

Stow Band Parents Meeting, October 3, 2011 7:32 pm – 9:10 pm

- Treasurer Report:
 - \$31,639 in General Fund
 - \$32,380 in Student Accounts (Blossom and Cookie Dough monies will be added soon)
 - Band Camp and Disney payments made
- School Levy Steering Committee made presentation
 - “Thanks for all you (band parents) do for the students.” ~ Dr. Russ Jones
 - Treasurer Report – financial report handouts (same as came in the mail)
 - Levy has been on ballot six times since 2006
 - Budget has been decreased by \$7.9 mil in last five years
 - Excellent rating has been maintained by district since 2006 (won’t be able to maintain this rating with levy failure)
 - ACT scores are at an all time high
 - Goal has been to keep cuts out of the classroom, but this will not be possible with levy failure
 - Because of Ohio law district must present a 5 year forecast (financial) to state
 - HS students on levy committee expressed their concern and asked for support of levy
- Lake & Aurora Band Shows successful
 - Many good comments heard about Stow at Aurora
- Cookie Dough pick up will be October 14
- Entertainment Books should already be turned in to Mrs Douds or to band office. If returning unsold books, please make sure student’s name is on the book.
- Blossom is done and about \$6800 was earned toward student accounts
- Concessions – not as good a start (financially) to the year as last year, but we’ve had less home games thus far.
 - Homecoming this week and concessions will be available after the parade as well as during the game. Thanks to the volunteers who have signed up to help.
 - Still waiting for the plumbing issue to be taken care of in concession stand (has been issues with contractors). Most likely will not be done before season is over.
 - Hot water heater in concession stand is being replaced due to leaking.
- Kimpton Night
 - Still need help serving, decorating stands, and with cookie donations. Signs up went around meeting and committee plans to make some phone calls if necessary.
- Band Show on new turf next year!!
 - Based on conversations with other schools who are currently doing band shows, we may need up to 90 volunteers for this even. Things like: ticket

booth, parking, organizing busses, ambassadors to other schools, public relations, 50/50 raffle, concessions, chaperones. Our last band show was in 2005. (this will be a huge asset to band financially and a morale booster!)

- McDonald's Night is October 17th. Would like a pep band to play outside.
- Christmas Cash ticket stub and monies are due October 20th.
- Uniform turn-in this Friday if weather permitting. Jen Confer to make contact for help.
- Lock-In scheduled for December 18-19. Deposit made to Life Center Plus.
- Stow Band Parents pamphlet made to get information out to parents (especially at Lakeview and Kimpton) and let them know how they can be involved. Band Parents is NOT just for high school parents!
- New Fundraiser: Selling Cups with NFL, Major League Baseball, and 90 different college logos. Cups come in packs of 4 for \$15 (\$6 will go into student accounts!) Lenore Cook offered to take charge of this. Hope to have it out before Christmas so people can use them as gifts.

Director's Reports:

- Mrs. Sandman
 - In regards to new teaching schedule: "crazy but it's working". Classes are getting covered.
 - 3rd week of beginners lessons and things are going well. 172 students in 5th grade band
 - 6th grade band is well balanced with 122 students. Morning rehearsals have been full.
 - Lakeview principal is being very supportive of music teachers.
 - Hard to decide what information to put out to parents about concerts. Times will depend on passage/failure of levy.
 - HS grades – please double check your grades on progress book and let Mrs. Sandman know if there is a discrepancy. Bring your testing card. If you haven't passed something off still try, 55 points is better than ZERO points!
 - Students have had plenty of time to get caught up on testing, therefore there may not be much time offered on the last Thursday of marching season... use time wisely!
 - HS students helped with instrument demonstrations at Lakeview and did a very nice job. Made a positive impact on the younger students. Mrs Sandman would like to thank those students for a job well done.
 - Senior Show is going well and drill was written by senior, Michael Welden.
 - Information about what parents need to do for senior show will be available closer to the time of the show.

- Mr. Newman
 - Will ask for help from Kimpton parents for Kimpton Night needs.
 - Chair placement tests being done next week. Students are encouraged to be well prepared for success.
 - Ohio Music Director's Conference is December 3rd at 10 am at the University of Akron. Performance will take place regardless of levy outcome! Students are instructed to wear all black, with strict guidelines as to what is appropriate.
 - Mouthpiece upgrades and color instrument information will be in next band newsletter.
- Mr. Monroe
 - Letter forwarded from high school principal that was received from a parent (non-Stow) who attended the Aurora Band Show. This letter commended all the bands for their hard work and great performances, but stated that Stow's performance was "over-the-top!".
 - Email came to all HS staff thanking band and cheerleaders for hanging in there at the last football game in less than ideal weather conditions (temp in 40s and rainy).
 - Script Stow will be performed in 2 weeks.
 - Wear boots on practice field. Field is in bad shape from rain and other sports teams using it. Lots of mud!
 - Report at 4:30 pm for parade this Friday
 - 233 kids signed up for FL trip. Cost most likely will be around \$700 instead of \$740.
 - Next payment for Disney is due October 15th.
 - A payment will need to be made to tour company.
 - Concert band auditions for upperclassmen will be complete on Tuesday of this week. Results will not be posted until Sunday. Freshman will audition at the end of the month. Upperclassmen needed to audition early because Wind Ensemble is performing in Columbus in February, and a roster, program, & picture of band must be sent in by Nov. 1.
 - Mr. Monroe and Joe Phillips (band vp) attended Stow Booster Club meeting and thanked them for the new bleachers. There were more band parents helping with installation than any other individual sport.
 - Mark These attended the school board meeting and shared facts with the board about the band parents, including how much money we raise for the band (@ \$40,000 annually). Some board members had no idea.
 - Raincoats due back this Thursday.
- Special thanks to Lenore Cook from the hospitality committee for providing cookies and drinks for the meeting.
- Please help get the word out to support the upcoming levy.

Submitted by Lisa Gopp, Secretary