

MINUTES

8/9/2011 Meeting 7PM at Band Room

In attendance: Kyle Wellfare, Michelle Robrahn, Nan Snow, Paul Gerndt, MaryBeth Jack, Craig Harris, Sheila Lacina, Laura Nieman, Jenny Kuck, Dawn Schumaker, Emily Black, Roy Black, Leeann Bont (13)

Called to order at 7:02 PM.

PRESIDENT

Discussion: Post Band Camp – It was discussed and agreed upon that exploring the possibility of getting donations of water bottles from parents would be a good idea for camp. Even with the water purification bottles that some students bought, the water still tastes bad.

Action: Nan will add note to band camp info. in the booster binder.

Discussion: Post Band Camp Anonymous Student Survey – It was discussed and agreed upon that having the students fill out a post camp survey would be a good way to learn about what's working and what's not with camp from their view.

Action: Nan will make a survey and have the kids fill them out anonymously. Info. to be shared at next meeting.

Discussion: Alternate Camp Location – It was discussed that we might compare and consider other camps for future band camp locations. Nan mentioned that Ferris offers a camp available for the week we need. The price is less than Lincoln Lake and they provide 24 hour dorm/building and campus security (would help with chaperoning needs). Kyle mentioned that he's always willing to consider all options. However he really appreciates the great customer service that Lincoln Lake has always shown to CHS and believes it's a diamond among camps.

Action: Any thoughts or ideas on the issue should be submitted to caledoniabands@gmail.com for consideration.

TREASURER

Update: Account statements were handed out. The high school balance is \$13,191.82 reflecting individual student account balances, Lincoln Lake payment, camp instructor payments, 50% of drum major camp, t-shirt sponsorships, donation etc. The middle school balance is approximately \$1900.

SECRETARY

Update : This will be Nan's last month as Secretary. Dawn Schumaker will be taking over in September.

Action : Thank you cards will go out to instructors etc. from band camp when Nan receives the addresses & info.

HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Update : Kyle and Don have discussed the financial needs of their programs and compiled a goal list for the boosters. It would benefit the program to have grid iron frames to house our mallet instruments. The 3 that we need would total \$2,758. Our middle school program at Kraft Meadows could really use the addition of a marimba which costs approx. \$5,000. In addition, Kyle would like to see us raise \$6,000 in order to contribute a \$50 reduction in each student's band camp fee for next year. He suggested that we possible utilize a thermometer type visual to track our fundraising progress. Nan mentioned the "Wish List" spreadsheet of financial priorities that we compiled, ranked, and voted on last year and asked where these items fall within the rest.

Action : Nan needs to e-mail Kyle current "Wish List" spreadsheet. Kyle will be examining rank these items within it.

WEBMASTER

Update : Craig will be able to make any updates to the site soon. He's recovering from storm damage issue to computer.

Action : Nan needs to provide Craig with list of t-shirt sponsors to add to website.

PIT CHIEF

Update : Nan read Dave's update. 5-6 volunteers are needed for pit crew. The trailers have been repaired for maintenance but do need a few TLC items. Small trailer needs a new roof vent and the flip up ramp needs to be re-attached. Nothing needs to be done to the large trailer other than getting graphics on it. Pit trailers do need some work. The L brackets are bending and need help. Paul Gerndt mentioned that he's working on the pit trailers.

UNIFORMS

Update : Ordered pieces are arriving and Mary Beth is all set for Saturday.

FUNDRAISING

Update : T-shirt sponsorships were successful raising approx. \$540

Update : Caledonia Classic Marching Expo & Clinic – Unfortunately we only have 1 band signed up so far. Leadership has met to discuss this and voted to make August 17th the deadline for determining whether to proceed with a full version of the event or a mini-version based on the number of bands signed up at that time.

Update : JV/Freshman Football Concessions – We've secured all 5 games to run concessions for. That will earn boosters \$1,000.

Action : **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to work concessions **4:30 (or 5 if you need) until approx. 8pm on 8/31, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, and 10/13**. Please contact caledoniabands@gmail.com if you can help (and haven't already signed up to do so).

Update : Woody's Casino Nights – Dawn has secured 3 casino events for us to run. These are very high profit for us.

Action : **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to work casino events by selling and cashing in chips. **Our dates are for 2012 and include Friday-Monday shifts on May 25-28, August 10-13, and November 2-5**. Please contact caledoniabands@gmail.com if you can help. Details to follow.

Update : Wristbands – Selections were voted on to be sold at games and schools for \$1 each raising approx. \$500.

Action : **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help sell wristbands at Kraft Meadows, Duncan Lake, Emmons Lake, Caledonia Elementary etc. during their lunch hours and at Varsity games. Please contact caledoniabands@gmail.com to help.

Action : Nan has ordered the bracelets and work to secure permission selling them at various schools and market them.

Update : Letter Writing Campaign – This fundraiser will be launching in approx. 1 month. Stay tuned.

Action : Dawn and Kyle will be meeting to compose the letter and prepare to launch fundraiser with the band families.

MARKETING

Update : 2nd Annual Band Bash tailgate party – On schedule and excited.

Action : If you're interested in being considered as a chair for this event or would like to help prepare/run (we have easy to follow notes on file) please contact caledoniabands@gmail.com to help.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 . . . thank you everyone for coming.

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