

PENNSBURY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC BOOSTERS MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2009

E-board in attendance: Shelly Punchatz, Dave Willard, Stan Gursky, Chris Herbst, Pam Castellanos, Frank Mazzeo

Handouts on table: Agenda, Treasurer's Report, Calendar (August-November), Student Account examples, Fundraising packet

Meeting called to order by President Shelly Punchatz at 7:10 p.m.

President's Report (Shelly Punchatz):

- Thank you letter from Ben Lupinacci was read. Last year, Ben received the Virginia Stewart Memorial Award, as an outstanding member of the Symphonic Winds.
- The Burgos family was thanked for their contribution of wooden hangers to the band.
- August meeting minutes were approved (Motion: E. Griffin/J. Hughes 2nd)
- Pennsbury website and photographs: families can submit their own photos of band events for publication on the website. Photos are indexed by event and sub-categories within each event. Posted photos can be ordered for \$1.00 each. Photos from the first year of the MB are on the website.

Treasurer's Report (Chris Herbst):

- Printed report (handout) includes tentative final budget for 2008-09 and current year budget (2009-10)
- Current year budget expenditures to date total \$6,802
- Treasurer's Report was approved (Motion: J. Sibner/K Gibbon 2nd)
- Student monthly statements were explained (handout). Student accounts from last year were rolled forward into the current year. Student account balance is represented by either a + or -.

Q: How are ads processed?

A: The money is split 50-50 between the student's account and the Boosters' account.

Q: Does each family need to sell two ads?

A: No, that is a suggestion; however each family is strongly encouraged to sell at least two ads. There are two opportunities: Fall Festival book and Golf Outing book (Spring).

Calendar of Events (Shelly Punchatz):

- Calendar items for October were highlighted. Full calendar is on website: www.pennsburybands.org
- Family Picnic: Maureen and Brian Sporek were thanked for organizing a very successful picnic.

Marching Band Festival (Dave Willard):

- 9th Annual Festival will take place on Saturday, October 11, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- 5 bands are participating: Cherry Hill East, Council Rock North, Council Rock South, Neshaminy and William Tennent
- Every band family needs to be actively involved in the Festival. Sign up forms were distributed and need to be completed by all. Candy grams and air grams will be sold – help is needed.
- Time slots for volunteers will only be 1-2 hours in length.

Tournament of Bands Competition (Dave Willard):

- Pennsbury Marching Band will host a TOB festival on October 31st beginning at 3:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed for tasks similar to the Pennsbury MB festival.

Fundraising (Stan Gursky/Pam Castellanos):

- Future fundraising monies can be applied toward the London trip, even though the last benchmark was due tonight. If additional money is raised, the student will either receive a refund after the trip or the additional money will remain in the student account for next year. Look for an e-mail with details about this process.
- Giant cards - \$6,500 profit from \$130,000 worth of cards sold. Need volunteer to coordinate.
- Need parent to start Shop Rite card program.
- WaWa cards are being ordered; each coupon will be \$3.75.

- Q: Will we get discount cards?
- A: Only sold about 125 cards last year. Stan will investigate the possibility of getting discount cards.
- Q: Is the \$250 benchmark included in the student statement?
- A: More information will be forthcoming.
- Drive One 4 Ur School is under review by school administrators. Updated status will be reported as soon as available.

Band Director's Report (Frank Mazzeo):

- Slide show of past bands (1951, 52, 54, 64, etc.)- this is 60th anniversary.
- Slide show of photos from summer scouting trip to London
- Some information about the London trip:

Parade route is 2 miles long

Channel 6 may pick up parade feed, which would be shown at 7:00 a.m.

PCJB will play a concert at St. John's Cathedra

Hotel – Hilton Metropole (most rooms 2/room; a few rooms are 3/room); hotel has pool, gym

Travel in and around London will include the “tube” (subway), double decker and regular buses

Possible ceremony at All Hallows Church

Shopping at Covent Garden, possible ride on the London Eye, tour of Tower of London, Sister Act play, Royal Academy of Music, St. Paul's Cathedra

Sample itinerary was reviewed – not final yet

New Year's Eve party in hotel with 5 other bands

Details on packing list, etc. will be provided later

- PCJB auditions on 9/22
- Field show: additional “visuals” will be added
- New items purchased this year: guard uniforms and flags, set of vibes, bass drum, marimbas

- Sound will improvement; kids are working very hard
- Report times for competitions are not announced until the week of event, due to lineup time changes, time needed to rehearse, etc. Start times for competitions will be listed on website.
- 9/25: several events:

8:30-9:30 London officials will make presentation to students; students will perform

Marching band visits to Afton and Edgewood Elementary schools

Middle School “Be Our Guest” – about 200 students will perform Star Spangled Banner at football game

- Band will perform at home and away football games

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Castellanos

Boosters Secretary