

Pennfield Band Boosters
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2009

Present: Blake Driver, Suzette Jacobs, Richard Waltman, Carl Maurer, Amy Maurer, Gwen Bartzen, Holly Launder, Mary Ann Weers, Stacy Lint, Taylor England, Tonya England, Kelly Kipp, Debbie Wagner, Beth Miller and Ellen Auble.

Secretary's Report: Accepted as written...

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer reported that the budget was basically on track in comparison to years past. Maryann had done some checking on purchasing Coke products at Sam's club or local grocery stores and found that there wouldn't be much of a benefit especially given that Coke provides us with coolers.

Student Morale/Publicity: Morale is high amongst all band students. The first rehearsal took place prior to school start up with a successful show of students and Mr. Driver felt that it was very beneficial.

There were some not so good comments in regards to the blue (band camp) t-shirts that the band wore for the first football game.

Anyone who would like to write a paragraph with or without photos for band publicity can send their paragraphs to Mr. Driver via email or deliver to his office. The publicity paragraph would be posted in the district newsletter, the Principal's report and/or some of our local newspapers. Mr. Driver's time is very limited in this area and we would appreciate any parent's correspondence/views to be published.

Concessions: This summer the concession stand was cleaned and repaired by the band, Lacrosse Team, and Rocket Football parent volunteers. Thanks for all your help. Jim Sirks has taken over the stocking volunteer position for us, thanks Jim.

The Lacrosse Team and Rocket football associations are using the concession stand equipment during their games and will help us out with upkeep and repairs when necessary.

The hot dog steamer element blew out on Friday's game and Carl Maurer is working on getting a new element and fixing it for us. Thanks Carl.

Director's Report: Mr. Driver noted that the band member statistics are as follows: 60 9th – 12th, 61 7th - 8th and 60 6th with a 5th grade parent meeting scheduled soon. Because of the schedule change from block to 6 hour the band has had 30 members drop.

The Band Invitational is this weekend (9/19) at Battle Creek Central. The event starts at 2:00 with Pennfield playing at 2:45.

Last year the 7th and 8th grade band members purchased their own band polo shirts for performances. The uniform consisted of black skirts or dress slacks, black shoes & socks and the green polo shirt. The boosters decided to utilize the uniforms that we already have with the exception of the pants (which have become quite worn). So the members will need to purchase white tuxedo shirts and will be wearing their own black slacks. The blazer, cummerbund, and bow tie will be provided.

Donations are needed for black socks and black shoes of all sizes to keep at the school for the band members that forget to wear these items for performances or in case of hardship. Any donations are appreciated.

New business: Need to find a volunteer to call/coordinate for each of our upcoming events. Cups are needed for water at the events if anyone can donate please see Mr. Driver.

The rest of our meeting was spent on fundraising ideas and plans. The pasty sale is still being worked out as to who will supply us and if we are going to partner with Mr. Rose and the Coldwater band which will help in cutting down the delivery charges incurred.

The boosters decided on the following band camp fundraisers:

Fall -- Avon combined with holiday pie sale
February – value cards

We are open to any suggestions for a spring fundraiser.

Debbie Wagner volunteered to take over uniform distribution since this will be Suzette's last year volunteering.

Next meeting will be held October 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the high school band room. Our meetings are open to all persons interested in helping the Pennfield band.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ellen Auble