

## Minutes Penncrest Band Association Meeting November 15, 2017

Board President, Maria Wanenchak greeted the group of 44 members. The goal of the meeting is to provide useful information and to answer any questions. Ms. Wanenchak introduced Band Director, Mr. Craig Snyder.

Mr. Snyder introduced his student teacher, Matt Amato from West Chester University. Mr. Snyder talked about the band show, the Veteran's day parade. At the parade, the showmanship and marching were great. He could see great "diagonals" and was very happy with the student's performance.

Mr. Snyder talked about the band trip. This year the band will be going to Pittsburgh, PA from April 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Students will go to school on the 5<sup>th</sup>, and leave after school that day. Students will miss one day of school. The agenda for the trip is on the application. Students will have a "side-by-side" clinic with Mr. Snyder's high school, Bethel Park High School. Students will play at the 911 Memorial in Schwenksville.

Also upcoming,

- Santa's parade this Friday from 5:30-6:00 at Boscov's
- The indoor program has just started
- Jazz band auditions started
- Mr. Ackroyd is still working on trailer

Mr. Snyder also wanted to thank everyone for their positivity that was needed at the beginning of the season. The situation we encountered at football games was handled very graciously so that students didn't feel like they were put in the middle. If there are any concerns, please bring them to Mr. Snyder's attention. He wants to keep the lines of communication open.

Board Treasurer, Michael Corner went through the treasurer's report point by point. Mr. Corner will put a comparison of financials together comparing last year to this year.

Ms. Wanenchak explained that there will be a pep band in Media for when Santa comes into town on November 26<sup>th</sup>. This is the first time we have been invited to this event. We are happy to be a part of it.

Ms. Wanenchak asked if there were any questions about fundraising. The following are the questions and answers given:

***Have you noticed a change in volunteer rates because of our change from being individual fundraising-based to whole group fundraising-based?***

Ms. Wanenchak said that she hasn't seen a change in the rate of volunteerism. Although, she has heard that people have said that they feel like they are being asked a lot more to volunteer.

***What is our fundraising policy – where does the money ultimately go?***

- Subsidize the indoor program - \$5,000
- Banquet - \$6,000
- Clinicians to work with kids
- Field show choreography
- Props
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***Where is the line drawn from what the District gives and what we use fundraising money for?***

District pays for dry cleaning of uniforms at the end of the year. The District pays for curricular things. A comment was made that it would be appropriate for things to be more transparent. We ought to be side by side between the District and the Band Association.

Ms. Wanenchak explained that the price of the trip per child is \$565. There will be a \$100 deposit. After the craft show, we'll have a better idea how much each student will get back. Musically, kids get a lot out the clinicians that are hired on the band trip.

Ms. Carla Burbo talked about the Craft Show that is this Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. This is her 4<sup>th</sup> year doing this. Vides Wescott and Sunny West have been great helpers for this event. The kids are the stars of the show, though. They are a huge help. The sign-up genius is nearly full. Carol Umberger will be the parent who will be taking the craft show over next year. This year, we have about 120 vendors, a 50/50 raffle. It is primarily a fundraiser, but it is also a community event.

Ms. Alicia Theveny talked about the Shop with Scrip program. She showed a video on YouTube.com. Once on YouTube, google "Show with Scrip how to" and you can watch the video. She needs to get a group of orders together, then put in an order in every couple of weeks. There's an \$8.50 charge for shipping. We will pick a date to have orders in by. This program benefits individual accounts, not the entire band. You don't need the physical cards to shop. You can order an e-card also. Prestopay is going into your checking account. It takes a little time to verify your account, so it is good idea to start the process now.

Ms. Marsha Peterson said that we have paid for the design of the trailer. It needs to be wrapped still; we are waiting for the temperature to be right. Once it is covered, we will have a celebration, since it has been a long time coming. The sponsorship starts when the logos are on the trailer. They are 1-year sponsorships.

Ms. Jennifer Deutsch is the new spirit wear coordinator. She spoke about what is for sale and that the store is open on the website. It will be closing on November 26<sup>th</sup> in order to get items back in time for holiday gifts.

Ms. Wanenchak went through the positions that are currently open:

- Car Wash Coordinator
- Corporate Giving Assistant

Positions open for next year because of graduating students:

- President of the Board
- Vice President of Administrative Affairs
- Shop with Scrips Coordinator
- Indoor Show Coordinator
- WaWa Coupon Coordinator