

Stow Band Parents Meeting, June 4, 2012 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

- Secretary and Treasurer Report are online
- Newsletter: there will be a July/Aug newsletter with 4th of July info and Band Camp. Email will be sent out with a deadline.
- July 30th will be the next Band Parents Meeting
- Best4Stow: invoice for pillar is coming tomorrow (we donated \$8000 to be paid over 3 years). Ron Marhofer gave a very generous donation and only \$48,000 is left to be raised. High Point Lawn will be donating some funds. They are still looking for 96 more \$500 donations from individual people/families. Good chance turf will be in this fall. Hope to have a band show in 2013!
- Band Banquet & Sr Memory Pages & Kimpton Night: looking for a chairperson for each of these next year. Contact Mark Thiese if you are interested.
- Ice Cream Sales: Were very successful this year! We made over \$1300 in sales. Looking to sell drinks next year as well as ice cream.
- DVD/CD Sales: Scott Powell to chair this again next year.
- Connection Cards: should be done now.
- Graduation Band & Memorial Day Band: great job! Want to consider having water for kids in mem day band next year... special thanks to Wendy Dyer who supplied water for the kids this year!
- Installation of Officers - officers for the 2012/2013 school year were sworn in.
- New Band Bus: work will be starting soon. If you want to help please contact Mark Thiese. Looking to begin the weekend of June 16th.
- Band Camp: First payment should be in. Chaperone meeting will take place mid July most likely on a Sunday evening. John Cannon will notify chaperones when date set. **CHAPERONES:** after July 9th you must contact someone at central office to be fingerprinted per new regulations. John will also send out info in regards to this.
- Reminder to renew your volunteer status every year. This can be done online: stowband.org/help.html
- Summer Grants: 2 applicants this year. Motion passed to award two scholarships this year instead of one. Passed unanimously.
- McDonald's Night: were very successful this year. Will contact Heather to see if they can still be done next year.
- Blossom: Have the condo this year. Blossom was in need of more volunteers at the beer carts. Contact Kim Marmarsh if you are interested in helping.
- Fund Raising Possibility: Fun Services. Students and Parents can volunteer to work 5 hours shifts for Fun Services at carnivals, etc and make \$50 toward students accounts. Kim Marmash agreed to be coordinator for this. This is open to all high school students.
- Car Washes: August 25th is Senior Car Wash; September 8th is Junior Car Wash; September 15th is Sophomore Car Wash; September 29th is Freshmen Car Wash. The elected Reps for each class are in charge of their respective car wash.

Other organizations are welcome to use our car wash materials when we are not using them.

- Letter from Student Council: They are raising money for an electric sign to be placed in the front yard of the school. We voted unanimously to donate \$750 to this cause.
- Key Band Driving School: June 20th at the high school. It's free and a great opportunity for kids to learn some fundamentals about driving.

Director's Reports:

Mrs. Sandman -

- Memorial Day Band did a great job. It was very HOT and special thanks to Mrs. Dyer for supplying us with water! The kids were very responsible and respectful.
- Thanks to the band parents for the ice cream at the concerts. Very well received and helped with parking lot issues.
- Pizza Party - has to be rescheduled due to multiple field trips. It was on May 31st. Switched to Marcos Pizza this year, got a better deal and saved about \$50. Many parent volunteers who helped and made cookies. Mrs. Sandman had to leave the party to go and teach her Gen Music class. Thanks to Mr. Monroe and Mr. Newman for being there.
- Summer Band is June 18-29. Cost is \$18 for 5 & 6th graders. Summer band is at the high school and there will be a concert on the last day. There are about 75 kids signed up so far! Looking for some more high schoolers to come as volunteers. Let Mrs. Sandman know if you are interested in helping out. Might have concert in auditorium this year due to size.
- Thanks to the band parents for help and financial support.

Mr. Newman-

- Had a very productive spring. Very busy - Great last concert, then Jazz band played at Lakeview, then large group contest - all in a row.
- Both Kimpton bands scored 1's at contest.
- Jazz Band went to Huron for a competition and did extremely well! They were best overall scoring a 97.5 out of 100. Also took other best section awards. Congratulations to the Kimpton Jazz Band!
- Thanks to the parents for their support.

Mr. Monroe -

- Grad Band did well. Last year to play at EJ Thomas - graduation now to take place at Kent State in the Gym.
- Senior Recognition Night went well in spite of not being notified of schedule change and the band had to scramble to get in place.
- Last band concert went very well. Hard to say good bye to seniors.

- Band Banquet - awards were given and listed in the last newsletter. You can also access the winners of band awards from previous years on the band website: <http://stowband.org/History/Awards.pdf>
- Marching Band Reading Session: lasted about 2 hour. Lots of new music to learn. Now have 257 kids in band with a couple more to possibly come. Eight seniors had to drop band because of conflict with their vocational schedule (due to the school day schedule being changed this year). Hoping to get that "fixed" for next year.
- Fourth of July Parade Practice: June 27th at 9 am and July 3rd at 9 am.
- Parade: Percussion and Tubas may meet at the high school at 8 am to load equipment and take bus over to parade route. All others to meet at Subway in Macy's plaza. Please drop your kids off near the old Stambaughs or Macy's, not at Subway as this causes congestion for those in the parade.
- Squad Leader Meeting: will be on Monday, July 30th at 8 am.
- Band Camp: at Edinboro.
- Band Shows are already on the band calendar. Playing at Ohio State again this coming year.
- The choir director left and the band directors are pushing for this position to be full time again to take some of the weight off of them and for this position to go back to teaching Gen Music classes (so Mrs Sandman & Mrs Hamilton don't have to).
- Thanks again to the parents for all the work you do for the band!
- Uniforms to be distributed on July 30th and 31st. Notify Wanda Deiwert or Jen Confer if interested in helping.
- Drug Mart: Pep Band playing and Drug Mart to supply us with hot dogs to sell. Notify Denise O'Malley if you can help sell. It's Saturday, August 4th at 11 am. (same as packing day)

Submitted by Lisa Gopp, Secretary