

Pennfield Band Boosters
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2009

Present: Blake Driver, Chuck Dixon, Suzette Jacobs, John Jacobs, Richard Waltman, Carl Maurer, Amy Maurer, Gwen Bartzen, Mary Ann Weers, Tonya England, Donna Walton, Sandy Allen and Ellen Auble.

Secretary's Report: Accepted as written...

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer reported that we have \$2,773.20 in the band booster checking account. The profits from the Homecoming game were only \$30.00 more than any of our other games because of weather and an accident on I-94 the attendance was down. MaryAnn asked that everyone that writes a check should be emailing her with the check number and amount of check written. The Treasurer's report was accepted as stated.

Student Morale/Publicity: Morale was very low after the Band Festival (II rating). The band is getting ready for parades and concert band. Thank you to the Allen's for hosting and the Yeager's for chaperoning the band party. Donna Walton volunteered to host next year's party.

Concessions: 2-3 more nights of concessions and that will be it for the season unless we have a playoff game.

Carl Maurer fixed the hot dog steamer. Thanks Carl. Richard reported that the large steamer is actually Rocket Football property and that they are sharing a lot of their equipment with us. The concession stand will need an end of season cleaning once we are done. Mary Ann noted that we need to put up a motion light outside of the stand.

Director's Report: The 5th graders have started band classes. Mr. Driver has 32 brass and Mr. Dixon has 31 woodwinds. They have to walk over to the Middle school because there is no band room at Dunlap. Masteller did the fitting for the students last spring. Mr. Driver decided it worked out better for him and the students if he and Mr. Dixon were to do the fitting.

The 6th grade band is sounding great. They were the class that met every day last year and retained 60 students from last year.

The 7th and 8th grade bands have a concert next Thursday, October 29th. Everyone is ok with the uniform decision and the students should be in full uniform at the concert.

The high school band has the Battle Creek and Marshall parades approaching next month. Pep band has been broken into 2 divisions so that each band member will only have 5 out of 10 appearances.

Mr. Driver shared with our group of his and Mrs. Driver's plans to adopt twin boys from Ethiopia in February.

Old Business: The Avon and Pie sales started this week. We will deliver the Avon the week of November 9th and send them home with the students. Pie pick-up will be on November 17th from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Help will be needed from any booster volunteers available.

We decided to go ahead with a pasty fundraiser in January/February. Richard and Blake will be working on the supplier and cost for an update at our next meeting. We will be selling Value Cards in February also.

New Business: Richard reported that a Financial Advisory Committee has been set up to help decide where the district can cut 2 ½ million from next year's school budget. The committee hasn't set a date for its first meeting as of yet. Richard will be serving on the committee and representing the band/band boosters. He will be looking to find sensible cuts from other areas.

Kathy Yeager asked if the boosters had a specific form for corporate matching. Consumers will be matching hours that Mr. Yeager has volunteered for us.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Ellen Auble