

Pennsbury Falcon Band Boosters  
General Membership Meeting Minutes: 3/21/2011  
7 pm, Cafeteria, Pennsbury High School East  
Web Site: [www.pennsburybands.org](http://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 3/21/11, Nominating Committee's list of Executive Board nominees & Committee Chair representatives, March Issue of "Boost the Band", Band Banquet reservation form, Delaware Valley Wind Symphony Spring Concert flyer, and fundraising information including; Fundraising with Flowerbulbs, Avon, Great Lakes Scrip, Barnes & Noble night.

**Proceedings:**

President's welcome & introductions - Shelly Puchatz

- Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm.
- Guest speaker – Andy Pac, president of & performer with, the Delaware Valley Wind Symphony, presented a \$500 check to fund the Booster's annual Senior Soloist Scholarship. The Delaware Valley Wind Symphony is a PA non-profit organization with a mission is to provide high quality live music, an opportunity for skilled musicians of all ages to perform and to foster and support music education by providing individual scholarships and grants to public music education programs. Shelly thanked Andy for their continued support of the Pennsbury music program over the years. DVWS is hosting a spring concert on 4/2/11 at 7pm at the Charles Boehm Middle School - ticket sales help to fund scholarships.

Treasurer's report – Chris Herbst

- Performance to Budget report reviewed for March. Expenditures: \$1,500- war memorial, \$92- cake for winter concert, \$500- banquet, \$207- Verizon, \$1,644- pewter plates, \$116- jazz day workshop, \$4- cymbal clips, \$60- postmaster, \$172 computer stands & ink cartridges, \$30 Verizon, \$250 TOB fees.
- Motion to accept March's report. (Paula Adler, Craig Griffin 2<sup>nd</sup>). Approved
- 2011-2012 proposed budget presented. Changes from the current budget are indicated in the last column, but the total budget expenditure will remain the same. The fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. Members are asked to review the proposed budget, as a vote to approve it will be taken at April's meeting. Members discussed the need to raise "repairs" line item to cover the cost of aging uniform repairs. Lisa Meyers to provide uniform repair estimate prior to April's vote.
- Review of recent fundraising efforts. Chick-Fil-A raised \$172, which was matched by the Shain family & by Jonathan Shain's employer for a total of \$516, Bowling \$705, All Elementary Festival \$774, BCMEA auditions \$418 & Jazz fest program Middle School ads \$160. Thank you to all of the volunteers who planned & staffed these events!

Secretary's report – Tracy Thomas

- Motion to accept meeting minutes for February with noted change to the second item under "Treasurer's report". "Motion to accept" should read Martha (not Maria) Blumberg. (Paula Adler, Mary Sarzynski 2<sup>nd</sup>). Approved.

Band Buddies program – Jon Shain

- Jon circulated a sign up sheet for members interested in being a Band Buddy. Volunteers in this

program are matched with incoming freshman parents to welcome the new comers and answer any questions that may arise.

#### Nominating Committee report – Shelly Punchatz

- Members: Shelly Punchatz, Chris Herbst, Paula Adler, Jean Murphy, Kim Tither.
- The committee presented the 2011-2012 executive board members slate to be voted on in April. Candidates are: president- Amy Gallo, VP- Jeff Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP- Scott Scheffler, treasurer- Lisa Caceres, secretary- Tracy Thomas.
- The committee also prepared a list of committee chair representatives. Shelly presented this list, asked for chairpersons for open slots & asked for volunteers for the committees.

#### Band Director's report- Frank Mazzeo

- Mr. Mazzeo read a letter of thanks from the parents of a student who participated in the All Elementary Festival.
- Mr. Evanowicz, Falcon Strings director, will not be returning for the remainder of the year. This may be an opportunity to make changes to the orchestra program.
- Nick Wehr, BCMEA president, congratulated Pennsbury for hosting a very well run BCMEA festival. He commented on the helpfulness & professionalism of all volunteers.
- 3 Pennsbury students qualified for Regionals this year. Three students from last year's district band/orchestra, Dan Adler, Sean Bailey & Shuni Liu, have advanced to the All-Eastern Festival.
- Symphonic Winds received a superior rating at the Temple University adjudication.
- May 21, 2012, there is the possibility of a concert with Joseph Alessi, Principal Trombone of the New York Philharmonic.
- Four contract offers from local music stores, to provide the district with musical instruments, are under review.
- The music curriculum is currently under review.
- A summer music program will be offered for grades 4-11 from July 5-28, Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 2pm. Cost \$250.
- April's rehearsal calendar will be posted tomorrow, along with possibly May's.
- March 24–26 is the PMEA Region VI Band Festival
- March 31<sup>st</sup> is the All-Eastern Festival
- April 13-16 is the PMEA conference & All-State Festival in Hershey, PA
- The PCJB trip to Washington has been cancelled. Efforts are being made to get buses for the TOB Jazz championship.
- May 26<sup>th</sup> is Sean Bailey's recital at PHS West.

#### Fundraising/ Trip coordinator - Amy Gallo

- Calls are being made to remind marching band members that the 2010-2011 benchmarks are past due. Even if you don't receive a call, your fundraising efforts and/or payment of the recommended \$250 annual benchmark is past due.
- Family/companion Argentina trips deposits are due tonight as well as the second student payment.
- Turn-ins for tonight:
  - Hoagie sale money & order forms. April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8am, students are to meet in the Orange cafeteria at West to assemble their hoagies for delivery.
  - That's My Pan
  - Gertrude Hawk chocolates
  - Hershey Candy Bars
  - Great Lakes Script – usually, 5% of face value will be credited to benchmark (some cards

- offer less percentage)
- Avon
- Fundraising for April: SEE the MARCH ISSUE OF “BOOST THE BAND” for ALL details.
  - NEW - vanBourgonchien Flower Bulbs, 50% profit to individual accounts. You can order on line, for quick delivery, but you must use your band members personalized link to get credit for your individual account (\$5 added to each order for shipping) or through paper orders for turn in, due April, delivery in May.
  - Great Lake Scrip, Giant Scrip, Genuardi’s eScrip, Wawa coupons, Avon
  - iGive.com/Pennsburybands
  - 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.
- General fundraisers/Events:
  - April 2 – Hoagie Sale (for individual accounts)
  - April 8 – Barnes & Noble Night, 7pm. PCJB to play. 10% of sales will go to Boosters, 15% if sales go over \$2,000. 10% credit is given for online orders using code:10416477. Please invite friends & family.
  - April - FYE, donate old CD’s & DVD’s to raise money. Collection will be at the April Booster meeting.
  - May 22 – Pancake Breakfast
  - June – working on a car wash

Other Business-

- Spring concert tickets go on sale tonight.
- Band banquet information is out tonight. Members who have paid their benchmark may attend for free.

PCJB Calendar

- March 23 – Lakewood Jazz Festival (competition between 3-4 pm, 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 – Holmdel Jazz Festival
- May 19 – Jazz at Pennsbury (begins 6:00)

Booster Meetings-

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

Other Important Dates-

- 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

Meeting closure:

- Next Booster meeting on April 18 at 7pm, turn ins at 6pm
- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Minutes submitted by secretary, Tracy Thomas