

**Wilmington Area Band Boosters
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 7, 2013**

Present: Mr. Nickel, Pam Gealy, Marianna Rand, Ruth Curfman, David Russell, Jennifer Gordon, Beth Pontius, Julie Riggs, Leanna Zoeller, Mary Capoferri, Tom McKinley, Claudia Furlan, Randy Costello, Karen DiMuccio

Call to Order at 7:21 pm

Cameron McKinley and Katie Gordon thanked the boosters for sending them to drum major camp. It was attended by over 300 high school drum majors from across the US and Canada, and both felt it was a positive experience that was very beneficial to them. They explained what their schedule for a typical day and the week was like. They were able to choose from electives focused on conducting, parade techniques, being female and co-drum majors, and leadership. Cameron and Katie mentioned that the teaching skills and leadership techniques will be helpful in leading the band.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Jennifer Gordon and seconded by Tom McKinley; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

WABB account: **\$37,122.70**

Current Students' accounts (including students that have balances but may have quit)

\$3,344.52 + \$1,400.78 for 2013 Senior balance and money held for siblings = **\$4,745.30**

McQuiston Memorial: **\$2,665.00**

Disney trip donation for student(s) with financial need: **\$500.00**

Booster general funds: **\$29,212.40**

Boosters paid for Cameron and Katie to attend drum major camp - \$510 each.

Cherie Perrine is waiting for the bill from Wesley Woods, and will submit that with the amounts for the pizza party and other band camp expenses. That will come out of the booster account balance. Mr. Nickel or Cherie will ask Wesley Woods for an itemized statement to help with planning.

Band camp checks were given to the following at Meet the Band Night:

Michele Bonnici for \$599 + \$1 cash

Dr. Neikirk \$500

Devin Greig \$500

Randy and Ruth will get together to go over which one will handle the everyday account work and which will handle the money for the Disney trip.

Ruth will get figures ready for the current balances in student's accounts so they know how much they need to raise.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Marianna Rand and seconded by Jennifer Gordon; motion passed.

Band Director's Report:

The old band uniforms and hats are for sale - \$25 for a uniform or a pillow made from a uniform and \$5 for a hat. The pillows are made by DeMoulin by order and must be paid for up front. Pam Gealy will make an order form. We will also have hats for sale at the 10-mile yard sale that is coming up.

Band practices will be Tuesday, August 13th, 20th, and Wednesday, August 28th.

Band camp went well, and the band's next performance is August 14th at 7 pm at the Lawrence County Fair.

Students going on the Disney trip need to pay their \$50 deposit. It can come from their band account with a note signed by a parent. This is imperative because we will need to pay a \$5,000 deposit within 2 weeks after the flights are booked. Cherie Perrine will chaperone and needs a co-chair. Marianna Rand will take care of nursing duties.

Mr. Nickel was very pleased with Meet the Band Night. He felt the students did very well. He mentioned Mrs. Bonnici will continue to be choreographer.

Mr. Nickel registered the band for Macy's Shop for a Cause. It will be \$5 for a coupon that is good for a percentage off the price of purchases on a certain day. Half of the \$5 (\$2.50) will go in the student's account and half will go in the boosters account. Pam Gealy will contact Kim Labbiento for the details.

Committee Reports:

Band Camp – A thank you note will be sent to the McQuistons who sent a company van to transport luggage and equipment to camp. Pam Gealy will also send a thank you directly to Deerfield Farms to thank them. There will also be a special thank you to them in our program.

The **patron ad** form will be updated. Half of the donation goes into the student's account and half to the booster account. Mary Capoferri has agreed to chair the committee. She will contact the family when a donation is made to a student and will send a thank you to the business or person who made the donation. The earlier the donation is made, the more times it will be in the programs throughout the school year.

Uniform committee – Claudia Furlan, chairperson, has asked that chaperones come early to help band members with their uniforms. After games, they can also help get plumes and uniforms put away. Claudia will check on further alterations and arrange for a seamstress for extensive alterations. A motion to pay a seamstress for extensive alterations was made by Ruth Curfman and seconded by Marianna Rand; motion passed.

It was suggested that if band members take their jackets off, they should fold them inside out and place them on their laps. If there is a chance of rain, students will march without the plumes.

Website - The website is up and running with nothing new to report. When Tom McKinley posts something, a message will be sent to Twitter and Facebook showing that a post was made. Katie Gordon will take over our Twitter account. She can post up to date information like what the band is to wear for upcoming performances.

Publicity – Leanna Zoeller reported that pictures of the drum majors were published in the Globe.

Lawrence County Fair - The schedule is almost done. The band will wear their summer uniform – jeans, band T-shirts, and marching shoes.

Fundraising – Pam Gealy has compiled a list of all committees and listed the chairperson for each. Marianna Rand and Leanna Zoeller will chair the band apparel sale.

The Meet the Band Night Fundraisers were very successful. The total of the proceeds was \$471 which will go into the Disney account. We made \$82 on the Italian ice and \$107 on the water and miscellaneous items that were sold. Our share of the 50/50 was \$182, and the winner generously donated \$100 back to us.

The Wilmington Sesquicentennial Committee asked us to consider manning a dunking booth for the celebration. Jennifer Gordon is looking into our options for rental. The parade will be on Saturday, September 7th at 10 am.

The beef raffle will take place in the fall. First prize will be a quarter of beef. Second prize will be a 5 lb. prime rib roast, approximately a \$50 - \$60 value. The beef is locally raised, 100% grass fed and packages will be labelled as to the contents. The farm is only charging us \$400 - \$425 for the beef. Tickets will be \$5 each, and each band member will be given four to sell. We need each member to sell one ticket to cover our cost. We may sell them at the fair with proceeds from that going into the Disney fund. Tickets will be passed out some time after the fair. The winner will be pulled at the Instant Replay concert in October. Motion to proceed with the beef raffle was made by Tom McKinley and seconded by Claudia Furlan; motion passed.

We are still looking for someone to donate Steeler's tickets for a ticket raffle.

The mum sale is currently underway.

We will possibly do a sale of cushions that could be used for the auditorium or stadium. We are also considering a rental program where the cushions could be used during performances or concerts for a small fee and returned at the conclusion of the program.

Jack Reed spoke with one of our booster board members about an event called Band on the Run. It would be a 5K race with band members posted at different points during the race to play music. We may consider doing it in conjunction with the cross country boosters, possibly next spring.

We discussed possibly in the future printing our own senior program that could be sold at games and concerts.

Wednesday, September 11th is the date of the next Applebee's fundraiser. It runs from 11 am to midnight. When the customer gives our flyer to the server, 15% of their food total will be donated to the band boosters to be placed in a fund for uniform maintenance/purchase of raincoats. It was suggested that we may have a quartet play from 5-8pm. Our previous Applebee's fundraiser in June raised \$280.05.

The next hoagie/stromboli sale will be Sept. 12th – October 3rd with delivery on October 19th.

Motion to adjourn made by Jennifer Gordon and seconded by David Russell; motion passed.