

# PCHS BAND BOOSTERS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

2008-2009 Board Year

Minutes from November 11, 2008

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** President Lynne Neiss called the general membership meeting called to order at 7:10 pm. Board members present were Lynne Neiss, Nancy Murray, Traci Macdonald, and Jennifer Davis. Three other band booster members were present as well as band director, Kate Flynn.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** No formal minutes were presented from the previous general membership meeting.
- 3) **OFFICER REPORTS:**
  - a) **President—Lynne Neiss**

The holiday bazaar was successful thanks to the efforts and support of our volunteers and the gracious support of and donations from the community. The board met with Ms. Flynn on November 4, 2008 to discuss ideas regarding band goals and fundraising ideas. Other topics discussed were a celebratory dinner to honor the accomplishments of the band this season, establishing a “wish list” of items needed for the band, and the need to vote on a set of bylaws for the band booster organization.
  - b) **Treasurer—Traci Macdonald**

Final numbers regarding profit from the silent auction/holiday bazaar not yet available. Total profit is projected to be approximately \$12,000 with the silent auction profiting approx. \$2,700. A few items from the silent auction did not sell. Band boosters could have another silent auction at the December 8<sup>th</sup> band concert.
  - c) **Vice President—Nancy Murray**

No report.
- 4) **COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS:** No reports submitted.
- 5) **OLD BUSINESS:** None noted.
- 6) **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a) **Bylaws:** The proposed bylaws have been placed on IC by Ms. Flynn. The membership is asked to review and provide comments as appropriate. Plan to approve the bylaws at the next general membership meeting.
  - b) **Wish list:** Attaining new uniforms is a major priority for the band boosters as the uniforms in use are now 11 years old. Ms. Flynn will work with Dr. Martin in researching possible funds available from the district. Another goal, pending adequate fundraising, is an overnight trip for the band, possibly as early as the 2009-2010 school year.
  - c) **Band update:** The pep band will play at the football rally at Mr. Biggs on Wed., Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> and at the playoff game on Fri., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at D20 stadium. Ms. Flynn will contact the Football Boosters regarding paying for the rental truck to take the instruments to the stadium.
  - d) **Gift-wrapping fundraiser:** The Promenade Shoppes at Briargate is willing to donate the use of one of the empty shops to use. The students, with parent supervision, would wrap gifts on weekends between Friday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. Band Boosters needs to provide the supplies and work force. This fundraiser would be used to establish student band accounts. Fundraising money earned through hours worked will be placed in accounts. Any money left in a student’s account becomes a “scholarship” upon graduation. District 20 approval is pending. Lynne will send an email to the general membership ascertaining interest before a final decision is made regarding this fundraiser.
  - e) **Band Dinner:** Ms. Flynn will reserve the cafeteria for the band dinner. Tentative date will be Wed., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, pending location availability. The main dish will be catered. Band sections will be responsible for side dishes, desserts, and drinks. The cost per family will be \$5. RSVPs will be necessary and envelopes for the number attending and money will be sent out.
  - f) **Band concert:** The band concert is December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7 pm. Plans made to have a silent auction of the items not sold at the Holiday Bazaar. Discussed the idea of a donation can at the concert, which was tabled and may be revisited next year.
  - g) **Fundraising ideas:** The following ideas were discussed.
    - i) **Tag Day—**The attendance zone for PCHS would be mapped out and students in band uniforms go door-to-door soliciting donations. Envelopes are left at the door if no one is home. This is presently done by other D20 high schools with success. Consensus is to pursue this option next fall (2009).

ii) March-a-thon—Pledges for hours marched during the event are taken. Flat donations are also accepted. Student work on the routine for the day and at the conclusion of the event present all or part of the new show to interested parties.

**h) Fees:** The band fee has been \$50 for the past eleven years and is presently inadequate for the needs of the band. Allowable enrichment fees for the music classes have never been collected. After discussion, consensus was reached that it is appropriate to implement fee increases in the future. This will be revisited at a later date.

**i) Advertising/Communication:** Ms. Flynn will continue to work with tech support to address the email difficulties using IC. Band Boosters may also utilize “This Week at the Creek” to advertise band events.

**7) ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned by President Lynne Neiss at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Davis  
Secretary  
PCHS Band Boosters