

11-15-11 Booster Minutes

Kyle Wellfare, Nan Snow, Sheila Lacina, Michelle Miller, Michelle Robrahn, Mary Beth Jack, Lisa Harris, Craig Harris, Laura Nieman, Don Raaymakers

Called to order 7:02 PM

President: Nan Snow

- * Nan turned in all Caledonia Classic sponsor checks to Michelle for deposit or return to sponsor.
- * We're still accepting nominations for a chairperson for the Caledonia Classic for next year.

Treasurer : Michelle Robran

- * We earned approx. \$5000 from generous friends and family with the band letter writing fundraiser.
- * The board unanimously voted to pay AmyEllen Brune, Color Guard coach, a salary \$1400. Kyle is working on process to enable the school to pay her in the future.
- * Kyle asked Michelle on behalf of school administration if she would be interested in Quicken software to manage our accounts. Michelle wants to further explore the capabilities of CHARMS for all of our financial accounting and she'll get back to Kyle.
- * High school balance is approx. \$10,000 including individual student balances
- * Middle school balance is approx. \$1,200
- * Now that our taxes are filed with all issues resolved, Michelle will pursue our name change.

High School Director Report: Kyle Wellfare

- * We still have stickers for sale for \$3 each, contact Kyle if you're interested
- * Does anyone have a connection for large rubber-wheeled casters for when we build instrument carts? If you have a connection please contact Kyle.
- * Kyle has found the missing annual pictures that are to be framed and rehung.
- * The Christmas concert is coming soon. December, Tuesday the 13th in the FAC.
- * Kyle suggests that we repeat the cookies and punch refreshments again after the holiday concert like we had after the Indoor concert. We could use a team to help with this as Mary Beth cannot do both uniforms and refreshment planning/serving. Mary Beth can offer an easy planning sheet with quantities to buy and how to set up etc. Please contact Caledoniabands@gmail if you can help.

Middle School Report: Don's Raaymaker

Don has begun a new program called PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports). The goal is to get kids to love band and avoid a negative drop rate. He's doing everything possible to compete with PE and keep the kids interested and loving the band program. This program is based on positive reinforcement. He has reels of red raffle tickets and the band is split up into sections by instrument group. He has a reward system set up for good behavior. Each section accumulates tickets throughout the class period based on positive behavior. Eventually they are rewarded by making selections from the prize bins. Prizes include reeds, care tools for instruments, mechanical pencils, lanyards, and may get a pass to get out of putting away chairs etc., or earn a couple a couple extra minutes for their lunch period. The kids are loving it and Don is seeing amazing results. He has to keep the students entertained and this program goes hand-in-hand with allowing him to do that. He's running low on prizes and has approached several music companies for donations without much success. He's been very specific in what he was requesting. If you can help with the success of this program in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. Do you have a music connection? Would you like to make a donation for prizes? Contact Don or caledoniabands@gmail.com if you have any ideas etc.

Webmaster: Craig Harris

- * Craig needs color guard information for that page and descriptions for the fundraisers.

Uniform Manager: Mary Beth Jack

- * She's about half way through sizing the kids for concert band. She'll be finishing up on Wednesday.

- * Parents are supposed to take care of the hemming for their students uniform. Please DO NOT use a machine, hand sew only.

Pit Chief Report: Dave VanPutten (read by Nan)

- * Trailers are in pretty good shape. Small one needs a roof vent and fender which he will work on with Dan Hoogterp to get installed. He plans to move the 5th wheel to his house before the snow flies as well as getting them washed in an open bay car wash

- * Michelle brought up the point of the bus washing capabilities at the bus garage as well as she noticed other trailers were stored there. Kyle will talk to the folks at the bus garage and Dave to reach the best plan for washing the trailers and storing the trailers there. Kyle will let us know.

- * Dave is speaking with Jennifer Hamming to find out about her connection and what kind of deal we may be able to get on decals.

- * Everything went well with pit this year. The pit carts are in good condition although he would like to start looking into 1 or 2 carts that we could leave the instruments on when transporting and using them.

- * We could use a few repairs to the straps on the drum line cases.

Adjourned at 7:38 PM

Please consider an officer or other leadership position with the Caledonia Band Boosters. Elections are just around the corner. We need YOU!

Just for fun! Harris Christmas Lights 2011

Craig and Lisa Harris will have their holiday light show again this year. It will be bigger and better than ever. They put this together as a gift to the public and it ROCKS! It opens on November 25th this year and runs through December 31st. 8825 Sand Tree Drive, SE, Alto. Lights choreographed to the music @99.5 FM. http://webpages.charter.net/craigs_christmas