

## Minutes

### Penncrest Band Parent Association Meeting

1-12-17

President Maria Wanenchak called the meeting to order at 7:04pm with 32 members in attendance.

Band Director Craig Snyder told the group that in order to get new band uniforms for the next school year, we would probably need to raise about half of the \$100,000 cost ourselves and then the school district would pay the rest in 2018 when tax revenues are expected to increase. He suggested that getting the band alumni involved in this fundraising campaign might be another way to raise the money.

In other news, Mr. Snyder announced that the final payments for the band trip to Boston are due tomorrow and that there will be a parent and student band trip meeting on 2/16/16 at 7pm. This meeting is mandatory for the students and parents are encouraged to attend if this is the first band trip for their student.

Ms. Wanenchak informed the group that 2 clauses needed to be added to our bylaws. A non-discrimination clause is necessary for grant-writing and a conflict of interest clause is recommended by the IRS. The group approved addition of both.

Treasurer Mike Corner reported on fundraising activity so far this year. He announced that he will be sending out invoices that allow us to pay directly without going through Paypal, which will save us money with each transaction. Trip payments have been reduced by \$45 due to fundraising. He sent invoices this week for all band members. If you did not receive one, you should contact him.

Indoor Show coordinator, Mike McManiman gave an update on the plans for this year's show on 2/11. There are 46 performing groups currently entered with the registration deadline of 1/22 coming up. A SUG for volunteers as well as one for food donations have been generated. He encouraged everyone to sign up as soon as possible.

Vides Westcott reported on the ad book sales for the Indoor Show. Until this year, half of the sale of each ad a student sold went into that student's account. Now all of it will go into the general fund to help fund all students' trips. Packets for the ad sales were available at the meeting. Deadline for the ad book is 1/22.

Pat Ackroyd updated us on the band trailer. He is starting to shop for a 24 foot trailer, which he estimates will cost around \$8000. After our association buys the trailer, we will gift it to the school district who will provide a truck and driver. We have already sold 3 ads for the trailer. Decaling will occur after we get it. We should break even the first year and the following years will generate revenue.

Vice President Alisa Theveny talked about upcoming fundraising events. Tickets were available at the meeting for both the Applebees fundraiser as well as Comedy Night. An SUG for the students to work at Applebees has been generated. She told us about tentative plans for the Jazz Show which will be scheduled for 4/1/17. The Outdoor Show has been tentatively scheduled for 10/7/17 or 10/14/17.

Ms. Theveny also told us about problems within the school district which will probably result in significant budget cuts. The district is planning to hold meetings around the community with the intent of identifying what things are important to the taxpayers and should not be cut. She reminded us that not all taxpayers have children in the school district and might not value some of the programs such as the arts. We will try to keep our group informed about when the community forums will be held and encourage everyone to attend in order to represent the band.

Finally, Ms. Wanenchak announced that our next meeting will be 4/19/17. It will be of special importance as we will hold elections for 2 positions opening on the Board: Vice President of Fundraising and Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.