

Stow Band Parents Meeting, November 5, 2012 7:30 pm - 8:25 pm

- Secretary (<http://stowband.org/Minutes.html>) and Treasurer (<http://www.stowband.org/Boosters/Month.pdf>) Reports are online
- We have profited \$6165 from Concessions so far this year. \$1300 from Fun Services. Final Blossom money is coming in and being credited to accounts. The average "take" was \$60 per show per account.
- Spirit Wear: Marching Band Season sales are over. Thank you for a great year! If you would like to purchase something, let Lisa Gopp or Holly Brewer know (we have tie dye shirts in all sizes left).
- Newsletter: Articles are due by this Thursday, November 7th. Bi-monthly newsletter until the end of the year, so this one is Nov and Dec.
- New High School Sign: installed.
- Pillar: 2 more payments to be made. Decoration ideas needed.
- Reverse Raffle: mark calendar for April 13, 2013.
- Car Washes: \$1358 brought in. No Junior Car wash this year due to weather. Student leadership was weak this year (in getting volunteers) and needs to be addressed for next year.
- Christmas Cash: The drawing is Dec 22 so deadline for selling has been extended to the end of November.
- Uniforms: Collected for the season. 5 students still need to turn theirs in and Mr Monroe has contacted them. Will do inventory in the spring for items needed next marching season.
- Magazine Sales: completed and delivery made.
- Band Bus: now the season is over so looking to get it painted. Ideas for funding? Someone mentioned looking into corporate sponsorship. Will investigate.
- Radios need purchased. Awaiting FCC license to come in. We have until next summer before we need them again.
- Fruit Sale: will be the end of January. Using the same company as last year.
- Galioto Family Fundraisers: (these are FYI for your participation) Relay for Life Team, June 1, 2013 - contact Maria Martinez, team captain, if you'd like to be involved. Hope for Heather at McDonalds on December 2 from 1 -5 pm (Norton and Rt 91). Bowling at Stow Kent Lanes on December 9th from 3-7 pm. The band is looking to sponsor Dinner and a Concert on March 5, 2013. Our benefit concert this year is for the family. Waiting confirmation that the commons area in the HS is available to go forward planning the dinner before the concert. Their family church and catering business Heather works for are also going to be involved in making this evening happen.
- Pay to Play Sponsorship: someone from Columbus contacted Mark about donating money to sponsor kids who have trouble coming up with pay to play fees. Suggestion was made to ask them to donate to scholarship fund which helps kids with band camp, band fees, etc.
- Ice Cream Sales (blizzards) to continue at band concerts again this year.

- Lock-In: December 22 -23, 8 pm - 4:30 am. Will be looking for parents to work shifts or all night. Contact Carl Miragliotta if interested in helping out. The student leadership is responsible for sign ups, collecting payments and getting food/drinks/desserts for the evening.
- CDs/DVDs from the marching band season are now for sale. Order form will be in the newsletter.
- McDonald's Nights: looking into having some this year. More sports teams are getting involved in this and McDs was booked up through the end of 2012.

Director's Reports:

Mrs. Sandman

- Lakeview lessons are going ok - following new schedule. Advantage of new schedule is kids are not missing class (instruction time). Disadvantage is before school numbers of kids are down. Hard to teach 2 instruments at once (in one class) and directors are not teaching to their strengths in every situation.
- Full band has started for 5th grade. 168 students.
- High School jazz band auditions tomorrow with rehearsal beginning Thursday.

Mr Newman:

- Things are going well at Kimpton. Looking forward to concert on November 29. Six jazz band rehearsals before concert so rehearsals are intense.
- 7th grade band - many students have been converted over to color instruments and is now very well balanced. 5 girls tubas!
- Will be asking a CIC representative to come to concert to be available to talk about upgrading instruments.
- HS - Gold Band started this week. Helping with Freshmen band this year to balance out teaching minutes between directors.

Mr Monroe

- Thanks to parents for all their hard work during marching band season.
- Marching band concert was indoors this year due to soccer play-off game. Michael Welsh and Mark Kelley received the Larry May Most Inspirational Band Member award and the Horns were Best Section.
- Concert bands have started. Music to go home on Mondays and instruments home Wednesdays and Fridays. If student has an extra instrument at home please send in note or email to let directors know so points will not be deducted.
- Concert dress is all black again this year. A few more "guidelines" have been shared with the girls - skirts below knee, sleeves on shirts, etc.
- Performances are mandatory and will affect grades if not present.
- Kids received information about this year's event, lock-in and solo ensemble contest.

- Auditions are complete and between band challenges taking place this week. Challenges are meant to "fine tune" placements. Students will play for digital recorder. In band challenges will be done later. Music for that chosen by each director. More challenges after next concert.

Submitted by Lisa Gopp, Secretary