

Band Booster Minutes 9-8-09

Band Booster President, Tammy Mikulay, called the meeting to order. She introduced the officers and band director as well as explained the role of our organization to support the band director and provide for the needs of the band not met by the school.

An overview of the last meetings was given by Secretary Cindy Parrone. The tax id issue was discussed at the May 09 meeting. The goal was to resolve this issue as close to the start of the school year as possible. We want to use Crimson Express' tax id number and collaborate with them on individuals' credit transfers when matriculating to high school. The most recent executive Band Booster meeting had been to plan the Welcoming Picnic, which was well attended. The picnic not only rewarded band members for their hard work at band camp, but also provided the means for parents to meet other band parents and become more familiar with the program. Tammy thanked and recognized those who volunteered to make the picnic a success.

Teresa Cutler presented the Treasurer's report. \$2,350.29 is in the bank with \$1,025 of that being in the students' accounts. \$1,324.82 is in the general fund. Teresa also explained to the new parents about the difference between the general fund and individual student accounts. How fundraiser proceeds are applied was also explained.

New Business

1. Back to School Bash; Wed., Sept. 9th at 6:00 pm; itinerary available
2. Apple Festival – Tammy described the Drums at Appletime and the role of the Blue Devil Band Boosters. We provide much needed help in a variety of positions to the Crimson Express, and we earn 25% of the profit for our general fund. These funds are significant and comprise the biggest deposit of the year. Signup sheets were passed out so band parents could volunteer to fill in where needed. Signup sheets for assistance with the Kiddie Parade and Grand Parade were also circulated.
3. Fundraisers – Based on the executive committee meeting, Tammy recommended that we stick to last year's format of four main

fundraisers rather than monthly projects. The four ideas included Larry's House of Cakes gift cards for brownies/cookies around Halloween, sale of poinsettias through Ihle Florist before Christmas, a Mardi gras celebration in February and a pancake dinner after contest. We are still on the list of organizations to man the concession stand at SIU football and basketball games. This offers an opportunity for both students and parents to earn credit toward the spring trip.

4. Afghan Raffle – Blue Devil Band afghan to be raffled off at Drums at Appletime.

Band Director Report

Mr. Williams overviewed the agenda for the year. He highlighted some important dates to remember for the near future:

Back to School Bash 9-9-09 6:00 pm

Opening Ceremony for Apple Festival 9-16-09 9:30 am

Kiddie Parade 9-18-09 4:00 pm step off time

Grand Parade 9-19-09 10:00 am; meet at Longfellow Park

Drums at Appletime Performance 9-19-09 3:45 pm; meet at MHS band room

Mr. Williams also mentioned the playing test, District VI tryouts and Jazz Band auditions. The jazz band auditions had to be moved to Monday, Sept. 21st from 3:20 to 4:00 pm but regular Jazz Band rehearsals will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:10 pm.

Our director encouraged the parents to make sure that they had turned in the mandatory forms, paid for the band shirts and were aware of proper dress code for the upcoming performances. The spring trip is being researched with more information coming after the Apple Festival. The destination will be in the Gatlinburg neighborhood necessitating a 3 night stay and a Thursday departure. The initial deposit for the spring trip will be sometime in November.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 13th at 7:00 pm. Mark Mikulay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dave Preece.