

## BAND BOOSTER MEETING

June 7, 2016

**Call to Order:** Troy Crum called the meeting to order at 7:30.

**Mr. Carpenter's Update:** Mr. Carpenter introduced himself. He is in his 5<sup>th</sup> year at Plainfield. He said it is a good start to the year. The student leadership meant today. We have a good group leading. Our numbers are up. There is a lot of things happening behind the scenes; props etc. We will have a prop on the side entering the field that will end up being 80 feet long, with lights etc. If you have sewing skills, we have a need for those. We are changing the uniforms. Please see Shelly Ross. She has spent hours here and we greatly appreciate it. Even if you don't have skills see her. We have very qualified staff here. Your students are in great hands. The staff is here to push students but their hearts are in it. If you hear from your kids being pushed and doing stuff differently, just encourage them as they learn new skills.

The Lock in is this Friday. We need chaperones still. The lock in is going to be over around 12:00 pm. There will be plenty to do. We shut down rehearsal just a bit early. It cost \$5.00. We are going to Kings Island on July 30. It is \$35.00 dollars. Forms are due the 22 of July. We will need Chaperones. All the kids got permission slips. We will be doing a Spring Concert at the Hummel Park amphitheater.

**President's Report:** Troy Crum said we will have reports from the Directors. We will be done before 9:00. The website is Plainfieldbands.org. Check this periodically. Updates are on there. We have 147 students now. Make it a habit to check this site since we are coming up on events. Half of our board are senior parents. We will need to have replacements so think about being part of the board. It is a great opportunity to be with your kids. Kids say they don't want you there but they love to see you around.

**Financial Report:** Bill Wolfe stated we have put \$8000 dollars in the uniform fund. So now we have \$18000 in it. We may add another \$3000 which would give us a total of \$21000 for uniforms. We have a few invoices. The current balance in checking is \$10720. It is a great start for the first month. There is \$27000 in savings. Bill has the ECA information if you want to see it. There is a drop box by the band lockers for payments. No online payments at this point. We have concessions and we manage it. If you would like to work the concessions, you will earn \$\$ towards your child's account to help pay for band fees, trips etc. First band payment is due Friday the June 1. Then they are due July 22, August 26 and September 23. Those can be a cash or check. We have a PO Box 276, Plainfield, IN 46168. We need everyone's health forms as soon as possible.

Point of clarification from Troy. We have to pay half of the cost of uniforms which we are needing. The school pays the other half. We need about 65K to buy them and we are hoping to buy them in 2018. They are all custom and handmade and it takes a year to get them. Average life if 5-6 years.

**Fundraising:** Bev Flanigan welcomed new parents. We have decals for you. We collected \$185 at the Wings restaurant night. We made \$472 on spirit wear from new parent's night and she has order forms. We made \$186 in scrip. Amy Griffin is the Scrip lady. It works as a gift card and we get a percentage back. We made \$374 from the measures sale. She is a senior parent and would like a parent to train to take her place. Please see her if you are interested.

**President's Report:** Concessions: Last year we were given the opportunity to run concessions. There are almost 100 events that we need to be at. It is a great opportunity for us to make money towards our kid's accounts to pay band fees, drum line, trips, etc. To put a kid through marching band is about 1000K and fees are \$500. So we look for ways to offset fees. Through concessions we earned \$8000. Consider working concessions. We try not to staff that too heavily during football games because we need our parents then but there will be many other opportunities. The school is going to make it so you can't come into the school until you get a background check. It is \$35. For concessions you don't need one yet.

Upcoming events: June 10, 2016 Lock In. Consider being a chaperoned. As a chaperone, it is fun. We do still need some help with that. Our golf outing is June 18. We need more golfers and diners. Forms are open till Friday. Great value. We don't make much off the event but it is great fun. There is a sign promenade as well. See Beverly if need signs for your student.

September 17 is Quaker day parade and minicamp day. We have an event that is a fundraiser. It is the Buick Drive a thon. For each driver we earn \$10.00. Last year we had 335 drivers. Once we hit 100, we get \$20.00. We share this event with the Choir. Between the 2 organizations we split 10K. If you don't want to drive, you can still fill out a survey and we get paid. Stoops is a great partner for us. We are going to also have one of their cars lead us in the parade.

Band camp is the next big thing. We have a break then the real works begins. The kids learn a lot and tired. They may want to quit, but don't let them. It is hard but the kids do love it afterwards. It is 12-9. Uniform fitting is July 23. The kids can sign up for a time for fitting. It is a quick turn from July 23 till picture day. There are 147 uniforms we are completely changing for our show. If you cannot be here July 23, see Shelly Ross, Uniform Mom. The last day of band camp is the family picnic. We have a pitch in dinner and after we eat we make announcements and then the kids perform.

During camp make sure they have a dinner, that is does not need refrigerated. They need plenty of water. A gallon is not out of the question. Comfortable, closed toed shoes are best. On Friday, he told the kids to get a binder with laminated sheets and a dot book. They use this to put their position on the field. It is a small binder. It is their play book and they get graded on it. Early is on time. Watch the website for changes. They may also have sectional calls that start before band. In the fall, there are weekly schedules, football games and competitions. Attendance is mandatory. If you have an issue, please send it to Mr. Carpenter. It is an academic class and it is graded.

**Props:** Clint Groeschel discussed props. The main one is going to be 80 feet long. It is quite a process. There is still room for people to help. We are working on the super structure. We hope to have it functional by band camp. It is the biggest prop we have ever done. It is going to be a big steel bridge. 7-8 feet tall. There will be a solo feature on it and a guard feature. It will be pretty cool. The artist, the moms and dads who can make things look good are needed. It will also have LED strips. We are working on in the stage craft area. You can also be on the field if you help with the props. It is a great opportunity. Lots of us on the crew are leaving so if you have a desire to make cool things, talk to Clint. It is also an evolving thing so we keep working on it till October 28!

**Uniforms:** We have been working a lot on cutting a sewing. There is still a ton of work to be done. If you can help at all, please contact her. On volunteer spot you can sign your kid up for fitting and bring a

check for shoes. They cost \$37 and they are your shoes. We keep the shoes here. They potentially last all four years. If you outgrow them, we have an exchange program.

**Volunteer opportunities:** There is a link to all of our activities. Great way to sign up. We are required to have a first aid tent. They break for lunch. We have two shifts. Usually there are 2 staff people there.

**Questions and Answers:** Is there food for kids? We try to do snacks. We have thought about a food truck. Sometime we have had Frigid Frog. We are trying to pull all of that together.

LOGO? There is a new logo on the truck. We have had 3 logos in the last 3 years. We decided not to buy spirit wear with the new logo. There is also a set up cost, etc. and we hated to make our new logo obsolete. Maybe next year. There would have to be a lot of interest. Beverly asked to see who would like the new logo spirit wear and most of the room raised their hands. She will work on something for December.

Show shirts are shirts that are the theme of the show and the shoe schedule.

Sectionals are extra practice that section leaders call i.e. Saxophone, low brass, percussion etc.

For our background checks, go on line. It costs \$35 and it is good for your duration here for all your kids no matter what they participate in and it is cooperation wide. Some counties charge more so if the company charges you more, call them and talk to them. If in Indiana 10 years, should not be a problem. If you have lived in many states it could take longer.

This is an atypical meeting. We normally meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. We value you being here. Our next meeting is July 19, 7:30.

If you have any questions, please contact Troy Crum as we go along.

We have a motion to adjourn by Jeff Ross. Tim Underwood seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

