

## **Penncrest Band Parents Association, Minutes of November 2, 2016 Meeting**

The Nov. 2, 20016 meeting of the Penncrest Band Parents Association was called to order by President, Maria Wanenchak at 7:06pm with 50 members in attendance.

Craig Snyder, Band Director spoke to the group. He first thanked the many, many volunteers that helped out during the 2016 marching season. Next, he reported on the judge's notes concerning the band's performance at the US Bands PA State Championships in West Chester on 10/29. Although the band scored a little lower than usual (87.5), the judges loved the concept of audience participation to determine the ending of this year's show. He announced that the band would attend the Penncrest football play-off game on 11/4 as a pep band and remain in the stands without performing their field show. The details of this year's band trip to Boston were discussed. The trip will be 3/3/17 to 3/7/17 and will cost \$675/student and \$750/chaperone. The trip includes a Symphony Hall performance as part of the US Bands Eastern Conference as well as a trip to the JFK Library, the New England Aquarium, and Prudential Center. In addition, the band will attend a performance by the Blue Man Group. Work is being done to acquire new uniforms. A design has been selected and the estimated cost per uniform will be \$550. We will partner with the school district to finance the costs. Mr. Snyder discussed the plans for Penncrest to host a Jazz Workshop this spring, probably March or April. This will be a band fundraiser, but also an instructional, non-competitive and hopefully enjoyable experience for the participants.

Secretary Sherry Beecher announced that the minutes from the last meeting (Sep. 2016) have been posted on the band website.

Treasurer Mike Corner presented the budget for this year and a copy will be posted on the band website. The treasurer's report as of Friday 10/28 includes \$1130 in donations for the band equipment trailer and \$875 raised through sales of merchandise. The \$100 deposit for the band trip to Boston will be due on 11/23 and he will send out individual statements for each band member a week prior to that. Rebates from SCRIP and money left in individual account from last year can be used to offset a student's trip cost.

President Maria Wanenchak presented Pat Ackeroyd's slide show concerning the proposed purchase of an equipment trailer. She challenged the organization to get the money raised by 11/14 to be matched by an anonymous donor (up to \$2500). Donations can now be made by PayPal on the band website. While the initial cost was estimated to be around \$5000, additional costs for insurance, taxes, registration and inspection will no doubt increase that number. Pat is still looking into whether the school district will be able to tow it for us or if we will need to tow it privately.

Mary Lawrence updated the group about profits from the various dining out events held as fundraisers. So far this year, \$506 has been raised. The next event will be on Election Day at Iron Hill with 20% of food sales going to the band. She announced a fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings on Tuesday, 11/22 to benefit the Indoor programs specifically. In addition, she has scheduled an adult-only Comedy Club event for 1/28/17 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Glen Mills. Tickets will be \$20, with \$10 going to the band. Ticket details will be coming soon.

Carla Burbo updated the group on the plans for the upcoming Holiday Craft Show to be held Sat. 11/19.

The sign up for the students to work will be located in the band room while the parents will use a separate SUG. Most spots are filled already, although there are still slots available in the cafeteria and childcare as well as parking. The raffle will be handled a little differently this year. The raffle table will be located near the main entrance (to encourage ticket sales) and raffle winners will select their own prizes.

Vice President Alisa Theveny proposed the introduction of a Jazz Clinic this coming spring. This would be a non-competitive event. Attendees would receive instruction during the day and participate in performances in the evening. Money would be raised through registration fees and sales of food. This would mostly likely take place in March or April.

Tara Holahan proposed an idea for a swing dance event. Students would play along with the musicians. The event would not be held at the school but at an alternate site. If the group decides to go forward with the idea, they need to move quickly to book a facility.

Discussion followed concerning the demands of trying to schedule and manage both a Jazz Clinic and Swing dance event this spring. Due to the late hour, the discussion was halted and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.