

Pickerington High School Band North

General Booster Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 13, 2009

Board Members Present: Marc Parulekar, Marcia Walters, Doug Lear, Jon Brockhoff, Lisa Meglich, Tim Larson

Booster Members Present: Bill Stewart, Tammy Schvach, Darlene Knight, Theresa Grimsley, Paul Timmel, Sandy Ingram, Genevieve Durewicz, Bob & Lisa Wajnryb, Melissa Gregory, Suzanne Curmode, Patricia and Tim Garner.

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes for March, 2009, were read; changes were needed to indicate that the minutes will be on the band website and to fix spelling of Lynn Tramontano. Melissa Gregory moved to accept. Lisa Wajnryb seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- The treasurer's report was given. Cookie Dough profit will show up next month. Lisa will look up details of the Student Account "Other" item. There was a band trailer expense that was paid this month (see more details below).
- Jon Brockhoff moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Marcia Walters seconded. Motion was approved.

Director's Report:

- Performance times are set for OMEA States on Saturday, April 25 – Symphonic Band at 11:10 am in the Auditorium at Gahanna Lincoln, and Concert Band I at 1:30 pm in the Gymnasium at Gahanna Lincoln. Report times are noted in the FYI. As with District performance, there will be a preview concert on Monday, April 20, at Heritage (since the PAC is being used for the spring musical). Symphonic Band will play at 6:30 and Concert Band I at 7:45.
- The Washington, DC, Trip went very well, after getting the bus replaced at the start of the trip. The students had fun and performed at the World War II Memorial and two veterans homes. They had a lot of good interactions with the vets making for a meaningful trip.
- Florida Trip Update
 - In crunching the numbers for the trip, it is now apparent that it is cheaper to go with commercial flights (likely \$100 cheaper per person). Thus, the parent package will not include airfare but just some tickets for activities. May have a package of Disney Park tickets available, around \$160 per person for 3 days).
 - The boosters will put down deposits on airfare and then watch the cancellations until Southwest opens up their fares for the timeframe (which are expected to be the best deal).
 - We will need to take the equipment down separately since we're not doing a charter flight. Marc asked for a volunteer to help with logistics – Jon Brockhoff offered to do this, working with Mr. Carmean, coordinate packing, prepare manifest, etc.
 - We will need a Chaperone Coordinator to work with Mr. Guirrerri. They will help with tickets, packets, etc. – most effort on this will start in September. At this point, we can say that all people who volunteered to chaperone will be accepted.
 - Expect to have one meeting on the trip in the Summer and 2 more in the Fall to prepare
 - Hotel is contracted, but Marc did not have the name with him at the meeting.

- Given the use of commercial flights, there will likely be a number of different departure and return times on the two travel days for the different flights. We won't lock the flights in until September or October.
- It was asked if a student could ride with their family to Florida. Marc indicated that it could be possible, with permission, but there is no change to the price of the trip – all students will pay the same whether they fly or not.

Fundraising

- **Raffle** – 243 packets were made up with 24 tickets each. The drawing will be May 11. Of this group, 11 8th graders will not be staying in band, 9 8th graders have not yet picked up their packets, and 37 high schoolers have not picked up their packets. We need the full support of the band on this fundraiser to help with general costs for the Florida trip, so appreciate everyone who is out there selling tickets. 60 packets, 1440 tickets, are turned in already – thanks! One envelope has come back with no tickets sold. Tammy has asked folks to let her know why they weren't selling. It was asked if we could get an article in the local papers on the fundraiser – suggestion was to use the letters to the editor. Goal is to get 5000 tickets sold. Marc was asked if he could help with encouraging the students to sell the raffle tickets. There was some discussion if the time of year was not as good as when previous raffles were done.
- **Food Nights** – Bob Evans April 20 11-1 and 5-8:30 (scrips are available; need coupon – see email from Booster mailing list for link); Uno's all day on April 27 (scrips available); La Fogata all day May 4; Pizzeria New York May 12 6-9 pm; and Max & Erma's May 19 all day (scrips available).
- **Scrap and Swap** – Bringing in about \$200 per month, \$1000 so far. Next one is Saturday, April 25.
- **Garage Sale** – This is being pushed out to May – watch for details for new date. Keep bringing in your clean and usable items for the sale.
- **Goodsearch** - \$205 brought in so far – use it for all your searching and online purchases!
- **Kroger Cards** – Program change is happening May 1. You can still load your gift cards through April 30. You will need to register your Kroger Plus Card(s) for the North Band Boosters – see details on the booster website at <http://band.pickeringtonnorthmusic.org/fundraising.html> and watch for email coming from Lisa Meglich to explain this further. This should also work for friends and relatives outside of Central Ohio.
- **Cookie Dough** – Pickup time was noted at the meeting as later this week, but was subsequently changed to Wednesday, April 22, between 3:00 and 7:00 pm.

Updates and Old Business

- **Nominating Committee** – The nominating committee will be Jon Brockhoff, Genevieve Durewicz, Darlene Knight, and Marc Parulekar. Need to have a slate for the May meeting. They will be meeting this month. If you are interested in running for office, please let any member of the committee know. An email will also be sent out to ask if there are people interested in being on the board. See the Boosters By-Laws for the duties of each of the offices.
- **Letter to School Board** – Doug Lear and Tim Larson will draft a letter to be sent out by the Band Booster Board to the School Board to clarifying the administration of the Pay to Play fee for Band and how things are communicated regarding the fee.

- **Volunteers** – Most positions have someone willing to lead them up for next year. We still need a new person for Publicity – let Doug know if you are interested in this.
- **Bus/Trailer** – There was an issue with the trailer re-developing a leak that is getting fixed (had to be done in a hurry), so the board approved this via email at a cost of \$544.45. The trailer should be ready this week.
- **Chaperones** – Still need some chaperones for OMEA states – see email from the mailing list for details; contact Marcia Walters if interested.
- **Website** – Jon is now ready to publish our store on the band website. You can buy apparel there, and he will also set up so you can pay for trip payments. If using a credit card, there will be an additional fee that you will be charged. For apparel, you can mark it to pay by cash at pickup. Jon will also look to set up payments for things like band fees and summer uniforms. For payments, they are in increments of \$1, so you'll have to use the quantity field to pay more than \$1 (200 times \$1 = \$200 for a Florida Trip payment, for example). The site is set up to email the appropriate people when orders are made and when payments are processed. Checks can also be used to pay, through Paypal, but they will take longer to process to make sure the checks clear.
- **Seniors** – Senior pictures (and baby picture) should be sent to Marc for the Spring Concert Senior slide show.

New Business

- **No New Business**

Tammy moved to adjourn. It was seconded by Sandy. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Larson

Next Meeting will be Monday, May 11, 2009, with general session at 7:00 p.m. Will meet in the Band Room, or, if occupied, in the Orchestra Room.