

**Plainfield Band**  
**Booster Meeting Minutes**  
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**ABSENT:** Jessica

**Presidents opening comments:** I hope everyone enjoyed marching season. We have a few items in new business but other than that this should be one of our shorter booster meetings. We'll start with our Director's report and work our way down.

**Band Director's Report:** The Tuesday after Thanksgiving is our Christmas concert, which is November 27<sup>th</sup>. It'll be in the main gym. We'll be playing Minor Alterations again. I don't like playing the same thing over again but the kids enjoy it and it's actually kind of challenging. We'll play the marching band show one more time so the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are there can see it and we'll end the concert with that.

There is a deadline for anyone that wants to do Solo/Ensemble which is November 20<sup>th</sup>. I highly encourage kids to do this because it's a way for them to improve. The cost of solo is \$15 and the cost of an ensemble is \$7.00 per kid (ex. If there are two kids in a duet the total would be \$14, trio would be \$21). Sign up is on the Facebook page and we sent out an email as well.

Diana asked if the kids that are doing the solo/ensemble can use their Marimba's. Carpenter replied yes we would just need to load them on a truck and take them over to the location.

We are in the middle of winter season kicking off now. We are now taking 8<sup>th</sup> graders in our JV color guard this year, which a really great thing is happening. I haven't heard yet what the color guard theme is.

There has been some talk in the winter percussion group about having three winter percussion groups due to the number of kids trying out. They had 56 kids come out for auditions yesterday. Mark asked if they would all need props. Carpenter replied only one group would need props. So we'll see where that goes. They are thinking about a lot of things right now. As of right now they are doing the same two groups like last year, winter percussion concert and winter percussion movement. If they did another group it would be another concert group for younger students or kids that have never done a percussion group before. They announced what the movement group theme is this week, which are ninjas. I don't know the name of the show yet. I know they are going to have a zip line with a drum. The song they are using is Kung Fu Fighting. It is going to be a fun show. You can see last year's show if you do a search on the Facebook band group.

We were very close to Center Grove marching band all season. They were almost in the finals at BOA Grand Nationals. We are considering BOA Grand Nationals for next year because we could of maybe made it into finals this year. The entire season next year starts a week later. We aren't doing Carmel fest this year. We are going to go back to a summer schedule we had before. We are going to go back to having band camp for a couple weeks after Memorial weekend which will be called our pre camp or mini camp. Then you'll get a big chunk of the summer to do vacations and then we'll come back and start our regular band camp. That's the plan so far for next year. If we do BOA Grand Nationals next year since it's pushed back and it's colder outside at that time, we have options as far as we could rent out an indoor football field to practice our show in and we could also rehearse at the convention center. There is an extra cost in doing the BOA grand nationals. It usually costs an extra \$1000. I think we are at a point where maybe we can entertain that idea. We don't have to register for it till February or March. So we have some time to think about it. I'm predicting we'll have around 200 kids in the band next year.

Pep Band sign up is out there on Facebook now. There are 7 nights that we are free to do pep band. You sign up, pay \$30 (you get a shirt, going to try and get them as jerseys), we do a pizza party where we invite the 8<sup>th</sup> graders out to come and play with us. The first game is after Thanksgiving Break which is November 28<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up for six games out of the seven. No outside practices for it. We'll practice about an hour before we have to go down to the gym to play. It's a fun time.

I handed the Jazz band responsibilities to Wes Winn. It'll be Mondays and Wednesdays after school. I'll let him handle the meeting about that.

We are going into our concert band season and wind ensemble. Things are growing.

I was contacted by the Directors at Purdue about being partners in education music. They would bring their own Purdue Pep band (Boiler Brass) down to one of our basketball games and play with us. That would be the first part of it the second part would be we would take all our kids up to West Lafayette and do a side by side rehearsal with the Purdue band members. The last part would be our spring concert with the Purdue band here. They are also trying to see if we could march in the INDY 500 parade. I asked about it and it's the same day as graduation. I don't know if that's something we want to venture down but it would be a cool thing to do. Also, when they come down here to play with our band at a game we would need to feed the Purdue band something like Pizza. That's just a few of the things in the works.

Jeff responded that if we do BOA grand nationals one of the concerns are we'd lose the incentive to go on a field trip to BOA grand nationals if you sell so many items in a fundraiser. Melissa responded that maybe we could get a new incentive.

**Co-Directors of Events report:** Jessica is sick tonight.

A few events coming up.

On November 30<sup>th</sup>. Rita helped us out a lot with this. We are doing an after hours buy out at the rec center for a couple hours that night. After the rec center closes down the building is ours for a couple of hours. They are going to have it staffed and there will be lifeguards so there is no need for chaperones. Parents are welcome to come and celebrate but really this is focused more on the kids and just letting them have some fun. They'll have access to the pool and gym areas. The plan for the night is that we will have access to the big banquet room at 10:00 PM that night. We'll show the kids videos from the season, Carpenter will say a few words to the kids, and we'll have some food available to the kids. Thanks to Kelli McCullough and the food team, Stacked Pickle will be donating a large amount of appetizers for the party. I'm also going to be posting a signup sheet on Facebook and ask for other things like chips, cookies and things like that for people to donate. No cost for the kids or parents to come and enjoy the night. We have access to the big banquet room at 10:00 PM then we have access to the other facilities at 10:30 PM and lasts till 12:30 PM.

The Christmas concert on November 27<sup>th</sup> we have decided to offer some refreshments. Some baked goods and hot chocolate. We'll be asking people to donate some treats to share and we'll probably ask for some donations.

Saturday December the 8<sup>th</sup> we are hosting an IPA clinic which is percussion. That will require a few volunteers the night before on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> to help set things up and some more volunteers to help on the 8<sup>th</sup>. I'll get some more information out about that soon. Carpenter commented that IPA is the Indiana Percussion Association. It's an educational day where they bring in college professors and professional percussion groups. Kids from all over the state will come here to attend this clinic. They pay an entry fee to IPA. They'll have classes set up all over the school. We'll have an opportunity to sell lunch and that's something we can make some money on.

January 26<sup>th</sup> we host a color guard invitational that day. We will need all hands on deck that day. It's a huge event and we'll need to set up the night before on the 25<sup>th</sup> as well. The 26<sup>th</sup> is also the solo/ensemble contest that day but we'll need a lot of people here to help with the invitational. Jessica and I are getting together during Thanksgiving break to plan that all out. It's a huge fundraiser. Carpenter commented that there is a lot of set up for this.

On March 9<sup>th</sup> we have a Percussion Invitational that we are hosting. Our drumline will be off at another show. We'll talk more about that day when it gets closer. Jeff commented that between the two invitationals you are talking 15-20K of fundraising.

**Director of Communications:** Nothing to report.

**Director of Concession's report:** Winter Concessions signups are full. I had some helpers that helped me move concessions from outside to inside. Kelli McCullough mentioned she never received an email for signups for concessions. Angela looking into it and will start posting link on Facebook. Kelli McCullough asked if the band owns concessions and Jeff responded that we have a contract with the athletic department. We split the profits 60/40 with the school. We get 60 the school gets 40. It's our fourth year and Bill has been our concessions treasurer.

**Vice President's report:** Nothing at this time. Jeff commented thank you for helping out at the end of the marching band season with the celebration.

**Secretary report:** Nothing at this time.

**Director of Revenue's report:** Keeping my fingers crossed that Portillo's will come through for us and let us have a fundraiser night.

State t-shirt order forms need to be turned in by tomorrow the November the 14<sup>th</sup>. Shirts will be shipped here.

**Director of Operation's report:** Just need to get with Scott Johnson and find out what is going on with winter percussion. He asked Carpenter if he heard anything about selling the props and Carpenter replied he hasn't heard anything yet. Mark replied just let me know whenever you find out so that we can start taking them apart. We are keeping the casters and using them for winter percussion.

Bill Wolfe commented that the Choir department is expecting them to clean out stage craft. They want it completely empty by February. Mark said we can get some of the stuff out of there and condense it. We might need to look into some place to store stuff. We'll need to use stage craft for winter percussion props.

**President's report:** We have some new business. A choir parent that has parking downtown and they opened up so people can park there for BOA. We got a check from Park with Mark for \$192.

We talked about how the band is growing and will continue to grow. We are working with the school corp to add 30 additional uniforms. The school corp has agreed to cover half of the uniform cost. How it works is the school corps writes a purchase order to the uniform company. Once the uniforms are shipped the boosters will have to write a check. The total cost of 30 uniforms is \$14,430. The boosters half of that is \$7215. We currently have \$5000 in the uniform savings. So the boosters will need to come up with an additional \$2215 for our remaining balance. Now we did have more revenue come in from sponsors than we projected on the budget and that went into to the general operating fund. It'll take four months to get new uniforms. We wanted to let you all know so we could see if we can get approval from the boosters to allocate the \$2215. RJ Sullivan asked would thirty uniforms be enough. Jeff commented that we should be good for the next few years with the thirty additional uniforms. Shelley commented we ended the season with 138 marchers and 26 guard members. We started the season with 142 but four of them either quit or were removed. We currently have

145 uniforms. Buying the extra 30 would give us 175 uniforms. Bill Wolfe asked if we really have \$5000 in the uniform budget. Jeff commented to the penny. Bill asked if there was a deficit in any other area. Jeff responded no and that we are in good shape right now. We have about \$26,000 in the bank. We have a couple checks that haven't cleared but after they clear we'll have about \$10,000 left over in the general operating fund.

Shelley Ross made a motion to approve the \$2215 we need extra with the \$5000 in the uniform fund to pay for our portion of the 30 uniforms which is \$7215 when they ship which will be about 4 months away. Russ Moore seconded it. All in favor and no one was opposed.

We currently don't have a treasurer. We put the word out and someone is considering the job. Elaine do you have any updates for that. Elaine responded no I don't. It's an important position and we need to get this filled.

I've decided my days of being president are winding down and I'm trying to figure out a best way for a succession plan. Russ Moore is interested in being president. We aren't at that point where we can recommend that as a board recommendation yet because there are a few things we want to make sure we have squared away first. If things fall into place. I'm hoping the replacement be in place sooner than later. I would step down at the end of this year and have somebody already in place. I would like to work with them for a couple of weeks to get them up to speed.

Russ Moore commented that having a treasurer is a legal requirement and I haven't seen any emails or Facebook posts directed at everybody in the boosters asking if anybody is interested because it is a legal requirement. Mark commented that we really don't have time to wait for someone to think about it. So if anyone knows anyone that might be interested to let us know. Jeff responded we'll give Elaine till Thursday to decide if she wants to do the treasurer position and if she doesn't then we'll send an email out letting everyone know that we need one.

Kelli McCullough motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer House seconded it.

