

Pickerington High School Band North

General Booster Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 9, 2008

Board Members Present: Marc Parulekar, Marcia Walters, Jon Brockhoff, Susan Campbell, Lisa Meglich, Kim Markwood, and Tim Larson.

Booster Members Present: Harold Conley, Laurie West, Genevieve Durewicz, Andy Durewicz, Kim Kile, Tammy Schvach

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. Marcia Walters presiding.

Minutes: August minutes not available yet.

Treasurer's Report:

- Approved 2008-2009 budget was presented.
- Treasurer's report followed including current period and year to date.

Director's Report:

- Rehearsing is going well and band is working hard - competition is next week, working to get qualified for States.
- Something new this year – Thursdays are being used for concert band practices most weeks.

Updates and Old Business

- **Scrapbooking** – Gen and Andy Durewicz presented plan to use Band Room for January scrapbooking session. May want to also do something earlier for Seniors who are doing their scrapbook assignments and get it advertised on the school PA.
- **Tower/Shed** – Thanks to all who helped finish the job!
- **2008-2009 Budget** – Budget has been approved for this year.
- **Cheese & Sausage** – Orders are being collected (order forms went out 2 weeks ago).
- **Apparel** – Orders with Lancaster Sporting Goods are slow in arriving for the Central vs. North T-Shirts. It was discovered that a memo went out to teachers about the shirts, but only to the Central-area schools of the district. Kim has talked to Scott Moore so the T-Shirt sale will be on the morning announcements at North. We've sold a couple hundred and have 100 on hand – Central has ordered 5000. We're still waiting for orders for kids sizes and XXL.
- **Scripts** – Turn in on 2nd and Last Mondays of the month. Reminders will be sent in email.
- **Bus/Trailer** – Shelving units are in – will get better at loading the bus as time goes along. Motion was made to spend \$30 on light for bus. Lisa moved; Marcia seconded. Motion passed.
- **Tag Day** – Some checks are still coming in - \$8100 has come in for each school; budgeted \$8000 to account for the cost of the magnets that were passed out.
- **Food Nights** – Uno's check came in from last year for \$300. Most recent Max & Erma's netted \$196.11.

- **Website** – Has been moved to a new provider. Email lists are now running – can add yourself now (all existing names have been transferred over). Note, you may need to add the address webmaster@pickeringtonnorthmusic.org to your Safe Email List so that mail is not marked as Spam. The Calendar will be opened up to the directors to update. Watch out on emails to not just hit Reply but to see who should be replied to. So far, all mailings need to go to Jon Brockhoff; in the future, he'll set up white lists of who else is authorized to send out mailings to the band list. An idea from Lakota West website – adding Paypal for fees and apparel orders. Jon will look into this and come in with a proposal.
- **Uniforms** – Lee Ross Cleaners was used this week (new cleaner that could meet schedule needs).
- **Schmidt's** – Going well – lots of checks have been coming in.
- **Panther Cards** – 57 students still owe cards or money. Overall, fundraiser is doing well.
- **Kroger Cards** – Still reloading cards. Susan is at band every Monday to sell them. Other stores were asked about – Can use Scrips to get Giant Eagle cards and can use these to buy other gift cards (for gas price reduction); Meijer only gives 0.5% so have not pursued this; Scrips Kohls cards can be used for paying bill (but regular Kohls' gift cards cannot) – this gives 4% back (3/4 of that to the student account and 1/4 of that to the general fund).
- **Band Festival** – Sept. 20 at Central, gates open at 3:30, starts at 5:00. Times are subject to change depending on how many bands there are. 18 bands so far including our 2 Pickerington bands. Need volunteers – see the email to contact the co-chairs. Volunteers should check in at the Ridgeview front door; need to park in field with the public parking, though. Buses will park by Ridgeview. An RV with a generator will be used for treasurers. We'll bus the kids from North, so need Equipment bus driver plus a few chaperones. Next planning meeting is 6:30 at the East side concessions stand at Central stadium.

New Business

- **Props** – Should be ready by Thursday, 9/18, at the latest. We are not installing lights on the props.
- **Marching Band Schedule** – Will use Thursday to practice next week (not concert band). There is no contest on 9/13. Pickerington Festival is on 9/20. On 10/4, will do Watkins Memorial early evening and Thomas Worthington later. 10/18 will be Bloom Carroll competition. The two weeks after that will be States. We are not doing the Buckeye Invitational – it's hard to do afternoon contests such as this due to the number of Cross Country members in the marching band, so will not do this one every year.
- **08-09 Band Trip** – During 1st three days of Spring Break, Thursday-Sunday, Apr. 3-6, the current plan is that the Seniors and the Symphonic Band would be traveling to Washington, DC. Will poll the band to make sure enough are interested in going – if not, will offer it to Seniors plus Jazz Band. There will be two performances, one a competition and the other at a VA or Soldier & Sailors Home. Estimated cost per person is \$200-\$300. Will also do other tourist activities – many of them are free in DC.
- **09-10 Band Trip** – Full Band to Capital One Bowl Citrus Parade in Orlando, FL. This is almost approved. Would also include a performance at Disney. May try to go to the Everglades for an airboat tour, but will have to see how much it costs. Would leave on Dec. 27 and return Jan. 1. Assuming the band would fly there on commercial flights. Will give more details once we have a package ready. It would only be parade performances – no field show or competitions.

Tim moved to adjourn. It was seconded by Susan. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Larson

Next Meeting will be Monday, October 20, 2008 (changed from October 14 due to conflict with Choir Concert), with general session at 7:00 p.m. Will meet in the Band Room, or, if occupied, in the Orchestra Room.