

## 12-7-2009 West Deptford Band Parents General Membership Meeting

- Meeting called to order at 8:05 pm with the pledge of allegiance.
- Meeting minutes are being passed around from last month
- No treasurer or fundraising report tonight
- We made approximately \$350 at the soccer tournament. Next year we will have the Paulsboro game on Friday and the soccer tournament that weekend. We may want to move to another location so people can see us.
- Events
  - Holiday concert on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kershaw would like us to have refreshments. We will not be providing refreshments since we voted last month not to do this.
  - Winter social – January 30<sup>th</sup> – more information to come
  - February 27<sup>th</sup> Rapid Fire percussion/indoor color guard show
    - We will put the show on with Rapid Fire
    - It is ours to run and we will split the profit
    - This is less work than an outdoor show
    - We will run concession stand in the cafeteria
    - Could be a great opportunity for us to make some money
    - A chance for Mr. Kershaw to expose our school to indoor color and percussion.
    - This is training for outdoor
    - All the bands we compete against in during the marching season have an indoor color guard team
    - Shows run 5 to 6 hours
    - Most of the teams performing will stay until the trophies are handed out. The independent groups will leave but the school based groups will stay.
    - Mr. Kershaw is working with Bob Adams to get information.
    - Motion to host the competition was led by Shannon Cornelius. The motion passed.
  - The first weekend in March (March 6<sup>th</sup>) is Pops and Pasta.
    - This will be held at the middle school
    - Pops and Pasta is a pasta dinner with our kids performing in smaller groups.
    - There will be a basket auction.
    - This is an Arts department show, not just band.
- Notes from Mr. Kershaw
  - The whole season was totally out of the norm. The rain and inconsistencies in leadership made it difficult. He is amazed at how well the new members performed. We had 25 first year members of the band out of 74. Only 15 senior band members will be graduating this year.
    - At ACC's our band was outstanding and extremely polished.
    - Thanks for trusting that everything would get done.
    - The students and staff met challenges and overcame them.
    - Feedback from the show was spectacular.

- Mr. Kershaw was not disappointed with 4<sup>th</sup> place. He does believe we should have been one spot higher. He is very proud of the performance and the band.
  - All the staff is lined up for next year so, things should be more stable. He struggled to find staff after some people left. That is usual for a band of our caliber and size. However, he will not put just anyone in front of our kids.
  - There are some kids coming up from the middle school. The band played for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band and choir students. The kids seemed excited and so was the MS staff. It was nice to have a patriotic theme so he didn't have to explain the show. The band plays for the students then they break it down by sections. Each section is highlighted. Lots of good feedback from the staff.
- Fundraisers - Enjoy the City books are selling now for \$20. There is a \$10 profit for the books. The fundraiser will complete on December 14<sup>th</sup>. All orders are due at that time. The books should be in before the holiday.
- Holiday concert is December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Attire for the concert – formal
  - For the men – black dress pants, shoes, socks and belt. White shirt with a respectable tie.
  - For the ladies – solid black with respectable length
- Poinsettia pick up is from 4 pm to 7 pm 12/8/09. Tupperware has been delayed. Shannon Cornelius will let everyone know when that is coming in.
- Motion to adjourn from Leif Watson and seconded by Terri Wallowich.