

PCHS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BAND BOOSTER MEETING

February 10, 2009

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of the PCHS Band Boosters was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice-President Nancy Murray. Those in attendance were: Nancy Murray (vice-president), Jennifer Davis (recording secretary), Traci Macdonald (treasurer), Kate Flynn (band director), Natalie Ross, Judy Benjamin, Kim Hampton, Jeff Styers, and Bev Davis.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the November 11, 2008 general band booster meetings were presented by Nancy Murray. No discussion. Motion to approve the minutes as written by Traci Macdonald and seconded by Kate Flynn. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3) **OFFICER REPORTS:**
 - a) **President—Lynn Neiss**
 - i) No report
 - b) **Vice-president—Nancy Murray**
 - i) No report
 - c) **Treasurer—Traci Macdonald**
 - i) Balance as of February 9, 2009 was \$11,736.75.
- 4) **BAND DIRECTOR REPORT:**
 - a) The next band concert is February 23rd at 7 pm. There will also be pre-festival concerts in April and a year-end concert in May. Specific dates to be announced later.
 - b) The summer band camp has been **tentatively** planned for July 20-August 7, 2009, pending district approval. These dates **are not finalized** and are provided to aid band students and their families in summer planning. The first week of camp will be for the percussion session. Leadership activities for the drum majors and section leaders and the “rookie camp” for incoming marching band members will also occur during the first week. The final two weeks will be for the entire band. Band uniform fittings will begin at the beginning of the second week. There may be optional evening activities during band camp for team-building purposes within sections and the band as a whole.
 - c) The 2009 marching band show, music and drill, is being commissioned and will be original and specific to Pine Creek. This allows the show to be tailored to the marching band’s specific strengths.
 - d) Presently discussing field usage with administration. The goal is to use the turf field or soccer field for marching band practices, rather than the parking lot, as there are many disadvantages regarding its use.
 - e) District 20 does not provide money for band uniform purchases. Ms. Flynn continues to work with Dr. Martin, principal, in search of funding, if any exists, to help in the purchase of new uniforms.
- 5) **COMMITTEE/TEAM REPORTS:**
 - a) No reports
- 6) **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a) **Band Boosters Bylaws:** The third draft of the bylaws was presented for approval after receiving suggestions and input from members of the membership. Motion by Kate Flynn to approve the latest draft of the PCHS band booster bylaws. Seconded by Traci Macdonald. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b) **Gift-wrapping fundraiser:** This has the potential to be a profitable fundraiser. It was not heavily advertised, relying mostly on “walk-by” traffic. However, after a news story aired on Dec. 23rd, there was a large amount of business. There is a large quantity of supplies left for use next time. Lynne Neiss, this year’s chairperson, received permission from The Shoppes at Briargate management to utilize available space next December. Management is also open to band ensembles playing on the premises as a way to “advertise.” The Chapel Hills Mall does not have space available to accommodate us. There may be a need for a new chairperson/s next year. More advance preparation is needed, especially brainstorming marketing/advertising ideas.

- c) Website: A website exists for the Holiday Bazaar. A separate website is needed for band booster use. This website will not be on Pine Creek High School's site, but will be linked from there. A volunteer to create the website, as well as a webmaster, is needed. Ms. Flynn will send out a request for volunteers through IC.

7) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) There will be an awards dinner in May. Plans are to have a potluck dinner, show a slide show representing the entire band program, and present the music department letters, pins, and special awards. Date TBD.
- b) Plans for Incoming freshman activities and ways to entice interest in the band program among middle school students were discussed. Band boosters will plan to host an informal social for incoming freshmen after the April concert and provide informational packets then. Further discussion prompted the following suggestions/ideas for consideration: send a recruitment letter to 8th-graders to personally invite them to become part of the band program; have a registration/welcome table at the start of band camp for incoming freshmen and upperclassmen new to the band; plan optional evening activities during band camp to facilitate "team building;" have section parties during band camp; include middle-school students in the Parade of Lights.
- c) Andy Ross will chair the committee that creates pneumatic wheels and carts for the percussion instruments. He will work in conjunction with Ms. Flynn to create the design/plans. Additional committee members will be sought as needed.
- d) The potluck band picnic, held at the end of band camp, will be at PCHS, pending approval of the administration. Off-site social events, such as bowling, may occur after the picnic.
- e) Planned fundraising for 2009-2010 school term:
 - i) The holiday bazaar, November 2009.
 - ii) Silent auction in conjunction with the holiday bazaar
 - iii) Tag Day—Description: Marching Band Fundraiser-- The neighborhoods that are zoned to attend PCHS are divided into sections. Teams of 4 students and 2 parents are assigned locations to cover and given maps in order to avoid overlapping areas. Dressed in their band uniforms, the students go door-to door collecting donations directly or by providing flyers and addressed envelopes in which donations may be sent to the school. This fundraiser is a one-day event to be held on a Saturday in late August or September. Discussion: If done, this fundraiser will require full student and heavy parental involvement. It will require considerable pre-planning to grid the school attendance zone for assignment. It may not be feasible to assign all areas, such as in areas of Black Forest. **Approval from the administration is still needed.** If approved, will need volunteers to be on the planning committee.
 - iv) Gift-wrapping fundraiser, December 2009-- A chairperson will be needed by late August. Work on a marketing plan should start September.
 - v) Other ideas presented at the meeting for consideration:
 - (1) Utilizing reloadable grocery cards at King Soopers
 - (2) Hosting a marching band clinic for elementary/middle school students
 - (3) Holding a march-a-thon, collecting pledges or donations
 - (4) Ms. Flynn will send out an email to the membership seeking ideas for a simple fundraiser that could be done this spring.

- 8) ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Judy Benjamin to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Traci Macdonald. Meeting adjourned by Nancy Murray at 8:18 pm.

Submitted,

Jennifer Davis

PCHS Band Boosters Recording Secretary