

West Deptford Band Parents General Membership Meeting 5/3/2010

- The meeting was called to order at 8:03 pm with the pledge of allegiance.
- Meeting minutes from April were approved by Jill Magill and seconded by Pat Long.
- There will not be a treasurer's report tonight.
- Fundraising report
 - Jewelry sale is complete. There are no final numbers on it yet. Jill Magill will get with Dee Leonard to find get the information.
 - Ad Books – sales will not start this week. They will start before Memorial Day. There will be some new procedures this year that will be explained when we start Ad book sales. Do not sell any Ads prior to kick off.
 - We will be meeting sometime during the summer to plan out fundraising for next year. If you have any ideas please let one of the officers know or email Jill Magill.
 - Yard Sale – will not be on the 15th. The PTO is having a clothing drive to support project graduation. We will have one next year. We hope to start collecting in the fall for a yard sale in March of 2011. Karen Gotchel is working on getting a storage facility to hold everything we collect.
- May 5th – Marching Band kick off
 - Band Parents – please fill out the sign-up sheet that will be sent home with your student. If you do not receive the sheet, it will be placed on the website.
- May 24th – Medical forms for the California trip are due to the school nurse.
- May 27th – Concert performance at the high school
- May 29th – picnic
 - Picnic is free for all band and choir students and any eighth graders that will be joining the programs next year. The cost for parents and siblings is \$5.
 - The band/choir will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and condiments.
 - An email will be sent out to sign-up for side dishes and desserts.
 - Also, please bring a 12 pack of soda or water to the picnic.
 - Awards will be given to the seniors. The musicianship award will also be given out.
 - This is always a great time for the students.
- May 31st – Memorial Day parade. Students will meet at the school at approximately 8 am. Step off is at 10 am. We need 6 to 8 parents to help give the students water during the parade. A sign-up sheet is going around for volunteers.
- June 2nd – Trip to California
- Our next band parents meeting is scheduled for the day after we return from California. We would like to propose moving it to June 14th instead. All of the membership agreed to move the meeting.
- June 15th and 16th – officer auditions
- Shannon Cornelius, president of the choir parents, thanked the band parents for allowing the choir to use left over water and other items from the concession stand for All State Choir auditions.

- Shannon also reported on the car wash that was sponsored by the choir parents for both choir and band students. The profit from the car washes, both Saturdays, was \$602. 28 students participated. Each participating student will receive \$21.50/per day in their account.
- Notes from Mr. Kershaw
 - May 5th is marching band kick off. Anyone who wants to be in it from eighth grade to a senior is welcome to participate.
 - Please review the May and June practice schedules on the marching band website.
 - California trip marching band rehearsals are important. The performance is the priority while we are in California, not Disneyland.
 - Since the California trip is 2 days after the Memorial Day parade, there may be alternative dress for the parade. Students will get a handout on what to wear to the parade.
 - Band shoes order will go be placed in the first couple of weeks of rehearsal. Both the band and the color guard will be wearing the same shoes as last year.
 - Band uniforms will be distributed to all students who need them during the first couple of weeks of marching band practice. Students will get the same one they had in the fall, if they were in the band. The students should let Mr. Kershaw know if the uniform is not in good repair as early as possible. New students may get fitted for uniforms.
 - California trip – everything is set.
 - Please review the Packing procedures hand out. It covers instruments, uniforms and what can be packed in suitcases. The handout can also be found on the California Trip web site.
 - Summer and Fall scheduled are posted on the marching band website.
 - Band camp cost is going to be \$250. This is the same amount as the last few years.
 - Can monthly payments be made for band camp? Mr. Kershaw will look into this. It may be allowed if only a few people want to do this.
 - We are losing very few seniors this year. We will have lots of experienced students in marching band in the coming year.
 - The theme of the marching band show for next year is still being decided.
 - Color guard – had lots of success in the Highland indoor program. Their success will take us to a new place in the shows. We have the possibility to have up to 30 students in the color guard in the fall.
 - Senior Scholarships – information will be going out this week to apply for the scholarship.
 - Questions-
 - If you have any questions about the California trip you can email Mr. Yerkes or Mr. Kershaw.
 - Trip – if your child has a drivers license (not a permit) or a passport, the student will not need to take their birth certificate.
 - Budget –

- Waiting to see what is going to happen with the budget. Hopefully, all the cuts to the band/choir programs at the high school have been made.
 - As of right now there are no further cuts from marching band except the 2 stipend positions.
 - There is a meeting this Thursday, May 6th, with the township to decide how much additional money will need to be cut from the budget.
 - Elementary music and art may be cut. Also, a general music teacher in the middle school may be cut.
- Motion to dismiss by Terri Wallowich and seconded by Bonnie Dawson.