

PLAINFIELD BAND BOOSTER MEETING

February 13, 2017

Troy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Director's Report: Winter Guard has been competing and are moving up in the rankings at each Competition. Jose is doing an awesome job. Drum line competing and placed 3rd out of 12. They felt good about it and no hiccups. They are working on props.

A week from tomorrow is our Winter Concert. It is different than before. Normally each band plays 3 tunes. There will be 32 pieces of music. It is like a prism concert and then each group plays back to back. There will be a group playing before in the lobby and the jazz band will play as people leave.

After this they will prepare for pops concert in the park. Pep band is supposed to purpose last tomorrow night. They have asked that the band could possibly play March 3. It is a Friday. He will check with the kids to see if ok.

Jazz band is preparing for the concert as well.

Detergent will be delivered on Thursday plus there will be a 2 hour, rehearsal for the concert.

The school board has approved the purchase of new uniforms and we will have them this fall. We are in good shape financially to do so. Thank you for helping to make that a reality.

Operation's Report: Drum Line props are about 70% done. Parts should be in for the rest. The guard has everything they need at this point.

Events: Lead meeting is tomorrow night at 7:00. We desperately need help that day cause parents are spread thin. It is on volunteer spot. Kids who want to work can work. Concessions and donations is also up on the volunteer spot. For freshman parents, events that we attend our events in the fall, we are hosting a similar event. So we need people to park buses, run bands from warm up to performance, run judge packets etc. We have 39 bands coming. We make money on concessions etc. so we have the opportunity to make some money to keep our band fees down.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Wolfe reported that we have \$3555 in checking, \$1000 more to be deposited. Savings has \$3500, ECA. Emergency fund is \$6801 and uniform as \$26043. We will put another about \$4800 from the concessions. We have promised \$4000 to go to the uniform fund. We are still trying to collect marching band fees. The board is also working on the budget for next year. The budget will be larger than last year partly because we are a growing band. We are close to being a Class A band in terms of size and performance. As a class A band we will be competing against some big schools. It will take a bit more money for us to be competitive. We are being diligent about not raising band fees so we need to change a bit our fundraising ideas. Trying to look at fewer fund raisers with maximum impact. If we can also get parents invite community, friends, family, alumni etc. that would be better for us and our bottom line. We are also looking for ideas so if you have any input, please let us know.

Tim Underwood also asked about the finishing of the trailer i.e. the rails etc. Are we looking at finishing that up? Troy said we have to build that in to our budget and we are going to look at what the options

are. The frame and the doglegs will be addressed. A suggestion would also be to ask the work to be donated and then written off their taxes.

Fundraising Report: Beverly said keep shopping on Amazon and Amy is available for scrip. We met with a revenue raising specialist who suggested we look at big items. One is the mattress fundraiser. Keep pushing out this information as you see it come across to you. We can make a lot of money on this. Pick up more fliers from Bev. Chicago Pizza cards are always for sale. See Trish Daily. They will also be available at concessions. Spirit wear is still half off. Pep band shirts are reordered and should be here in a week or so.

Winter Drum Line shirts will also be in next week.

End of March or so we will have another Chipotle Dinner night. More info to follow. They give us 50% off in sales and they let us put fliers by the register. It is a great night to go.

There is also a May parent meeting where we auction off coolers so be on the lookout to help donate for that.

Upcoming Events: February 18th Guard Competition, February 21, Winter Concert, February 25, Host IPA Competition, March 4, Mattress Sale, Winter Drum Line Competition, Winter Guard, March 11, Host IHSCGA State Event, Winter Drum Line Competition, March 12, Winter Drum Line Competition, March 18, Winter Drum Line Competition, March 21, booster meeting, band room 7:30, April 1, IPA Winter Drum Line State Finals.

President's Report: The bylaws require us to have our slate out by April. The slate is as follows: President Jeff Ross, Pres elect open, Secretary is Roxeanne Mays, Treasurer, Dana Teasley, Director of Revenue, Trish Daily, Director of Commination's, Vacant, Director of Operations, Kevin Robbins, Director of Concessions is vacant, Director of Events Shelly Ross and someone to work with her is vacant. Tim Underwood clarified that Keven Robbins position was appointed due to a vacancy so his vote will be a re-appointment to fulfill a 2 year term.

In closing the budget process will be ongoing. Our next step will be for the Executive to send it to the Board and the presented to the Boosters. It will be done before the election process. If you know someone who would want to take on some of these vacancies, then please let us know. It would be ideal to have 2 people running for each of these positions.

Annually we look at our bylaws. It is our constitution. It is structured so that we have certain positions and that we have continuity. There are aspects of our bylaws may need to be added on to i.e. our budget area. There have also been some changes to our organization. For example we established an emergency fund. We had a security policy change last year in the school that gave us an additional expense. We need to have this in case things happen. The bylaws provide that we come up with some additions. We are going to table this for our April meeting.

Additional Business: Open forum. Someone suggested that we send out a notice for the summer schedule. Since there have been some changes to the schedule it would be nice if something is sent out prior to the summer. For those who don't automatically update to google, changes need to be sent out as an email. Also this knowledge needs to be pushed down to the Middle School. There was also a

suggestion for some better communication as to the vision and why we are changing some things. More communication is better than less.

There was discussion as to whether there will be a Disney trip. It has been a consensus that we need at least 18 months to fundraise. There will be some discussion with the school to decide if there will be a trip or not. At this time there is no information.

There was a question as to when will the uniforms be in for Drum Line. They won't be in till their last 3 competitions. There was some upset parents. There was some things dropped and we are working on that. There were 3 other groups at the last competition that were not in full uniform. The moral of the kids is not also good. Normally the kids are used to having uniforms. Some other options will be looked at until the uniforms arrived. There was a comment that it is not the boosters who order the uniforms. There is a management issue and we are working on it.

Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.