

3/01/10 – West Deptford Band Parents General Membership Meeting

- Meeting called to order at 8:09 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance
- There is a sign-in sheet going around. Please make sure you sign so we know who was at the meeting.
- The meeting minutes from the February meeting were approved by Jill Cullen and seconded by Jill Magill.
- Rose Rossiter gave the treasurers report.
- Fundraising – Jill Magill
 - Spirit night at the Chick-Fil-A in Deptford will be on March 22nd. This is a Monday night. We will need students to work in 30 minute shifts to greet people, refill drinks, clean tables, etc. Flyers will be out soon.
 - We will start selling Chick-Fil-A cheesecake vouchers on Wednesday, March 3rd. Payment and orders are due the week of March 22nd. Students get \$10 into their student account for every cheesecake voucher they sell.
 - Yard Sale – Karen Gotchel – is pulling together the yard sale. The date is May 15th. There will be more information about it at the April band parents meeting. The funds raised will be used for the general fund.
 - There will be a jewelry table at Pops and Pasta on March 6th. Please browse and take a book to order. A percentage of the profit will go toward the general fund. There will be a home show, at Jill Magill's house, sometime at the beginning of April. More details to follow.
 - Kringles and coffee are being sold by the choir. As always, the band students are welcome to participate in this fundraiser as well.
- Pops and Pasta – at the Middle school
 - Pops and Pasta is on Saturday March 6th.
 - Sign-up sheets are going around. If you haven't signed up for anything, please do so.
 - Those people who signed up to bring salad and dressing, please bring 2 bags of salad instead of the dressing. We have plenty of dressing.
 - Pasta – if you have time to cook it, pick some up at the front of the room. Some people have already taken some, thank you for doing that.
 - There will be a basket auction. If you still want to donate to the auction, please let Dee Leonard or Shannon Cornelius know. We need everything by Friday at the latest.
 - Spirit wear – Spirit wear will be sold at Pops and Pasta.
 - The fifth grade choir and Mrs. Patty J will be singing at Pops and Pasta.
 - Everyone will pay at the door. We will stamp everyone's hand that has paid for the meal. It will be up to those serving to make sure that everyone has their hand stamped.
 - Pops and Pasta starts at 6 pm. We will begin serving pasta at that time. Students need to be at the school by 6 pm to warm up and prep to go on stage.
 - For those people cooking pasta, we need it at the school by 4 pm. You can pull to the back door, kitchen, at the middle school to drop it off. Someone will be there to get it.

- We will be using the 4 containers of ice cream we were going to use for the ice cream social, at pops and pasta. We have lots of toppings to go on the ice cream. Since we will be using the ice cream, if you do not want to make a dessert, please let Dee Leonard know.
- Upcoming Events
 - The next band parents meeting will be April 12th. The school is closed for spring break on April 5th so we are pushing to the next week. The executive board meeting on the 12th will include the old and new board members.
 - April 10th is the track relay. We will be opening to stand to sell to the crowd and athletes. Sign-up sheets will be sent out by email. If you can work the stand, great. Dee Leonard, Rose Rossiter and Mr. Kershaw will be attending a meeting with the track people to get an idea of how many people we will need.
 - The band/choir picnic will be at Soupy Island on May 29th. This is the Saturday of Memorial weekend.
- Elections
 - All offices ran unopposed. Congratulations to everyone.
 - Kate Cargill is the new president.
 - Jill Magill is the first vice president in charge of fundraising
 - Jill Cullen is the second vice president in charge of attendance
 - Rose Rossiter is treasurer – Lillie Gilligan will be shadowing/taking over for Rose in December 2010.
 - Bonnie Dawson is the corresponding secretary
 - Amy Stewart is the recording secretary.
- A standing ovation was given by the parents in attendance to Dee Leonard for all her hard work for several years as president. Thank you!
- Notes from Mr. Kershaw
 - Pops and Pasta – students need to report by 6 pm. Performances begin at 6:30 pm. Attire is casual nice, a solid shirt and pants. No sneakers or jeans.
 - California trip info
 - We still need some parent information for the trip. Please go to the website and fill out the information requested. There is a link from the marching band website.
 - **Mandatory meeting on April 8th at 7 pm.** At this meeting Mr. Kershaw and Mr. Yerkes will go over all the trip details like: how to travel with the band, how to pack your instrument and uniform, etc.
 - Jim Monsu and Ed Houghton have volunteered to go to California a day earlier to pick up the equipment truck we will use while there. They will meet us at the airport.
 - **We still need a volunteer to drive the equipment truck to JFK and back.**
 - The website has lots of links for places we are going to visit while in California. Check them out.

- We may try to spend another day in Disneyland. The students in band and choir miss a lot of park time due to the parades and studio sessions.
 - We will not be doing a dinner cruise this time. We will be doing a lot of touring: LA, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica Pier, etc.
 - We are staying at a different hotel than the students stayed at the last time. It is ½ block from Disneyland.
 - Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Kershaw and Mr. Houghton are going to walk the tours and find places to park the coach buses. They will be going out to California on March 31st.
 - Mr. Kershaw and Mr. Yerkes book everything themselves to keep the cost down. They do not use a tour director or travel agent.
 - The Workshops – the students get to place and record in the same studios the professionals get to work in. They get about 1 and ½ hours of studio then they get to watch their music to Disney animation. The choir workshop is similar.
 - Both groups perform in Disneyland.
 - Disney is very strict about the behind the scenes tours. No cameras and no parents – only the students and a few chaperones.
 - Attire for the trip is casual nice. Choir students need to wear appropriate attire under their robes.
 - The marching band hats will be shipped to the hotel.
 - Cost estimate was \$950 for students. It may go up to \$970. Adult fee may or may not change. Mr. Kershaw is waiting on the final costs from a couple of places. The cost should be final within the next 2 weeks.
 - Marching band schedule is posted on the website. The schedule goes through December.
 - Band camp is 8/15 to 8/19. It is a week earlier than usual. Day camp will be the week before away camp.
 - Are chapters going to be held at West Deptford this year? Mr. Kershaw is going to ask to have chapters at West Deptford again. Everyone was pleased with the show and how well the band parents ran the show. We will not know until late April or early May.
- Motion to end the meeting by Jill Magill and seconded by Terri Wallowich.