins at 6:00)
March 12 – Central Bucks South HS Jazz Festival (begins 6:30)
March 18-19 – Sports Night
March 23 – Lakewood Jazz Festival (daytime competition, evening concert)
March 26 – Pennsbury Jazz Festival (begins 6:00)
April 9 – Cavalcade Jazz Championships, Holicong MS (begins 6:00)
April 30 – Tournament of Bands Championships, Wildwood NJ
May 6 – Holmdale Jazz Festival
May 19 – Jazz at Pennsbury (begins 6:00)

Important Dates-

March 12, 2011 – Elementary Band Festival – PHS East
March 17-19 - BCMEA festival and concert – PHS hosting
March 18-19, 2011 – Sports Night (@)
May 23, 2011 – Spring Concert – War Memorial
May 29, 2011 – Fallsington Memorial Day Parade
May 30, 2011 – Yardley Memorial Day Parade
June 5, 2011 – Banquet
June 6, 2011 – Band Sign-Ups

Booster Meetings-

- Turn-Ins: 6:00 PM
- Meeting: 7:00 PM
March 21, 2011
April 18, 2011
May 16, 2011

Meeting closure:

- Next Booster meeting on March 21, at 7pm, turn-ins at 6pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm. (Eva Griffin, Susan Griffin 2nd). Approved.

Minutes submitted by secretary, Tracy Thomas