

**Wilmington Area Band Boosters
General Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2013**

Present: Mr. Nickel, Pam Gealy, Marianna Rand, Randy Costello, Ruth Curfman, Jennifer Gordon, Beth Pontius, Wendy Campbell, Karen DiMuccio, Kim Bretz, Dottie Pozzuto, Audra Moesta, Claudia Furlan, Susan Fette, Cherie Perrine, Lori Wozniak, Toni Norris, Barb Forsythe

Call to Order at 7:07 pm

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes made by Randy Costello and seconded by Marianna Rand.

Treasurer's Report:

Boosters' account \$11,722.55

Students' accounts \$4,745.30

McQuiston account \$2,665.00 + \$500 towards Disney trip = \$3165.00

Total current bank balance \$19,632.85

Wesley Woods - \$20,090.00, the pizza party \$54.40

Patron Ads to date – deposited \$740.00 to be split \$370 each between boosters and students. One donation from Noga Ambulance of \$400 is to go into the general Disney trip fund at their request.

Erie Insurance – updated bill for Commercial Crime Policy (Bond) will be sent to us with the names for president, vice-president, and two co-treasurers. Cost is \$35 each for a total of \$140.

Lawrence County Fair – Leanna Zoeller reports that 51 students worked this year for a total of 1,443.25 hours.

Students' total @ \$4.25 an hour will be \$6,133.82/Boosters' total @ \$2.00 an hour will be \$2,886.50.

Grand total 1,443.25 hours @ \$6.25 = \$9020.31 earned. She will bill the fair board.

Leanna has emailed each family with the total they earned. I will get the list from her – some years we put it in their account for record purposes before the actual check arrives. Should we do that this year? (The board agreed we should do that this year.)

Students' accounts – No new monies have been added to the students' accounts until we receive the information on individual accounts for the fair, the mum sale and patron ads, as they come. The balance shown on the spread sheet still reflects the balance after the band camp payment. Some students have sent in personal deposits, however, they will not be added until an updated 2013/2014 spread sheet is made.

Also, Ruth is getting the four signatures for the checking account.

Submitted by Ruth Curfman, co-treasurer

Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Jennifer Gordon and seconded by Marianna Rand.

Band Director's Report:

Mr. Nickel reports that things are going smoothly and would like to thank parents and chaperones. Mr. Nickel mentioned that he is usually here after school on performance days before the "band room open" time if anyone needs to get in. Students may need to call his extension so he can let them in.

Old uniforms and pillows are \$25 each and old band hats are \$5. They would make lovely Christmas gifts, and Mr. Nickel will check to make sure the pillows would be in by Christmas. Band Festival will be September 18th at Taggart Stadium in New Castle at 7 pm. The soccer game has been moved to 4 pm to accommodate our band members who play soccer. They will need to have their instruments and uniforms.

The county band directors are discussing the possibility of dividing up the Band Festival duties so that the same school would handle the same task each year instead of having one school responsible for the whole process on a rotating basis.

Mr. Nickel is trying to get band members interested in selling the patron ads.

Disney Update – Most band members have turned in the commitment form. Tom McKinley is working on our video to be submitted for consideration for the Disney Parade.

The state Science Olympiad is May 2nd. Eleven or twelve students may be affected. The competition ends Friday at 3 pm. Tom Presto could book a separate flight if ten or more students are traveling. He would amend their price since they would be missing Friday. A school van or small bus would transport them from Penn State to Pittsburgh International. We have parents with clearances who would be on that flight to chaperone. The students may have to room together (separated by gender, of course). We will get more details when we know exactly how many students are participating in both (Oct 1st deadline).

We have twelve chaperones so far. They must have clearances on file with the school.

If there is an adult family member on the trip **without** clearances, they will not be allowed to ride on the bus from the hotel to the park.

Flight prices are not out yet. We should have them by October, and the trip committee will create a payment plan. We will probably have a trip update meeting after the Instant Replay Concert on Saturday, October 19th, possibly in the cafeteria.

We have received a lot of compliments on the uniforms....and the band!

Committee Reports:

Uniforms – Claudia Furlan reports that she has been getting a lot of help with uniforms after the games, and the band members are getting better with putting them on. We should be getting gloves soon. They will be \$2 per pair, and can be kept in the student's hat box. Drum majors and percussion section won't use them, and woodwinds can cut the tips off.

Patron Ads – Mary Capoferri will send a thank you from the band and notify the families.

Mum Sale – Jennifer Gordon reports that 38 students sold 697 mums. That is 200 more mums than last year. \$1,568.25 will go into the separate student accounts, and \$697 will go to the booster account. Volunteers will meet on Sept. 21st at 7am by the auditorium.

Pie Fundraiser – Jill Wilson will chair the sale which will run from October 2nd -18th. Delivery will be November 9th.

Awards – Pam Gealy reports that the second year members will receive jackets or blankets as usual. The jackets were \$84, with boosters paying \$50 per jacket and the student/family paying \$34. The jacket fitting time is September 18th at 11:30am – 12:15 pm. Pam will send an email to those involved. The other years don't pay for the cost of their awards.

Banquet – We are looking at the 4th week of February for the banquet. Cherie Perrine will check the schedule for the church hall. There are school events scheduled for Feb. 24-26 and 28th. We could possibly have the banquet the week of Feb. 17-21.

Blankets – Toni Norris reports that there are still blankets available, but they are selling quickly. They are water repellent on one side and fleece on the other. They are \$35 a blanket, with a \$2 charge if you want a name on it.

Common Scents Candle Sale – Toni Norris would chair and Dottie Pozzuto would co-chair. We need a minimum of a 100 candle order. The 12 oz. candle would sell for \$12, and we would get \$5. This would include the specially made Wilmington candle. Motion to proceed with the candle sale was made by Beth Pontius and seconded by Jennifer Gordon.

Senior Night – Pam will email Kim Bretz, chairperson, with the names of the seniors.

Beef Raffle – Jennifer Gordon reports that raffle ticket sales are going well. For the first five tickets, \$4 of the \$5 ticket goes into the student's account and \$1 goes to the boosters to cover the cost of the beef. If each member sells 5 tickets, the cost of the beef will be covered. If a member sells 6 or more tickets, the entire \$5 from each of those tickets will go into the student's account.

Gift Card Wreath Raffle – Marianna Rand and Jennifer Gordon will make a wreath from gift cards. The cards can be donated by area businesses, or band families can purchase gift cards to add to the wreath. The raffle will run from October 19th to December 11th. They would like to have the cards by October 11th so a list can be made of all the gift cards. If a lot of cards are collected, we may have two wreaths to raffle.

It was mentioned that we are having several different fundraisers to give the students many opportunities to raise money for their trip. Families should not feel that they have to participate in all the fundraisers. We do not want to overwhelm anyone, but would like to help the students defray the cost of their trip.

Motion to adjourn was made by Randy Costello and seconded by Marianna Rand.