

BAND BOOSTER MEETING

July 19, 2016

Troy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He welcomed everyone back.

Director's Report: Mr. Carpenter stated we are on day 2 of camp. Your kids may be complaining. It was a hot day. This is an athletic activity. Encourage your kids. This is a process. Our end goal is November. Keep your kids healthy. Have them drink lots of water. Don't let them stay up to late. Make sure they are getting lots of sleep. They will be pushed. Attendance is very important. Everyone is very important. This Thursday Frigid Frog will be here after practice. Next Friday is the band picnic. He plans to have 1/3 of the program to show us. You won't see the completed show till the end of October. It is a process that builds as we go through the year. Encourage their efforts. Then next Saturday is King's Island. We are leaving at 7:00 a.m. and arriving at midnight. Everything is due this Friday. Lastly, there is one thing that can enhance your kids ability is taking lessons. He would like to make that part of being in band. If they could find someone to teach them or he can give you some names of who could enhance their ability. It makes band more fun! He did a quick overview of the year. There is the winter ensembles, Spring Concert and then on May 12 there will be a concert in the park as a way to end the year. Please pay attention to the calendar. He will make updates as they come so check it.

Troy added we need to make sure the kids are drinking plenty of water. Keep on them.

President Report: We have talked in the past of keeping alumni involved. George Marks spoke about what he has set up. We want to get the alumni more involved. We are going to set up a few events to help involve the alumni playing with the kids at the games, helping with the pep band etc. His role is to contact the one's who have graduated in the past 5 years. He is going to reach out to them. Then have others reach out and enlarge the group. He has put a tab on the website for alumni. As people contact him he can add them to the group. Jeff Ross added it can also be used for fundraising, volunteers etc. It is a way for students to stay connected to PHS Band. If you know of people who participated in the band, have them go to our website and we can build on that list. One question was is there a Facebook page for alumni? Yes there is one but we want to put using our alumni into action.

Treasurer's Report: As of Thursday we have \$15545 in checking, \$27K in savings, \$21K for designated for uniforms, 4000 for concession. He has ECA info if you want to check with him. He has credit card payment options. There is probably 2k out there from that. We have purchased some prop stuff. We don't have any outstanding props. We are in good shape. About 1/3 fees paid so far. He will take checks, or you can pay fees over the internet. He will be here 11:30 to 1:00 each day and from 5:30 to 9:00 each night. He is taking pictures for the website. He is also taking King's Island payments. They are due this Friday. He also needs commitment forms asap. If you don't know if your student has turned it in, check with him. We also need health forms

asap as well. We also need to close out the financials for last year. Paul Zoss will head that up. He needs two others to help him. See Paul if you are interested.

Fundraising: Beverly recognized a few people for helping with the golf outing. She also thanked those who came to dinner. We made money. We also picked up some more sponsors. We got \$3k in that. Thank you Jeff for pushing that. We have scheduled a mattress fundraiser for March 4, 2017. It is an easy money maker and we don't have much to do for it. She is getting ready to put more order forms for spirit wear, signs etc. If you go to the website and print it off, just cross the due date off. She also has the 2016 show shirts. Students all have these as part of the band fees but if your student hasn't turned in their commitment forms, they will not get their shirt till they turn it in. We provide one shirt but you may want to buy another shirt because they have back to back performances and they stink. It saves you from having to do a late night washing. Parents also wear them at the performances so you might order yourselves one too! Amy will be here on Friday, family picnic night with Scrip cards. They are prepaid gift cards and we get a percentage back when they are purchased through us. We also do Amazon Smiles. If you order on Amazon, then look at Amazon Smiles and look at sponsor, click on Plainfield Band, and every time you order, we get a percentage from it. We also discussed that out at the field, we will again have Senior Banners outside. We are also having a restaurant night Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 to 11 of next week to raise money for a fundraiser. Troy will go over that fundraiser.

Uniform fitting: Shelly Ross said spots are filling up so make sure you get on the list. If you can't make it see her. If you have a freshman, make sure your child has a check for 30 for shoes. If your child plays a saxophone or a bass clarinet, please order an extra strap to perform with. There are wash parent spots still left. If you have any questions please see Shelly. If your child is new to band, closer to their performance she will send information out to you as to what your child needs. Show shirts are worn under the uniforms and they get really stinking. Having an extra one on hand is a great benefit. For fittings on Saturday have your child wear jogging or compression shorts, black socks, and t-shirts that aren't baggie. If your child has long hair make sure they have their hair up. Shelly got all the uniforms converted over and Troy congratulated her for a job well done. She will send a summary email as to what you need for the uniforms and fittings.

Picnic and Other Items: Troy mentioned have your kids wear wash and wear items on Thursday the 28th cause there will be a surprise for them. He also reiterated that the kids need to be wearing appropriate clothing to camp. It is still school.

Remember the picnic is July 29th. It is a very fun event so you must come! Dana said volunteer spot is up. There is also a spot for grilling and clean up afterwards. She set out a letter as to what each class needs to bring. Also bring chairs and or blankets.

King's Island, we need one chaperone for each 10 kids. We are ok now but we probably don't have all the kids signed up. He has 6 which would be 60 kids. If we

need more he will let us know. Tickets are \$35 and chaperones may get a break on price. He also encourages you to look at the site and do your extended back ground check. We have to police that during school and the school will be checking. If questions, see Troy.

The Street Beat 5K is coming up. We had the most people attend. It is August 13. August 6, 20, and 27 is minicamp, September 3 is Labor Day Weekend and we are off!! September 10th is the Fisher's invitational. Then probably no break till November 5. September 13 is a football game at Lucas Oil. September 17 is the Quaker Day Parade. It is also a mini camp day. On September 17 we are also having our Buick Drive event. You sign up to drive, no pressure, no hard sales. Every time we have someone drive, we get \$10. We do this event with the choir boosters. If we get 500 drivers, we split 10K. So think of who I can invite. We are paid for each survey not drivers. Last year we had 340 drivers. This year he will hand out fliers. The person who has the most fliers turned in with their name on them will get \$50 dollar gift card. Tim Underwood added that they do not try to sell you a car at all. Stoops wants to do it again. They have been great and no pressure at all. Be sure to remind our teachers and staff to drive as well.

Please keep checking the website to see if there are any updates.

Prop construction is coming along well. One side is built. We are working every night. We should be done with the main structure tomorrow. We next will be doing the art part.

On June 23, there was a 1000 year flood in Virginia. There is a school in that region, Richwood, which was devastated. Mr. Carpenter put out a challenge to the kids to reach out to other bands. It is called Banding Together. Harriet Doss attended Richwood High School. These kids at the Richwood are trying to figure out how they will be able to compete. The leadership has decided to put their fundraising efforts towards this band. We are going to have restaurant night at Wing's Etc.. Proceeds from that will go towards helping that school. We are also reaching out to other booster groups and challenging them to band together with us to help out as well.

At our next meeting Mr. Carpenter is going to introduce you to the staff that is working with your kids. You might ask your kids what PRIDE is all about. It is an opportunity to have kids fill out forms looking for someone going above and beyond. We also challenge the staff to do these as well. He also encouraged students to practice their instruments as well.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is August 16, 2016 in the band room.