

Pennsbury Falcon Band Boosters
General Membership Meeting Minutes: 9/12/11
7PM, East Cafeteria at Pennsbury High School East
Web Site: www.pennsburybands.org

Board Present: Amy Gallo, Jeff Smith, Scott Scheffler, Lisa Caceres, Deb Alleva, Frank Mazzeo

Board Absent: None

Membership present: see attached sign-in sheet and then marching band.

Handout: Meeting Agenda, Budget for Fiscal July 1-July 31, 2011 Amended, Budget for Fiscal August 1-31, 2011, Fundraising information included: Starlight Bowling with the Band (September 17), Pennsbury Marching Band Walk-a-thon (September 17), Student Ad Order Form for Festival Book, Kid stuff Coupon Books, Yankee Candle, Great Lakes Scrip, That's My Pan, Mixed Bag Designs, Fresh Baked Pies from Solly Brothers Farm, Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A (October 5), Buffalo Wild Wings (September 19), Avon Campaign, Cookie/Brownie sign-up (October 9) and Boost the Band.

Proceedings:

President's welcome & introductions – Amy Gallo

- Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

- Amy welcomed Deb Alleva to the Booster Organization as the new Secretary. A thank you letter from Sean Bailey to the Boosters was read expressing his thanks for being the soloist. Group photo orders and individual pictures came in from Carriage Studio and were handed out this evening. Anyone wishing to order more need do so as soon as possible. Carriage Studio would like us to fill out the yellow form and place in Amy's mailbox. Merchandise for this season has been delivered. Orange tie dye shirts are expected to ship to us tomorrow. Please contact Mitch Frank for any remaining merchandise and the new tie dye shirts. Everything is available for purchase at home events. The merchandise order form is not currently accepted for use.

Secretary Report – Deb Alleva

-The minutes were posted on the web-site for August 22, 2011. Motion to accept minutes: 1st Motion: Tracy Thomas; 2nd Motion: Susan Griffin.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa Caceres

-The July 1 to July 31, 2011 Amended Budget was presented due to errors picked up by the reporting program were noticed after duplication at the August meeting. \$91 in expenditures was made in July. 1st Motion to accept amended budget: Rachel Romano 2nd motion to accept amended budget: Debbie Secchia. None opposed.

-The August 1 to August 31, 2011 was reviewed discussing the expenditures for the month (\$3315). Motion to accept budget: Rachel Romano and Luz Simon.

Fundraising – Scott Scheffler

- On August 24 an event at Continental Tavern was held and the band received \$251 for the general fund.
- Rita's Scoop Night generated approximately \$50 to the general fund and another \$20 in raffle profit to the general fund.
- Turn-Ins for this evening were Great Lakes Script, Hershey Candy Bars, Avon, Marching Band ads, Kid stuff books, flower bulbs, Hoagies.
- New going out are Solly Pies with a Thanksgiving delivery scheduled. Mixed Bag (examples were on the back table of the cafeteria for everyone's to see), Yankee Candle.
- The Walk-a-thon is scheduled for September 17th from 9 to 12 at the football stadium with 100% going directly to your student's account. If anyone wants to volunteer to help that day please see Eva Griffin.
- Bowling was rescheduled to September 17th from 6 to 9. Sign-up sheets are in the back. We are looking for volunteers. Please see Scott.
- On September 19th, we will be at Buffalo Wild Wings. Ten percent (10%) from the entire evening will be given to the Boosters. The event starts at 5:00pm. You do not need a form – just tell them you're with the band.
- On September 24th we will be holding the hoagie assembly. Kids are expected to arrive no later than 8:00am. This will be conducted quickly because students will be going to a competition that day.
- On October 5th we will be at Chick-fil-A from 5 to 8. Please make it a point to come out and join in the fun while enjoying great food and getting money for our band.
- Another event coming up is the Applebee's pancake breakfast on November 13.

Other Business – Amy Gallo

- The Band Picnic was awesome and we had a great turn out. The kids had a wonderful time. The egg toss was competitive because the eggs did not want to break. Mary Sarzynski thanked all who helped make the day a success.
- The visitor concession side stand for the Easton Game made a \$700 profit for the general fund. A big thank you to Diane Harland.
- The library in the band suite is coming along nicely and the kids appreciate the funding of the office supplies to make their jobs easier. Two video cameras were also purchased.

Director's Report – Frank Mazzeo

- Mr. Mazzeo spoke about the video cameras and how they helped the band. They give immediate feedback for the freshman and also helped the color guard with their new drill design work.
- It was then discussed how the original hotel in Argentina will no longer be an option because the hotel needed to place students into rooms with balconies. This has a pool with a lifeguard present, a restaurant, and no balconies.
- A brochure was created for the middle schools showing what is going on at the high school along with performances. This will be distributed.

-There are presently 2242 students in instrumental music this year. It was discussed that there will be a new course for orchestra that will be auditioned. 80 students are eligible this year and 120 students are coming up.

-A PMEA District Workshop will feature master classes for the students. The boosters have provide funds from the clinician account for this.

-There was a summer program that students were able to enjoy and with revenue generated from this Mr. Mazzeo will be able to purchase some necessary instruments.

-Back to school night is approaching on September 27th.

-The field show is looking good. We are presently behind about a week.

-The upcoming Marching Band Festival was discussed because we do not have enough bands at this time. Mr. Mazzeo had sent out mailings to all the appropriate people. Chapter 3 is a very small group. They were discussing bringing Chapter 3 in line with Chapter 2. Mr. Mazzeo will be giving another week to see if other bands sign on for our Marching Band Festival. This would be the first time in 11 years that we might have to cancel.

-PCJB audition material will be going out soon.

-Mr. Mazzeo briefly discussed Argentina late payments. The E-board will let you know what policy will be set in place. Only Amy and Lisa know who is late. It was asked if money paid for the trip could be given back after payments had stopped if the student continued to fundraise. We will review prior meeting minutes to determine how this request was handled with previous trips. Mr. Mazzeo said that an answer would be forthcoming at the October Booster Meeting. It was then discussed about a nurse going to Argentina from the band and more information will be coming also at the October meeting.

General:

A question was asked about the ads that had been collected to go into our Marching Band Festival Book if it is cancelled. What will happen? Jeff stated that since the festival has not been cancelled yet we would wait and see; however, he is considering creating another book.

Booster Meetings (Turn-Ins at 6:00pm and meeting at 7:00pm)

-October 10, 2011

-November 15, 2011 (Tuesday)

-December 12, 2011

-January 9, 2012

-February 13, 2012

-March 12, 2012

-April 16, 2012 (3rd Monday – return from Argentina)

-May 14, 2012

-June 4, 2012 sign-ups

Important Dates

- September 16 – Away game Mt. Pocono 7PM (Friday)
- September 23 – Away game Bensalem 7PM (Friday)
- September 24 – Hoagie Assembly 8AM (Saturday)
- September 24 – Competition (Time – TBD)
- September 27 – PHS Back to School Night
- October 1 – Home Game 7PM/Be Our Guest (Saturday)
- October 2 – Pulaski Day Parade (Sunday)
- October 6 – Away game William Tennant 7PM
- October 9 – Pennsbury Festival

Meeting closure – adjourned at approximately 7:30pm. 1st Motion to adjourn: Eva Griffin; 2nd Motion to adjourn: Susan Griffin. Approved.
Minutes submitted by Deb Alleva, Secretary