

**PLAINFIELD BAND  
BOOSTER MINUTES  
6/9/15**

- I. **Call to order:** Harriet Doss called the meeting to order. She had the board introduced themselves. Troy Crum, Administrative Vice President will be in charge of operations and whatever relates to getting kids and equipment on the field. Harriet Doss is the President. Bill Wolfe is the Treasurer. If have questions on payments see him. Beverly Flanigan is Fundraiser Director. Jenny king, Vice president. Dana Commander is a Co-Director of Events. She is on volunteer spot so you will see her name when you volunteer. Clint Groeshen is the director operations. He is in charge of props, building props and getting them on the field, uniforms, chaperones, equipment. Etc. Teri Groeschen is Communication Director. She sends emails regarding everyday events and itineraries. Carole Snyder is the Secretary. She will be sending your emails regarding administrative items.
- II. **General Information:** Troy Crum discussed volunteerism. Your kids look for you at their performances whether they tell you are not. Your kids will appreciate you volunteering at their events. You also get to see behind the scenes things that make it more special. Harriet reiterated how important band is for your children what an opportunity they have for leaning and development. To see how it all comes together is amazing.

Our band address is [www.plainfieldband.org](http://www.plainfieldband.org). On that site is a link to volunteer spot. This is where our volunteer opportunities are listed. The staff has set up Facebook pages for their sections. All communications between staff and Mr. Carpenter is to be group communication. There should be no communication with a staff member and a student. If your child has lessons, times changes etc. this should be done through the parents and not through the students.

- III. **Band Staff:** Mr. Carpenter introduced himself. This is his fourth year at Plainfield, 10th in his career. It has been a solid start so far. He then introduced the staff. Bret Luce, is working with the percussion. He marched at the University of Illinois, and has taught in Northern Illinois. Matt Atkin is a graduate of Plainfield, went to DPU and has a bachelor of music and is working with the wood winds. Our guard director is Cricket who teaches in Wayne Township. Scott Porter works with the percussion. George Studaville, composes and works with the percussion. He teaches in several schools, and several drum and bugle corps. He has been part of the Plainfield team for many years. At the July meeting Mr. Carpenter will bring in other staff people so we will know who is working with our kids. We are very fortunate to have experienced people. Michael Poe composes our music and works with Carmel Bands. If you have any questions regarding staff, email him Mr. Carpenter.

On Friday there will be a parent performance at 7:30 followed by pizza and games for the kids. It will end at Midnight. We need to have chaperones. Go to volunteer spot to volunteer. There will be a cost of \$3.00 per student for pizza and prizes. The performance will be in the north parking lot by the tower. It will be very informal. The \$3.00 can go to Bill Wolfe or put it in an envelope with your kids name on it and put it in the box by the band room.

IV. **Treasurer's Report:** We are working on year end so we will have the Treasure's report next month. Fees can be paid as a whole or partial payments. If you want to do a credit card, you can see Bill Wolfe or go on the website. Thank you to those who have already paid. You can pay by checks, credit card, whatever works. If you pay online, put your kids name in the subject line. Checks should be made to Plainfield Band Boosters.

V. **Volunteers:** Starting July 20, you won't see your kid for a while. It is world wind of activity. She showed pics of last year's camp. Your child will need to bring their dinner. They need water....lots of it. It will be very hot. Sunscreen is a must. If your child wears gloves, spray sunscreen works best for them. Use lots of it over and over. They are spending lots of time outside. We need volunteers for band camp. We have a first aide tent that will need volunteers. Hat and sunglasses are good. A cooler, frozen wash cloths or frog towels are good. We also march at the Quaker day parade. We will also need volunteers for loading the semi, getting the band on and off the field, water in the stands, help moving equipment on and off the field, uniform room cleaning, invitationals, and many other opportunities. She then gave us a challenge to make this the best year for the boosters. That means being at the events and showing our kids we care.

Band fees are a little higher this year than in the past. We have a big prop year and we pay for the staff. The school pays for the truck and the driver but we pay for everything else. Troy Crum added that we are on the cusp of greatness. We are moving up in size which means we are going to be competing with the Carmels, Beechgroves etc. We also haven't added inflation in the past fees. Plainfield has always kept high quality at reasonable costs and that is what the board is trying to do.

VI. **Questions:** There was a question as to the \$450.00 if per semester etc. It is for the marching/guard season. If they are involved in Jazz Band, Solo and Ensemble, Drum Line, Guard etc. there will be additional fees but those are optional opportunities.

There was a suggestion to make the Junior or Senior parents available for freshman parents. It was suggested that when we do a directory, we put an asterisk by those names so freshman parents would know who to call.

A freshman parent asked about performances. Are they pretty much each Saturday? From July 19 forth, don't plan anything on Saturdays. State is in November. We are hosting 2 invitationals and then they are attending 2 – 3 others. During band camp, feed them lunch at home and pack them a dinner. They will get a dinner break and water breaks. Keep food and snacks light, granola etc.

Volunteer opportunities are posted as they come up. Dana Commander will ask before each event and you will get a notice to go to volunteer spot. Younger children are welcome to come with you to help out. Section leaders will contact their groups. Some will have their own Facebook groups. Your child does not have to have a Facebook account. Section leaders should also be getting phone numbers etc. They also have section parties which are safe and parent chaperoned. Feel free to contact the parents hosting the parties as well. If you have any questions, ask any of us parents who have been through this before.

Health and information forms can be turned in by your kid, put on the piano and they will get to the right person.

As a volunteer you will need to have a volunteer back ground check. You can get that form on the schools website. If you think you have one filled out, check and see if they still have it.

Harriet also added at the end of band camp there is a picnic. Then traditionally the drum major has a picnic that following Saturday.

- VII. **Spirit wear:** We are going to pre order t-shirts and have them available during July band camp and definitely at the picnic. They will be \$10.00. We will have order forms for additional spirit wear available at the July meeting as well. We are also going to start working on Jackets for the kids as well. This is not a requirement.

Show shirts are part of the fees and your child will get one. They are required to wear under their uniforms. Then there is an opportunity to order additional ones for parents etc.

There was a question about the golf scramble. She is going to meet with Beverly.

- VIII. **Next Meeting:** We will have a **mandatory meeting** in July. There will be opportunities to sign up for volunteer opportunities.

Last year we did a Drive a car event through Stoops Buick. We do this event with the choral boosters. We were given two dates, September 12 and September 19. We opted for the September 12, 2015. It is the same day as our invitational. We need a motion to do this event. Tim Underwood motioned, Bill Wolfe seconded. Motion passed.

Dave Starks made a motion and Chris Hayes seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

K. Koster won the Panera gift card.

Next meeting will be July 21, 2015. At 7:30 in the band room.