

Stow Band Parents Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2014

Secretary's and Treasurer's Report-Posted on-line for review (www.stowband.org).

(Student accounts have been updated with first half of Fun Services and Blossom, they just are not posted on-line yet. If you have further questions contact the treasurer.)

Old Business:

a. Fund Raisers:

1. The main fundraisers for the remainder of this year will be Little Caesar's Pizza Kits, Metropolis Popcorn, and PartyLite.
2. Entertainment Books will not be sold this year. The company that was in charge of the books went bankrupt. At some point they may be back up and running again, but not for us this year.
3. PartyLite will be the next fundraiser. This will be held in November, wrapping up in time to receive candles for the holidays. The sale will be for 2 weeks, and then it will take 2 weeks to get merchandise. PartyLite will ship the merchandise straight to the student's home who sells the product. 50% of all sales will go directly into student accounts.
4. Little Caesar's Pizza Kits will most likely be sold in January or February. In order to use this fundraiser the band as a whole will need to sell at least 100 kits. If we sell between 100-1,000 kits there will be a \$5.00 profit per kit, 1,001-2,000 kits there will be a \$6.00 profit per kit, and 2,000+ kits there will be a \$7.00 profit per kit. This money will go directly into student accounts who sell product.
5. Metropolis Popcorn-information to come.
6. Car washes: Buckeye Car Wash is Sunday, October 19 from 2-5. Students and parents are needed to help collect donations. The employees of Buckeye Car Wash will do the car washing.
7. There are other ideas that could be used in the future: selling a Stow Band coffee travel mug that could be used to refill coffee at StowNut, picking up doggie doo doo in the spring after the winter melt in people's backyards (my personal favorite), Chipotle, and 5 Guys.

b. Band Show: As a whole it went really well. Many bands said they enjoyed it, and would like to be back next year. Springfield, in particular, gave high accolades. Last year's income for the band show was \$1300 more; however, the bands this year were geographically farther. Mr. Monroe is hoping that the closer bands that attended last year will be back in 2015. One other issue mentioned was the bleachers. It would be nice to have additional bleachers, each section costs about \$40,000.

c. Homecoming: This Saturday, October 11th is homecoming. Kem Cook did use SignUpGenius. If you did not receive an e mail about signing up please inform Mr. Monroe because this means he either does not have your e mail address or it is incorrect.

New Business:

- a. Christmas Cash: Each student will receive 2 tickets to sell. The proceeds will go back in the Band's General Fund.
- b. Marching Band CD/DVD: Scott Powell is in charge of this. They should be on sale around the time of the Marching Band Concert at the end of October.

Directors' Reports:

- a. Lakeview: Mrs. Sandman would like to thank all of the high school students that traveled to Lakeview to help the 5th graders trying out band instruments.
 1. There are about 170 students signed up for band this year in 5th grade. Full band should start for the 5th graders on October 27. The other good news is that all student lessons were scheduled during their I/E time, so they are not missing core curricula time.
 2. The first concert of the year at Lakeview is December 16th.
- b. Kimpton:
 1. Kimpton Night went very well last Thursday with the 7th and 8th graders joining the high school students in order to prepare for Homecoming.
 2. Concert auditions are almost completed.
 3. Jazz Band is in full swing. Rehearsals are Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school. Students still preparing for the OMEA State Convention on February 6th.
- c. High School:
 1. The senior show will be held during the last 3 football games.
 2. Senior Parents-you will need to be at the last home football game, October 31, around 6:15. It is Parent Night and you will be recognized with your student. More details to come. Also, since this is Halloween there may be a Halloween twist to the senior show.
 3. Please keep an eye on Progress Book to make sure testing grades are correct. Grades are current, so if there is discrepancies make sure to check the yellow testing card. Mrs. Sandman follows that yellow testing card, so if there is an error, bring her the yellow card.
 4. Included in grades are NI (no instrument), NS (no shoes) and NM (no music). There is ample notification for the students to know what they need to bring to class every day. Many students' grades are suffering because their participation grade is falling due to these factors.
 5. Tuesday, October 28th will be the Marching Band Concert. It will be held outside, weather permitting.
 6. Auditions will begin for concert band the first week of November. On Monday, (AKA "Crazy Monday") all instruments except flutes, clarinets, and trumpets will audition. Due to Election Day there is not any school on Tuesday. On Wednesday, the upperclassmen flutes, clarinets, and trumpets will audition. On Thursday, the freshman flutes, clarinets, and trumpets will audition.
 7. Uniform update: At this time since the uniform style has held up quite nicely, and is a pretty classic look, it has been decided to replace uniform pieces rather than the entire uniform. However, some of the raincoats are 24 years old, so those will need replaced. Still considering the \$8-\$10 vinyl raincoat for next year, especially when it is warm outside since the current raincoats have a warm liner.
 8. Finally, and most importantly, Mr. Monroe would urge your students to read the e mail he sent on Monday. He said the e mail was really directed more for students to read. He is saddened that there is such negativeness. Students need to know that being respectful is important even when they are not performing. He also stated that if a student has a problem that he would appreciate students speaking to a band director rather than posting negativeness on social media.

Important Dates:

Friday, October 10, 2014-Homecoming Parade, Kimpton Night, and Football Game against Mayfield

Friday, October 17, 2014-Away Game against Medina (no school that day)

Sunday, October 19, 2014-Buckeye Car Wash Fundraiser

Friday, October 24, 2014-Away Game against Elyria

Tuesday, October 28, 2014-Marching Band Show

Friday, October 31, 2014-Game against North Royalton, Parent Night

Monday, November 3, 2014-Band Parents Meeting