

## Plainfield Band Booster Minutes

September 15, 2015

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:30. There was a special surprise party for the Carpenter's and their new baby. The baby is due October 8, and her name is Clara Loraine Carpenter.

Minutes: A motion to accept last month's minutes was made and seconded.

**Treasurers' Report:** Checking account has \$12,863.37. There are some more band fees due. Remember you can pay via credit card, or put a check in the band payment box.

Harriet read an update from concessions. Tuesday marks the 17<sup>th</sup> event we have managed. The football games are the biggest money maker. About \$3900 raised at each of those games. Other events are less. We are hoping for good weather at our home games. There are 5 people rotating as supervisors. We are fully staffed for fall. This Friday is Middle School night so should be a big night. Tina Hayes says volunteers are working well and we are fully staffed. Inventory is going well and turning quickly. Winter season will start in November. Volunteer spot will push out for that soon. Band parents will go out first. Then after that we will open it up to choral parents and then academic super bowl and any other organizations that will approach us. Mr. Rodkey has no complaints so things going well.

**Update on Fishers Competition:** For a first show Troy Crum said it went very well. Come out and see the kids on Friday. Clint Groeschen added a thank you to all involved.

**Directors Report:** This Friday is middle school night. We have to be here a bit earlier. The call time is 5:00 so we can run through with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. We do this one time a year so need to be here earlier. This year we do not have a competition after the parade but we will have a Saturday rehearsal. Parade starts at 10:00 so we will need to be here at the school at 8:30 at the High School. We will load up and head to Middle School. That goes till 10:45 or so then the kids will have a lunch break from 11:30 -1:00. So bring a lunch or if want to order pizza they can. This year we are going to wear show shirts and black shorts. If rains, he will communicate via twitter or Facebook, emails etc.

We are three weeks ahead of schedule with the show. We will be finishing it this Saturday.

BOA fundraiser forms are due tomorrow. If can get them in tomorrow would be awesome. Delivery is 2 weeks then money doe one week later.

First meeting for pit orchestra will start tomorrow. It is a very small pit this year. The schedule will be on line.

The next competition will be the 26<sup>th</sup> but it won't be nearly as long.

Some parents have asked about a band trip. The next trip would be in the spring of 2018. There are other options besides Florida. He will try to keep it under \$1000.00. The cost is in the fuel for the motor coaches.

There was a question as how the competition went Saturday. It is hard for the kids to watch the drum majors when facing the sun. We have had better runs, it was the first show, lots of wind. As we get more comfortable, it will be a great show. We got a prize for best music. The score for the music

showed we beat out Avon and Carmel. It looks like they wrote down a number wrong, but we still won that award.

**Fundraising:** Yard signs are here and we still have shirts available. There is some spirit wear left. We are also doing another order for jackets. We will have them before winter hits. We should have gotten red head bands but we got blue instead. Blue ones are for sale and some red ones. Street Beat 5K thanked us for participating and we won the award for most participants. We will get a check for that and a trophy. Trash bag orders have been placed and will be in next week. We ordered 240 rolls. She can do another one of those anytime we want. Need at least 40 rolls to order. Scrip has made over \$430 in scrip. If you have questions see Amy. She also will sell \$10.00 cards on Thursday and maybe Friday night weather permitting. They will also have them at the Buick Drive. During fall break, no orders will be taken. Don't forget to use Amazon Smiles for Amazon orders. We also have a band mom who bought band mom pins and we are going to sell those. The band mom donated these. Thanks to her!

If you have any questions, see Beverly.

**Update on Saturday:** Parade day and Buick Drive event. They will begin setting up Friday night and it begins 9:00 am on Saturday. Don't forget to sign up to drive on volunteer spot. An email was sent out for you to send to your parents and friends. Forward to all your friends and family. We will also have concessions there as well. The school has been very supportive of this event and they have sent to over 600 of their employees. The pit is going to be handing out fliers at the parade so we should have a good turnout.

October 10 we have an ISSMA contest here. This year we are hosting an open competition as well as the scholastic class. We will have the official schedule from ISSMA. Volunteers are needed! Volunteer spot will be opening up soon. We need a chairman for the Directors table. There is some training. All the directors come in and pick up their packets. You will be sitting at door 21. It is not difficult, it requires some organization. If interested see Dana Commander.

The school has a new requirement for parents who are chaperoning an overnight trip. They will need an extended background check which will be about \$32.00 a person. If you are planning to do that for Winter Guard, you will need this. We will need to work all this out at the beginning of the year. If do show choir, will need it as well.

Winter concert is December 1. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents come to it as well. In the past we have done a pasta dinner and are planning to do this again. We also have a golf outing scheduled for May 14.

Jenny King has resigned as our Vice President. When this happens, the bylaws call for us to talk about some options and then talk to that person. We have a few names and Harriet will talk with them.

Harriet wants to thank all who were there on Saturday. There was a little stress but all did well. Again, a big thank you! It takes a community to get the kids on the field. The kids really appreciate you being there.

**Open Discussion:** There was a question on why our band stuff not on school tweets and general announcements. The school should be doing tweets and the announcements today should have mentioned the band.

There was some concern of sitting together. Sometimes space is an issue. We try to look for everyone and shout to them as they come in. We also try to sit as close to the 50 yard line as we can. Beverly is also working on a flag for us to use to locate us.

There was another question as to using credit cards at the football game. We are working on that. The plan is to begin to do that at the winter sporting events.

There was a suggestion as to using the Facebook page for finding each other at the games. We have a public page. We could do that for our competitions. Teri will send out another email with the Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. The nonpublic site is Plainfield high school band. Parents can use the public page to communicate where we are sitting. Teri set up a remind 101 and we can use it for the boosters. Mr. Carpenter can then announce it to the students. It is a one way communication. We could use that as well.

Uniform washing starts this weekend. They could use 4 more people to volunteer. If get them out of the washer immediately no ironing. Uniform moms who wash will meet on Thursday at 7:30 to get instructions.

Clint Groeschen made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Dave Starks. Motion passed.