

Pennsbury Falcon Band Boosters
General Membership Meeting Minutes: 1/10/2011
7 pm, Auditorium, Pennsbury High School East
Web Site: www.pennsburybands.org

Board Present: Shelly Puchatz, Amy Gallo, Jon Shain, Chris Herbst, Tracy Thomas, Frank Mazzeo

Board Absent: none

Membership present: see attached sign-in sheet

Handouts: Meeting agenda, Performance to Budget 1/10/11, Meeting Minutes from 12/20/10 meeting, Fundraising information including; Knuckleheads Grill, Avon campaign 3, iGve.com, Great Lakes Scrip, Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, Genuardi's eScrip, Starlight Bowling, Music Merchandise, Pennsbury Jazz Band Festival Book Ad forms (business & personal) & Joe Corbi's.

Proceedings:

President's welcome & introductions - Shelly Puchantz

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Secretary's report – Tracy Thomas

- Motion to accept meeting minutes for December. (Jean Murphy, Craig Griffin 2nd). Approved.

Treasurer's report – Chris Herbst

- Performance to Budget report reviewed for November. Expenditures: \$102- bank fees, \$430- Santa hats/colorguard suits, \$264- Thanksgiving Day food, \$73- guard closet for socks & gloves, (\$540) gloves, socks deposit, \$6- folders for field trip, \$10 web hosting, \$1,200 clinician, \$118- 8' frame, \$3,962 Hershey Buses.
- Motion to accept November's report. (Paula Adler, Craig Griffin 2nd). Approved

Band Director's report- Frank Mazzeo

- When reviewing trip offers, Mr. Mazzeo looked for something that the band had never done before. The trip, under consideration for the 2011-2012 school year, will be to Buenos Aires, Argentina. The band will have 4 performances and travel from March 31 – April 9, 2012.
- New Horizons Travel Co. came in with the lowest bid and a representative (Mike Conway) from the company reviewed the details of the trip as well as the daily itinerary. A complete itinerary will be posted on the web site.
- The flight to Argentina is 10.5 hours & the country is 3 hours ahead of us. The red eye flight will be taken from JFK airport with all participants expected to travel on one plane. Luggage will include one checked bag & one carry-on bag.
- Trip cost is estimated to be \$3,475 per individual (based on 110 participants), plus cost of 5 lunches, plus \$200 per person towards general fund (to cover equipment shipping & rental costs). This does not include the annual \$250 benchmark. A trip payment schedule has been handed out.
- Commitment forms & initial deposit monies are due Feb. 7 at the next Band Booster meeting.
- The number of students signing up will determine feasibility of trip.
- The School Board has not yet approved trip.
- When trip is approved, a day will be set up to process passport applications.

Fundraising/ Trip coordinator - Amy Gallo

- Included with the trip information are ways to pay for the trip through fundraising.

- Rising 8th graders interested in the trip are urged to become familiar with the bands website www.pennsburybands.org for information about the trip & current fundraising offerings.
- A “Thank you” goes out to Lisa Cacaes, Julie Moyer & Eva Griffin for creating fundraising opportunities.
- December’s fundraising events earned the following: shopping at 5 Below- \$, Macy’s giftwrapping: - \$572.
- January’s fundraiser is a weekend event at Knuckleheads Grill (Jan 15 & 16, 2011) where the boosters will receive 15% of each check.
- Future event per month fundraisers:
 - February 9 - 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!
 - March 5 - Starlight Bowling @ Morrisville Lanes, 8:30-11:30pm
 - April 8 – Barnes & Noble Night
 - May 22 – Pancake Breakfast
 - Possible Blu-ray/CD/DVD FYE collection??
- Turn-ins for tonight:
 - Great Lakes Scrip – usually, 5% of face value will be credited to benchmark (some cards offer less percentage)
 - Avon
- Fundraising options for February:
 - Great Lake Scrip, Giant Scrip, Genuardi’s eScrip, Wawa coupons, and iGive.com/Pennsburybands
 - Avon
 - Corbi’s Pizza kits – with a delivery date of Sat., March 5th at 10:00 am.
 - Ads for the two Pennsbury Jazz Festivals. 50% goes to the student account. Ads are due March 1. All members can solicit ads & get credit to their benchmark, not just jazz band members.
 - Fat Tony’s in Morrisville (433 Alden Ave.) has offered to donate \$2.00 for every large pizza purchased. Benchmark or general fund can be credited, just give them the student name or Pennsbury Boosters.
- A Fundraising tab will be added to the Pennsbury Bands website so that all the fundraising information is in one place.

Q & A about trip

- Number of attendees? 110 students, 10 chaperones, 5 staff/administrators
- How do 8th graders sign up? Sign up on Feb 7 at the Booster Meeting. If you can’t make the meeting, please contact Amy Gallo 215-369-5141 or Shelly Puchatz 215-428-0926 & mail in commitment form & payment.
- Will there be a parent/companion trip available? Depends on interest, will need 20-25 people. If interested, please contact Amy or Shelly (see above answer for contact information)
- Can a student use benchmark account funds as the “down payment” for this trip? Yes, if the yearly benchmark has been met.
- What is the cancellation policy? Depends on the contract the band signs with travel company. All participants should consider purchasing cancellation insurance on their own.
- If enough students sign up, when will the trip go before the school board? After Feb. 7.
- How do you become a parent chaperone? Will be chosen in June, after an interview. Anyone interested in chaperoning should indicate their interest on their student’s trip commitment

form. The chaperone position is for the full school year, not just the trip.

- Will any school be missed? Yes, 3 days, including Passover & Easter. Religious services will be offered for those who would like to attend.
- What is the main purpose for the trip? 4 performances & touring.
- What type of performance will be done? Depends on number of band members on trip. Will either do a field show or a stand up performance.
- How much will chaperones pay for their trip? Half. First payment will be due after interviews are completed & chaperones chosen.
- Are there additional expenses other than \$3,475? Yes - the cost of 5 lunches, plus \$200 per person towards general fund plus the annual \$250 benchmark.
- Will funds raised at Knuckleheads go to the individual or general account? General account – ALL funds raised at monthly events are for the general fund. This helps to pay down the \$200 per person for the general fund (needed to pay for equipment shipping & rental costs during the trip). All booster members are encouraged to participate in the monthly fundraisers so that trip participants are not assessed the \$200. There will be an accounting of the members that volunteer.
- Is there a nurse chaperone for the trip? No, looking for a doctor or nurse volunteer.
- Since trip costs are based on 110 participants, how many kids are expected to join the marching band next year? Not sure, but the number should be up from this year.

Nominating Committee

- Volunteers are needed for the nomination committee. The committee will prepare the slate of officers & committee chairs in February, present the slate to the boosters in March so the new officers can be voted on in April.

Other Business-

- If there is snow on Wednesday, the concert will be moved to Jan.20th.

Important Dates-

January 12, 2011 – Winter Band Concert – 7:30 PM – PHS East
January 22, 2011 – BCMEA Auditions – PHS East
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

PJCB Calendar

January 30 – West Chester University (4:20 performance)
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)

Booster Meetings-

- Turn-Ins: 6:00 PM
- Meeting: 7:00 PM
 - February 14, 2011
 - March 21, 2011
 - April 18, 2011
 - May 16, 2011

Meeting closure:

- Next Booster meeting on February 7, at 7pm, turn ins at 6pm
- Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm

Minutes submitted by secretary, Tracy Thomas