

Penncrest Band Parents Association, Minutes of January 7, 2016 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Fleming at 7:08 pm. Twenty parents were in attendance.

Band Director's Report was given by Mr. Snyder.

NYC Band trip:

The final of three deposits for the trip is due February 19. Since the future of the Broadway show, "Something Rotten" is currently precarious, the trip company has traded the tickets for "Phantom of the Opera." There will be 8 chaperones including 2 teachers accompanying the students. A mandatory meeting for all students going on the trip will be held April 11 at 7:00 pm and parents are welcome to attend too.

Changes in 2016 football schedule:

The football season will start one week earlier this fall and end one week earlier. The dates for Band Camp will remain the same. This means the first league game will be the weekend of Labor Day and will probably be the first game that the band will march. Senior night will fall in the middle of October and the last game will be before Halloween.

Winter Band Concert:

The concert will be held Feb 10th. Tux shirt fittings will be next week for those that need shirts.

Crossover Night will be held Feb.23rd, 7-8:30. This is an opportunity for the 8th grade band and their parents to learn about high school band, rehearse with and get to know future band members.

Mr. Snyder also reported the very happy news that Alexander Wynn is now rehearsing with the band 2 days/week and performed during the holiday concerts.

In addition, he announced that there will be several talented guests coming in over the next few weeks to work with the band and wind ensemble. Also the students will be making course selections soon for next year.

Bylaws:

The President introduced Maria Wanenchak, Treasurer, to discuss the ongoing development of the organization's bylaws. The current copy will be posted on the band website and everyone is encouraged to read them and offer feedback before the executive board meets on January 20th. The bylaws are necessary in order for our organization to qualify for 501c3 tax exempt status.

Maria then introduced Mike Corner, who is a parent and CPA looking into the matter. Since the IRS does not allow proceeds from fundraising to be used for individual accounts (only group), he is gathering information to see if there is a way we can still accommodate our current fundraising structure.

FUNDRAISING:

Next we heard updates concerning concluded fundraisers. Mary Lawrence gave the numbers from the various **Dining Out Nights**. Pinocchio's, Iron Hill, Lima Pizzeria and Pappone's netted the group a total of \$736 and the Indoor fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings netted the Indoor program \$218.19.

Additional fundraisers currently in the works: Sweet Taco, another at Pinocchio's, Flower Power and a Sunday breakfast at Applebees 4/24 which will include the band members seating and serving. In addition, there is another Wawa Hoagie fundraiser coming up 1/20 to 2/3.

Coordinator Cassie Kolmansberger announced the **Indoor Program Night at Oasis**. This will be held Thursday 2/11 from 8:00-10:00 pm (no school on Friday.) Advance tickets will be \$20 and tickets sold at the door will be \$25 with all proceeds to benefit the kids as an individual fundraiser. Also 10% of the food sales that night will go into the general account. Tickets will be available for sale very soon.

Janice Eddy reported that the **Pie Sale** was a success. Nearly twice as many pies were sold this year as last. Susan Lane will take over as coordinator for this event next year.

Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Sale will begin next Monday, January 11th and run until January 25th. Flyers will be available in the band room on Monday. 50% of the sales will go into the student's individual account.

Holiday Craft Fair Coordinator, Carla Burbo, gave us a summary of this year's event. Total net was \$7165. We had about 120 vendors which seemed like a very good number space-wise. The vendors complimented the kids and the show in general.

Mike McManiman, **Penncrest Indoor Invitational** Coordinator, gave us an update. He announced there is still plenty of space for ads in the ad book and will try to post what has been sold on the band website. One change this year will be the inclusion of the event schedule as an insert in the book. This will enable production to include last minute changes to the schedule. He suggested using the Penncrest print shop for the ad books next year as we will no longer receive free printing. A discussion about whether to include the ad book with the cost of admission was held and will be taken under consideration by the committee. The committee is also considering the use of a paper wristband instead of stamping as proof of admission payment. 35 units have already signed up and there is room for 40 more. A Signup Genie will be created soon for volunteers. All band members are required to volunteer for a 2 hour shift unless they are participating. This is a group fundraiser, one of our biggest money-makers.

2016 Band Banquet:

It was announced the banquet will be held Friday, May 20th. Since all of the committee members' students will graduate this year, we are looking for new people to help this year and learn the ropes in order to take over next year. The committee is in charge of the invites, decorating and gifts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2016.