

# Stow Band Parents Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2014

Secretary's and Treasurer's Report-Posted on-line for review ([www.stowband.org](http://www.stowband.org)).

Old Business:

a. Fund Raisers:

1. Car washes:

There will be no Dairy Queen car washes this year due limited dates at Dairy Queen and prior band commitments.

Looking into having a Buckeye Car Wash. Buckeye Car Wash would wash cars from 12-5 and the band would collect donations. Checking on details and would need to pick a Sunday in October to do this.

2. Magazine Sale and Entertainment Books will be coming soon.

3. Food fund raiser possibilities could be 5 Guys or Chipotle.

4. Partylite Candles could be an option. The sales rep suggested a fall/winter fund raiser because candles tend to sell better in those seasons.

5. Other options could be Metropolis Popcorn sales in the spring or a Little Caesar's Pizza Kit sales.

6. Open for other ideas.

b. Band Show: Kem Cook has an update status on Band Show. Ticket sales a little behind what they were last year. We have the volunteers needed, but if anyone else is interested in helping out contact Kem Cook.

New Business:

a. Drug Mart Day: We raised \$285.

b. Homecoming/Kimpton Night: This will be Friday, October 10, 2014. Kem Cook will be looking for volunteers to send in cookies. She will probably do this through Sign Up Genius. Students will receive a meal after the parade and before the Homecoming Game cookies will be used for this meal.

c. Alumni Night: This will be September 19, 2014. There is a need for someone to organize this event. Also, volunteers are needed to help with water and snacks for this event.

d. Blossom/Fun Services: Kim Marmash said this summer has been a good year at Blossom. Volunteers for Blossom made approximately \$50 per concert. She sent about 20 volunteers to most concerts. There is only one concert left.

She still needs volunteers for Fun Services. If anyone is interested in working carnivals let her know. She is often short of volunteers. People working carnivals work about 5 hours and make between \$50-\$70 per carnival (mileage also paid). There could be 2-3 winter Fun Services opportunities.

e. Trunk or Treat: This is being held by Drama Club, but if Band students want to help out they may, suggested to bring a bag of candy. It will be on November 1<sup>st</sup> from 5-8p at Stow Monroe Falls High School. For \$10 children can be dropped off to trick or treat out of car trunks, watch a movie, and eat.

f. Lock In at LifeCenter: Checking on date with LifeCenter for December 20-21<sup>st</sup>.

g. Reverse Raffle: Need volunteer to co-chair this. If you are interested let Julie Rebeck or Janice Brown know.

- h. Concessions : Mark and Margaret These are still looking for volunteers for the home football games. If you are willing to help out contact them.

## Directors' Reports:

- a. Lakeview: Recruiting will be happening tomorrow, August 27<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Kimpton: A tape was submitted to OMEA of last year's Kimpton Jazz Band and the Kimpton Jazz Band was selected to play at the OMEA State Convention. This is a huge honor. Current Jazz Band members from Kimpton will play at the downtown Marriott on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 1:15. Due to this Mr. Newman will start Jazz Band practice mid-September, earlier than normal. 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be playing as a band for the first time together at Kimpton tomorrow, August 27. Kimpton students will soon begin to prepare for Kimpton Night.
- c. High School:
1. Mr. Monroe would like to thank the chaperones and volunteers for another solid Band Camp week. Band camp went well with mostly great weather and impressive new dorms.
  2. He'd also like to thank Mr. DiMauro for letting them check out Edinboro last spring.
  3. Best way to get a hold of Mr. Monroe is via e mail.
  4. Videos are posted on Stow Band website, due to copywrite laws they must be archived this way.
  5. Before the Kent Band Show there was no rain on the radar, but a sudden shower caught everyone off guard without raincoats. He would like to check out the possibility of looking into students purchasing a personal, vinyl raincoat. These raincoats are under \$10 and would be carried by students. In order to offset the price of the raincoats he would like to see the cost of the uniform cleaning cut down a little.
  6. Generally band practices are Thursday evenings from 6-9. He is changing the order of practice a little in order to make the practice more beneficial.
  7. Mrs. Sandman has been hard at work adding grades into Progress Book, this is a huge task.
  8. He went through the details of how students are graded during marching band season.
  9. Today in band he went through a few important details with the students and they watched the video from the Kent Band Show.
    - When students arrive in band there is a white board listing the schedule of what they will be doing. This can also be accessed through a link on their phones.
    - Making sure the students know that proper foot attire is needed during the school day for marching practice. It is for safety reasons.
    - Don't leave valuables in the band room.
    - What is proper behavior while wearing a band uniform (i.e. no PDA or rolling down the hill)
    - Face paint could possibly damage the uniforms. The only times he will allow face paint are Homecoming, Senior Night, and if we go into playoffs.
    - Suspenders are a necessary part of the uniform if they aren't worn properly the pants can droop and the hem can be ruined by walking on the pants.
    - Students will need clean gloves and spats. If students are not dressed properly they will not be allowed to march for football games.
    - If mud gets on the uniform it's best to let it dry and use a clothes brush to get it off. There are plenty of clothes brushes at the High School.
    - If uniforms get wet from rain or sweat they need to be taken out to dry.
  10. By the second week of school students are halfway through music testing for marching band.

11. Summer Sunset Blast is this Saturday, August 30. Students need to wear Stow Band Shirt and Khakis. Tuba and Percussionist need to arrive at the High School at 4. Brass, Woodwinds, and Majorettes need to meet at Silver Spring Heritage Barn at 4:30.
12. Mr. Monroe will need band volunteers for Aviation Day on September 13. This is a student run event with a student director.
13. Current Band Numbers are 70 Freshman, 49 Sophomores, 67 Juniors, and 51 Seniors (64 8<sup>th</sup> graders and 69 7<sup>th</sup> graders). The band has been steady at 220-240 members.
14. September 19<sup>th</sup> is Alumni Night. It will be during the Stow-Falls Football game. Mr. Willis who was the Band Director during the 1970s will be here. There are 40 alumni already signed up to play.
15. Finally, Mr. Monroe will not be at the Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> game vs. Shaker Heights. His former student, Justin Pitts, will be dotting the i at the Ohio State Football game that day. So he has been asked to attend that important event.

### Important Dates:

Friday, August 29, 2014-First Football Game-Hoover  
Saturday, August 30, 2014-Summer Sunset Blast-5 PM show  
Friday, September 5, 2014-Home against Kent  
Saturday, September 6, 2014-Lake Band Show  
Saturday, September 13, 2014-Aviation Day  
Friday, September 19-Alumni Night and Home against Cuyahoga Falls  
Saturday, September 20, 2014- Stow Band Show  
Saturday, September 27, 2014-Away against Shaker Heights  
Friday, October 3, 2014-Away against Hudson  
Saturday, October 4, 2014-Hudson Band Show  
Monday, October 6, 2014-Band Parents Meeting  
Tuesday, October 28, 2014-Marching Band Show