

West Deptford Band Parents General Meeting 10/05/09

- Meeting called to order at 8:09 pm with the pledge of allegiance.
- Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Cornelius approved and seconded the meeting minutes from September.
- Rose Rossiter gave the treasurer's report
 - We lost money at the 1st football game
 - Second game we made a small profit
 - We had a very small profit from the home show. This is the smallest profit from a home show in at the last 7 years.
 - We need more money in the general fund to allow us to fund scholarships, the stipend for band directors and to help offset some of the trip, we do this every year
- We received a thank you note from Nathan Quinn – Bonnie Dawson read the note to the general membership
- Fundraising
 - Hoagies for 10/17 – orders are due by Friday 10/09 – final orders are due on Tuesday. We will put chips and a soda in the student's bag – please mark on the order form if it is for the student. The hoagies were very good the last time. Parents, please pick up the orders between 9:30 am and 10:30 am at the school.
 - Mia Bella Candles – candles, hand lotions and soap
 - The profit for this fundraiser goes into the student accounts.
 - Candles are \$20 – the student receives \$7 profit
 - This is a NICE profit for the students
 - We will sell candles starting 10/1 through 11/2 – All monies are due November 2nd
 - Delivery date in mid to late November – will be updated at a later time
 - Money can be turned into Maddie Magill or Mr. Kershaw. It can also be brought to the band parents meeting.
 - Cheesecakes – end of October to start selling. Delivery of cheesecakes will be the Monday before Thanksgiving.
 - Reminders – Fundraisers are optional. They can raise a lot of money for the students to use for band camp, the student trip and equipment needed for band (shoes, etc). Parents can NOT use the money in the student account.
 - Beef and Beer – tentatively scheduled for January 30th, 2010 at the Thorofare Fire hall
 - Mrs. Cullen would not like to have this for our kids.
 - What about insurance? The insurance is handled by the fire hall. We are not (the school or the band parents organization) responsible for the insurance.
 - This is for 21 and over only – no kids will be allowed to participate
 - Ms. Suzanne Dawson thinks this is a good idea and a great way to earn some money
 - We would like to let everyone know that their concerns are respected – no matter what they are

- There are suggestions to change it to a beef and root beer and to allow all ages to attend – These events are also BYOB so it must remain 21 and over
- Tickets will be approximately \$30 a person or \$50 for a couple
- The band, hall, licenses will cost us about \$3000. The rental of the hall includes soda, ice, cups, and 2 bartenders. The bartenders are responsible for cutting people off – we are not responsible for that.
- Motion for a vote by Ms. Dawson and seconded by Mrs. Cornelius
 - 28 for the beef and beer, 7 against, 1 abstention – vote was taken by raising of hands
- Ticket sales will be done by adults only
- Posters and websites will not necessarily have the Marching band on them
- This is a local band from West Deptford – the Juliana Brothers
- Question – why do we need the money?
 - History on band/choir trips
 - The band parent’s organization usually gives some money to help offset the cost. We have not been able to do this for several years.
 - We need to be more aggressive in sales than we usually do because of the low profits from the home show and the football games for many reasons – one of the reasons is the band trip. Other reasons are: scholarships, stipend for band directors, to feed the kids, drum major camp (the drum majors had to pay half of the cost this year due to lack of money), new pieces of equipment needed for the band, etc
 - We generally need a minimum of \$35,000 a year to run the organization
- Can we advertise as a beef and beer only without West Deptford Band parents? We need to make sure they do not call the school for tickets, the people need to know who they can contact for tickets (West Deptford Band Parents).
- There are objections because of alcohol being served – Mr. Kershaw reminded us that we have sponsored trips to the Riversharks and Phillies games, both of which sell alcohol. There are also parents we congregate in the hotel bars/night clubs on the band/choir trips.
- There will be 5 kinds of soda’s and beer – anything else is BYO.
- We could also have a basket auction, 50-50, etc at the beef and beer.
- Reminder that people can attend and not drink any alcohol since there will be other beverages provided.
- Someone asked if there would be a re-vote on the Beef and Beer – there will not be. The vote stands.
 - Are we selling light bulbs? – No, another group in the school is selling them.
- Chapters are October 25th here at West Deptford.

- Sign- up sheets are going around.
- The show tentatively starts at 2 pm. There is a slight chance that the start time will be changed to 5 pm.
- There are 12 or 13 bands in our chapter.
- Emails will be sent out with more information.
- We will close the concession stand while our band is performing.
- Concession stand – THANKS to everyone working. Please remember to wear a hat and gloves while working in there.
 - Please come and work. If we have a large group, you will not have to stay the entire time. Just come help us at half time.
 - 10/16 – is Senior recognition night. We will definitely need extra help that night.
- Will there be practice on homecoming? Yes, a short one.
- Halloween goodie bags – please send in 2 or 3 bags of candy for each student. We make goodie bags every year for the band, football team and cheerleaders. The bags will be made up on the Thursday night before Halloween and handed out to everyone on Halloween. If you can help stuff bags, please show up on the Thursday before Halloween.
- 10/31 – we will have the football game and then practice.
- 11/1 – ACC's – we are going to try and rent a bus for the parents since we will not be back from Hershey until around 2 am. Our band does not go on until approximately 9 pm. Bus rental is tentative on the participation we get from the parents. We need to have every seat filled.
- Upper Darby – we are not going to the Upper Darby competition. This is a USSBA competition. We are not going to the USSBA championships on 11/8.
- Spirit Wear – need more sweat orders and more embroidery orders to buy them. We need minimum for each of those.
- Elections – they are not until March or April. Please let one of the board members know if you are interested. Also, please come work at the concession stand if you are interested.
- If you bring baked good for the band or competitions, please make sure they are individually wrapped. You can leave them on the piano or find Dee.
- Mr. Kershaw
 - A big Thanks to everyone for making the trip up to Brick.
 - This week we will have the completed show done.
 - We are currently ranked 8th out of 33 in TOB.
 - Schedule change –
 - USSBA – we are open class competition – highest level – the other bands are A class so we will not be going to Upper Darby.
 - We will spend that day finishing the show and practicing. That will give them a night off. Rehearsal will be from 10 am to 6 pm. There will be a parent preview at 5:30 pm. Please bring a lunch and some water.
 - Lost 1 person this week out of the drum line
 - Weekend of 10/17 – we have 3 shows. There are 2 on 10/17 and one on 10/18.
 - Friday

- Band pictures – before the football game. All band members must be here and in uniform this Friday at 3 pm. Order forms are on the website.
 - Between the photos and the football game – we will be videotaping a “parade.” Disney wants to see the band marching in a parade.
 - PSAT’s – they are usually done around 11:30 am. Mr. Kershaw will try to hold a bus.
 - Need support at all 3 shows next weekend.
 - Sorry about the Woodbury/Triton ticket fiasco. Woodbury is getting it together for next year.
 - Highland/Kingsway tickets – both can be bought at once – a 2 for one deal.
 - Homecoming rehearsal will probably be from 9 am to 11 am. We need practice since chapters are the next day.
 - California trip – overwhelming response. The details are still being worked out – buses, flights, room, etc. We will probably be leaving out of JFK because the flights are cheaper and we need non-stop flights. It is easier to make sure the instruments and equipment make it to California if there is a non-stop flight. We will fly with a company that gives us a refund, just in case.
 - Uniform cleaning – collar can be washed – the pants and jacket must be dry-cleaned. Do not dry clean the sash.
 - Jackets – we just got a check from the Elks parade we will be able to pay for and receive the jackets.
 - Please sit together when we are at shows. We are an intimidating group and the kids love to hear us cheer.
 - Brick – Mr. Kershaw has received many apology letters from TOB this week. Before we left Brick the score was rectified.
- Motion to adjourn at 9:23 pm by Ms Dawson and seconded by Mrs. Cornelius.