

PLAINFIELD BAND BOOSTER MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 2015

Call to order: Harriet called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Beverly had a guest speaker, Andi, who represents the 5K Streatbeat that we participated in this fall. She presented us with a trophy for being the band with the most participants. She also presented us with a \$250.00 check. This event will be offered again next year. 50% of the entry fees goes back to the band. This next year they will also give money for the volunteers for participating as well as the runner/walkers. There will also be a virtual race.

Mr. Carpenters report: Mr. Carpenter thanked everyone for all the well wishes regarding his family. As for BOA, this is the first time we are competing in it in 25 years. He asked the boosters for patience. We are all trying to work through it. It is a national competition, 64 bands compete and 16 move on for the finals. We are in class AA. That is like a class C. You could win your class but not make it to the finals because it is the top 15 bands overall that compete. Keep in mind we are up against the big guys and ones from other states as well. There is a lot more information in the itinerary that was emailed out. At 4:15 on Saturday we find out if we move to the finals. The first finalist steps off at 5:15, so we have planned to load the semi at 3:15. We are going to go through the process of loading and may then start unloading. The kids will go through the process as if we are going. The guard captains and drum majors are the ones who will go downtown at 4:15 for the awards. Students should come to school and be in the band room by 7:30 am Friday. Parents will need to pick up the kids at the school at 5:00 pm. Friday night. For planning purposes on Saturday, they will be here from 10am -5pm at least unless we get called to finals. If we perform on Saturday we will know at 4:30. Check Facebook, twitter etc. for announcements. Harriet then read the itinerary to the boosters. If you want to see your kids perform, you will need to go online or buy tickets at the event.

We are going on to semi state. Our band did an excellent job at Evansville however this year there is tough competition so be patient with your kids during this time.

The board nominated Jeff Ross to fill the open space for Vice President. Ballots were passed out. He was nominated unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Currently we have \$16, 833.05 and \$13,803.11 in savings. Taxes have been filed. All is caught up in the report except for the expense for pizza at ISSMA. Income for that was \$9,407.65. We are up from last year. We have a current remaining budget of \$12,306.05. As for concessions, we have collected \$25, 471.13 at athletic events. That is without expenses coming out. He has moved the amounts we need to pay the different groups to savings to be ready to write checks. So our net income is \$5483.11. Part of this also goes to the School.

If you haven't paid your band fees, turn them into the box or you can still pay them online.

Fundraising: Beverly gave updates on our fundraising items. Scrip has brought in \$479.36 and that is only 9 families. Spirt wear preorder was for 200 shirts and only have 68 left. There are also 4 sold shirts left. ISSMA Spirt wear/ pins brought in \$392. We also have made \$760 in trash bags. We can order those at any time. We have a final order for spirit wear for Christmas. She is going to put these forms out, they are also on our website. If it is a surprise, let her know so she doesn't give them to your kids. We are also

selling stocking caps and band scarves. All of these will be on the order forms. She would like to have these all back soon so get your order forms in to her by October 30. She also has the forms for the spaghetti dinner. It will be at 5-7pm before the Holiday concert when we have the middle school students and our band playing. All the information will be on the website. Crystal Underwood reminded people that if you are buying mulch, or anything at Greendell, all you have to do is mention the Plainfield Band, and we will get a percentage. Bill Wolfe stated we are also using the script cards for the pizza and concessions and it gives us money as well.

ISSMA: Harriet thanked the boosters for all the involvement in the event. Semi state is coming up. She has asked that the parents in the band act with respect for all the bands. We need to not talk during another bands performance as we would like them not to talk during ours.

Winter concessions: Lindsey Butrum said signups are out. Parents can use those to offset band fees. We just wrapped up the fall concessions. To be fair to everyone, please sign up for just four events. After that we will open it up. If you sign your child up, the parent needs to be there too. Children cannot handle money. If you sign up on volunteer spot, do not add someone into the comment spot. Have them sign up on their own. We also had one person sign up to supervise, we can use another one. If you want to help, please let Lindsay or Tina know. You get 30 dollars for each time you sign up and it goes to your students ECA account to pay band fees.

Updates: Harriet said we are still waiting to see what we will get from the Buick Drive Event. We will be doing a Band Community Night on October 29, during practice and we will be handing out candy. The band will be on the field with glow sticks. Jeff Ross will be heading that up.

There was a question regarding the splitting of the profit from the Drive Event with the choir. It was discussed that there was more of us than them. Harriet stated that we agreed to split with them and that holds. There was a general discussion that having goodwill with the choral boosters is beneficial.

Presentation of Life after Marching Band: Harriet did a slide show on the opportunities available for your students after marching band ends. IE Winter Guard, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Pit. See the website for the presentation.

Open Discussion: There was discussion that at our ISSMA event, some volunteers were not treated with respect. At hospitality and concessions, they ran out of food. One parent was frustrated that we gave out vouchers for workers, and that is money being taken from the band. She also heard several volunteers say I don't know the answers to questions when asked by visiting band they should have knowledge about what is going on or offer to find out.

Harriet said this was the first time we ran out of food. Troy also addressed the group regarding the lack of respect. We need work on that. As for comments to each other, we do need to respect each other. Lindsay also said we need to do something about our volunteers. We need people to sign up and show up. Some people had their children working to cover. As a booster, we need to go to the parents we don't see at these meetings and get them to help out. Talk to your friends and tell them we can volunteer and host activities or we can pay 1600 in band fees.

There was also a statement that half of the volunteer spots were not filled 1.5 weeks before yet at our picnic we had 500 people in the stands. Where are they?

Next was a discussion on some issues with the students not respecting the adults. Troy talked to them after the performance in Evansville and he has talked to the staff. They will be asked to address this. Harriet is going to work this out with Mr. Carpenter. Harriet believes this is a partnership with us and our children. There was also a comment we need to be having these discussions with our children at home. They should be treating their peers with respect. It has been said by an ISSMA staff that our students are amazing on the field, however, they are not acting well after we are off the field. Again, kids need to respect each other. There our students who are considering quitting do to the lack of respect they are seeing from their peers. There is also a huge separation between the pit and the band. Comments have been made that they are not in the band because they don't march. We need to get on top of this. We need to make sure we are uplifting everyone. All of this will be taken into consideration.

There was a motion to adjourn was made by Clint Groeschen. It was seconded. Meeting was adjourned.