

Paul G. Blazer Band Parents Association

Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2007

The regular meeting of the Paul G. Blazer Band Parents Association was called to order at 7:10 p.m. on August 14 in the band mobile unit by Samantha Bowen.

Jill Johnson was nominated to serve as secretary by Samantha Bowen. The nomination was seconded by Bernadette Dean.

Old Business:

Still looking for an assistant treasurer.

Pool party was a success.

Bernadette Dean will be the parent liason. Would like to be responsible for 8th and 9th grade students only if other volunteers can be found.

Mr. Runyon will set up a phone account for the band so that members can be notified of changes, etc. using the school's multiple calling system.

Clarification: Meet the Cats will be next Thursday 8/23 at 6:30 p.m.

Band members will receive \$3.00 credit at the concession stand per game. Students will be issued tickets which they can redeem for snacks. We will open a window during 3rd quarter for band members only.

Honorary Band Parents: Discussed what is involved with this designation. Question arose as to whether bylaws require that members of band parent association have a child in the band. Need guidelines regarding people who want to be volunteers who do not have a student in band.

Status of popcorn machine repair is uncertain. Cost is \$525. Parts have been ordered. Some are in. Fred got a popcorn machine donated from Strike Zone in Ironton. Needs to be cleaned, but it works and is larger than our current one.

Shirts: Students will have shirts that are specific to their section with their drill numbers on the back. Parents' shirts will have last year's logo with the current date at \$10 each.

Fund raising ideas: More information is coming. Options/ideas include:

America's Finest Candy Bars – they also offer some other fund raisers and will send a catalog.

Mixed boxes of candy bars that include different varieties. No candy can be sold at school.

Krispy Kreme

Little Caesar's

Town Center Mall – provide coupon books free to nonprofit organizations that we sell for \$5.00 each.

Discount cards

Sell Christmas wreaths and have band members play music.

According to bylaws, fundraisers must provide at least 50% profit.

Silent auction – baskets, other items perhaps and possibly place them at the other schools' festivals.

Raffles were discussed, but are prohibited by the school board.

Question arose regarding any options for raising money at Festival of Trees.

Pies

Mr. Whelan suggested that students are more likely to sell when there is a trip or other incentive for them to participate. Will look at prizes, etc.

Yard signs, shirts, polos, & hats can be sold at concession stand, but money needs to be kept separate. Will post availability of these items on the website with ordering instructions.

Health forms and band fees are due. Methods for collecting these were discussed.

\$20 per student for meals at competitions is also due. Checks are to be made out to the Boosters.

New Business:

Discussed obtaining canopies which attach to the truck to provide a shaded area for the students during breaks at competitions. Fred has a contact for this. KDMC might donate, but canopies will have their logo. Time/Warner is another possibility. Mr. Whelan said that sponsors are okay as long as they are not excessive. He will check with Kirby Hall of central office regarding this. Vandalism is a concern with the canopies.

Website: Bernadette Dean (webmaster) will try to upload performances this year.

There is a calendar link on the home page that Mr. Whelan will update as needed.

Treasurer: Budget was distributed.

Director:

Money will be needed at the end of marching season to pay the assistants. This cost will be higher this year than previously due to the qualifications of the assistants. There are higher numbers students on free/reduced lunch and higher numbers of workshops this year as well and that translates to less money collected as band fees. The cost up to now is around \$4000. The guard budget will cover some of this. The director's discretionary fund (\$1500) can also be used. Flags are being custom made this year at a substantial cost reduction. Winter guard will depend on whether there is adequate funding.

1st Football game: progress on show has been slowed by weather, etc.

Competitions: We will need to provide our own equipment transportation to the pit area this year. Rob Lockhart has a four wheeler and is working on locating a trailer for competitions.

Construction: New band room should be finished by December or January.

Basketball: Work on gym is supposed to be finished by November, but probably will not be. If there are no restrooms available, there will be no home games.

Contests: 1st will either be Mason County or Elizabethtown. The schedule should be decided in the next few days and will be posted on the website.

Band options past marching season include pep band which may be mandatory this year to insure that the needed instruments are there. Band members would rotate. Jazz band is optional.

There will be practice the majority of fall break week due to regional/state marching competitions.

There is the possibility of a band trip in the spring. Chicago is one option.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by Jill Johnson, secretary