

Stow Band Parents Meeting, January 9, 2012 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

- Treasurer Report:
 - \$24,255 usable funds the in General Fund
 - Lots of Disney work with payments and bills to pay for trip
 - The treasurer report can be viewed online at stowband.org
 - McDonald's Night brought in \$515
 - Lock-In profited \$125 (mostly due to the fact the band parents donated pop and water and money received from Drug Mart)
 - Fruit and Coffee sales are the current fundraiser
 - Waiting for final numbers in Entertainment Books and those funds will be entered into student accounts
- Spirit Wear: didn't sell at concert – was a good try (but not doing it anymore)
- Newsletter: Articles due by Thursday, January 12. Thanks!
- Yourschoolbucks.com: Have not heard back from Mr Reed. (There was much discussion on this topic later in the meeting that lead to questions about “after sale” certificates that will be addressed with Mr Reed.)
- McDonald's Night: none scheduled at this time.
- Lock-In: went well. (see note in Treasurer report above) Carl Miragliotta plans to head this up for the 2101/2013 school year. Thanks Beth Wehry for all of your work the past few years!
- Reverse Raffle: April 14, 2012. \$60 for a meal and main board ticket. Second meal will cost \$40. \$20 for an extra number. Tickets are now on sale. Not just for band boosters... anyone can attend! Please invite! Heather is looking for help getting ready for this BIG event. Letters to businesses for donations are ready to go and will be asking for help from the students (class reps will be asked to get a group together). Phone calls also need to be made and will be asking for student help on that as well. Please contact Heather if you'd like to participate or if you need tickets.
- Fruit/Coffee Sale: The deadline of January 18 is VERY IMPORTANT so monies can be entered into student accounts before last Disney payment is due!
- Best 4 Stow: Seeking more \$8000 donations from area businesses. The entrance has been worked on and is coming along.
- Ice Cream Sales: selling Blizzards at Kimpton and HS concerts profited the band \$380! Will be selling at the Jazz Band Concert this Thursday. (Reese PB cup and Cookies-n-Cream)
- Nominating Committee: per bylaws the nominating committee (headed up by VP Jeff Earle) convenes in January with the goal of having slate full by May meeting (per bylaws) – or even better, by April (to vote on officers). Committee is comprise of the VP and Class Reps (of the band parents/boosters) and anyone else who is interested in participating.
- Looking for someone to head up the Scholarship Committee (non-senior parent) and the Summer Grant. You would gather a committee of 3-4 members to read

through scholarship applications and choose a recipient. The scholarship gives out \$500 to a student pursuing a college education and somehow still participating in music (does not have to be music education). The summer grant is \$100 toward a summer music enrichment program. If interested, please contact Mark Thiese.

- Connection Cards: will go ahead with this fundraiser. Steve Little remains in charge. The exec board will meet to discuss how the profits are to be distributed – ie. How much to General Fund vs Student Accounts.

Director's Reports:

- Mrs. Sandman (wasn't in attendance but sent the following note)
 - "I am home resting tonight so I can make it through the week, but I really wanted to thank everyone for the cards, concerns, food, and prayers during my surgery. The surgery went as well as it could possibly go. I am feeling fine; I still just get a little tired." A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Gopp, Mrs. Lero, Mrs. Halasz, Mrs. Cloud, Mrs. Galioto and Cassidy Pittman for organizing meals for my family. Thank you all for your prayers."
- Mr. Newman
 - Formal congratulations to the 8th grade on their performance in Akron in December. They had a 10 min warm-up in front of an audience and rose to the occasion.
 - Had a great first concert for the 7th & 8th graders along with Jazz Band in December. Looking forward to the next concert on February 20 at 7:30 pm.
 - No Hudson Jazz Fest this year (director changes at the school) so looking at other options for Jazz Band. Possibly one at Lakeland CC.
 - Solo/Ensemble Contest for Kimpton is April 21.
- Mr. Monroe
 - Winter concert went well. Nice to hear all the bands.
 - Jazz Concert is this Thursday, January 12 at 7 pm at the HS. Mr Newman will be playing drums for Jazz II since drummer had to drop out. There will be rehearsals after school Tues for Jazz I and Jazz II.
 - Solo/Ensemble Contest is on February 4 at Crestwood. Not as many students able to participate this year due to a number of competing events (swim meet, speech & debate...)
 - Musical Pit Orchestra has been organized and will begin rehearsing later this month (Little Shop of Horrors)
 - Trip to Columbus for Wind Ensemble is coming up February 16. Performance at 1:30 pm and anyone can attend.
 - FL Trip – watch online calendar for updated information
 - Mandatory Parent Meeting March 5 at 7:45 pm. Will receive important paperwork and be asked to update medical forms.

- Still finalizing final payment costs (one more student had to pull out so this changes things a bit)
 - Child must ride bus with band to Disney, but may be picked up by parents at a designated time on the last day. Check itinerary for details.
 - The bands have been split in half – A & B – for the Disney workshop sessions.
 - Busses arranged by room and by grade level.
 - March 7 will be the Benefit Concert
 - Introduced new student teacher from University of Akron.
 - Special thanks to Mr Spangler for attending both the Lakeview and HS concerts in December.
- Special thanks to Lenore Cook from the hospitality committee for providing cookies and drinks for the meeting.

Submitted by Lisa Gopp, Secretary