

BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. See attached list for those present. The reading of the minutes from the May 13, 2008 Booster Meeting were waived. Copies were distributed to those present.

A. **Treasurer's Report**

Sherri presented her report and gave out copies to those present who needed them. She explained that there would be \$50.00 added to the Chinese Auction amount because of a donation. The Mayfair did very well, and Sherri is waiting for receipts. Karen said she would not need to be reimbursed for her expenses and it would be considered a donation. Several band members participated as well. Next year band members would be needed specifically for the setup and break down. Garfield School had gold fish booth as well but they weren't supposed to have it this year. Everything was sold out.

Income and expenses were discussed for the year. Sherri gave the checks for the students to Joe for the Awards Ceremony Wednesday evening. Janis gave Joe the certificates as well.

Discussion followed regarding expected income for the new year. There will be no home football games until October 4 when the "100 Year Celebration" will take place. There will be ad income from the ad books for the Home Show. Upcoming expenses will include the deposit to the USSBA, Knight Park, and stocking expenses. Janis volunteered the Total Image card.

Another upcoming expense will be to supplement Band Camp fees for band members. The cost went up to \$189.00 per band member from \$180.00 last year. It was agreed that the Boosters would pay for \$39.00 for each band member attending and that attendance would be mandatory in order to be in the marching band. The cost to the band member would be \$150.00.

B. **Ways & Means Report**

4th of July – Robin has light sticks left over to sell at this year's fireworks. Any band members who are available can help sell them. Jeff and Janis also suggested a novelty store on Blackhorse Pike if more items are needed. Karen will remind Brad that the band members will be selling the light sticks.

Chick-Fil-A – Janis arranged for Spirit Night on Thursday, June 12, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Chick-Fil-A on Route 70 near Wegman's. She distributed flyers to those present. Brenda will have approximately 600 copied to be distributed to different schools. Band members can also stick them on cars. The schools will be asked to make announcements that morning.

Car Wash and Pretzel Sale – It was decided to hold a car wash on Saturday, July 12 from 11 am until 3 pm. The location would probably be the Town garage by the High Speed Line. Also being offered for an extra \$5.00 would be vacuuming and Armor all for the tires. Janis will check the availability of the garage. Sherri has materials such as sponges. Another possible location is the Curves parking lot. The Oaklyn location was discussed but not chosen since the faucet has been moved to a more difficult area.

Home Show – The Home Show will be on Saturday, September 20. Joe will be discussing with band members about selling ads for the ad book in July.

Wawa Hoagies – Joe thinks it best to wait until after the lottery sale to start the hoagie sale. He thinks it best to kick it off at the first band practice, which is Wednesday, July 9, and the band members would keep doing it throughout the year. This replaces the candy sales. Sherri will submit the New Jersey Not for Profit number and EIN to Wawa.

C. **Director's Report**

New Staff – Joe advised that he has hired two new people. The first is Sean Bucher who will be in charge of the battery. He is from Williamstown and is Chris Miller's protégé. The second is Amanda Crow who is an addition to the color guard staff and will focus on weapons. She is by way of Timber Creek and Sterling. Joe is still looking for someone to focus on feet and visual. He has made an offer for the assistant band director.

Home Show – The Home Show is listed on the USSBA schedule, and Shawnee is expected to come as well.

USSBA Schedule – There might be some changes to the schedule and instead of going to Cherokee the band may go to Delran. Joe explained about the possible venue change.

Joe explained that the USSBA has changed and that it no longer means anything for your seeding with the number of shows you attend. He also explained that the number of judges would decrease which could lead to a season of erratic scoring. With a gold star show now you have 6 judges instead of 7. With a silver star show there is no color guard or percussion judge. The amount that it costs is subject to change.

Joe talked about the possibility of doing some Cavalcade shows instead of some USSBA shows, but not missing any weekends. He feels that the band would lose momentum if any weekend were skipped. Joe discussed the differences between the circuits:

1. USSBA -- more relaxed, but they don't do anything for you in terms of compensation for attending a show; also a known entity.

2. Cavalcade – after you pay your dues, they mail a check to pay for the band to come to an event for travel expenses; you are also timed from the beginning; Collingswood would be a known entity and expected to perform well.

3. Tournament of Bands (TOB) – they also do things for you by means of giving you tickets to sell to parents which you then keep the money; you also get timed; with TOB, we would be an unknown entity and might have trouble with established bands.

Several area marching bands were discussed. For the upcoming season, the color guard will be using rifles (well stocked) and sabers (which would come out of the school budget).

Equipment – Joe advised that he is purchasing the marimba for \$2,200.00 from Gloucester. That is down from the original \$3,500.00 price for a new marimba. He will have the old marimba repaired probably by Old Town Music. Joe also expects to have a storage trailer from Al Hird near the football field to hold the older marimba, props and all terrain pit carts.

D. **New Business**

Band Member Fundraising – Karen wants to meet with the band members around the time of their first practice and ask for their fundraising ideas and what they would do to raise money and explaining what it is used for.

Concession Stand – Karen said that the School Board has no plans for the Concession Stand for the 100 Year Celebration. Karen will talk to Al Hird about it and advised that band members and parents can do the labor.

George Banks – Melissa suggested doing something for George Banks since he has done so much over the years. It was decided that Janis would do a certificate for him as Retiring Pit Boss who went above and beyond.

Audit / Budget Meeting – Joe asked that the Budget Meeting be held after the staff has a design meeting and Amanda McClure sits down with Dale Chimel so that an approximate amount can be reached. The Audit will be on Wednesday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m. Sherri's house (131 East Haddon Avenue, Oaklyn) followed by the Budget Meeting at 8:00 p.m. (or when Joe was able to get there). Melissa volunteered to take part in the Audit.

Chinese Auction – Melissa advised that she had sent out all of the thank you letters except for a few which she then distributed to board members and they will handle those. Melissa will submit a receipt for stamp reimbursement. She also has leftover tickets, which should be enough for next year's Chinese Auction.

Old Minutes – Melissa will turn over the old minutes to Brenda.

Financial Records – Sherri will shred records from over 7 years ago.

USSBA Nationals – The Nationals will take place in Annapolis not at M&T Bank.

Equipment Replacement Proposal -- Peggy showed a wonderful poster showing the band members playing instruments, which diagrammed which things needed to be replaced. Peggy will continue to take pictures of all of the instruments that are in need of repair and/or replacement. A laundry list will be created for the proposal to the board. After all items are put together, the School Board will be asked to put the Boosters on the agenda.

Sun Bank – Sherri suggested opening another savings account at Sun Bank specifically for the trailer fund. One change would be made to the students' savings amount of \$500.95. The amount of \$100.00 would be deducted as 4 band members had deposited \$25.00 for the Cleveland trip. Joe will forward to Sherri their names and she will cut checks for them by the end of the school year.

Grants – Brenda advised that a submission was made to the Mockingbird Foundation. They will send notification in October for a grant proposal. If they accept it, money would be distributed in February. Brenda suggested applying for Mr. Holland's Opus Grant next which has a deadline of August 1. She gave a partial application to Joe for his review and for answers to questions. The National Endowment for the Arts grant has a deadline of June 9 and would need a lot of information and paperwork completed. This would be done in the future.

Indoor Championship – Discussion followed regarding why the Indoor Band did not get any congratulations beyond mention on the school's website. The wrestling team, basketball teams, and volleyball teams received more recognition when they won championships including jackets. There has been no consistency and no past precedents when the band has won championships regarding recognition. Melissa will call or email Rich Jarnecki asking why the Indoor Band hasn't been recognized for the Chapter 1 Indoor Championship they won. Peggy will have Tracy write a letter to the Retrospect. The School Board has not attended any band events.

Oaklyn Memorial Day – Mike Calderone played taps for the Oaklyn Memorial Day events. Joe Junod has been asked to start practicing for next year.

Awards – The Awards ceremony is Wednesday, June 4 at the Scottish Rite. Joe expected it to run quickly and smoothly.

Spring Concert – Joe was congratulated on the wonderful program. All of the students performed very well and everyone enjoyed it.

The next booster meeting will be **Wednesday, August 13, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m.

BOOSTER MEETING Tuesday, June 3, 2008 – ATTENDANCE

Joseph Lerch, Band Director
Robin Laino, President
Karen Hartung, Vice President
Sherri Conley, Treasurer
Janis Danielewicz, Ways & Means
Peg Schnyer
Melissa Foremny
Jeff Danielewicz
Brenda Nestel-Burg