

COX BAND BOOSTERS MEETING

December 8, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:05 with Ron Finelli presiding. Board members present: Nancy Lambert Treasurer, Donna Troici Secretary, Meghan Mathews VP, Mike Lane Director. Also present; Shelly & Gary Icardi, Fred Morgenstern, Christina Tribby, Helen Sissel, Lillian Barber, Dale & Susie Smith, Bill Tarter, Liz Brown and Colleen Oates.

Band Booster President Comments: Ron Finelli welcomed everyone.

Band Director's Comments: Mr. Lane thanked everyone for attending. He reported the Winter concert is this Thursday at 6:30. The Jazz band, symphonic band and Wind ensemble will be performing. We will have a cookie reception after the concert. We will also have a school concert during the school day on December 19. There will be district auditions this Saturday at Kellum High School. All information needed for that day is on the cox band website. We will also be hosting the district band event on Feb. 5, 6 and 7. All students that make district band should know by early next week. We had a good rehearsal with the Great Neck middle school for the parade and it was unfortunate that the parade was changed to Sunday preventing us from participating. The middle school orientation is January 14, and we are hoping students will be encouraged to join the band for next year.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 9 – Wind Ensemble rehearsal 6-9pm

Dec. 10 – Symphonic band rehearsal 2:30 – 4:30/ Wind Ensemble rehearsal 6 – 9pm

Dec.11 – Band Concert at 6:30/ Spring trip deposit due (\$200)

Dec.13- All District Band try-outs at Kellum High School (schedule to be posted soon)

Jan. 14 – Middle school orientation

Feb. 5,6,7 – District Band event

May 21- May 25 – Spring Trip to Disney

Review Minutes from last meeting: Fred Morgenstern made a motion to approve the minutes and Colleen Oates seconded. All agreed, minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: Nancy Lambert reported the checking account balance as of the end of November was \$31,518, but that did not reflect the credit card payment of \$9,000. Since we had a change in credit cards the bill was not due until December. After this bill was paid our balance is approximately \$21,000.

Old Business:

Spirit Wear: Nancy Lambert reported that the spirit wear is in and will be available for pick up at the concert.

Concessions: Donna Troici reported we continue to have concession responsibilities through wrestling and basketball. We have the spots through the end of December filled thanks to more people volunteering. We still have plenty of spots open starting in January. Thank you for all the support.

BJ's Fundraiser: Please remember to contact Carol Gardener if you would like to renew or apply for a new BJ's membership. The band will receive \$5 for every renewed membership and \$10 for every new membership. Her email is cgardener@bjs.com and phone is (757)717-8386.

Cookie Dough: Helen Sissel reported our cookie dough fundraiser is postponed until April due to issues finding a rep for Otis Spunkmeyer. She also reported we are unsure of what company we will use and we have a few possibilities.

Disney Trip: Deposit for the trip is due this Thursday at the Winter concert. (\$200) It was mentioned by Christina Tribby that this is not the best time of year to collect deposits and that several other parents have expressed the same concern. The Board informed everyone that the trip company requires a deposit before the end of the year and it is not in our control to change the due date. Also we already asked the trip company to allow us to pay the deposit in December when they wanted it in November. It was also announced if we don't have at least 40 students and 4 chaperons interested we will be unable to have the trip. Also Grassfield High School will also be going to Disney at the same time.

New Business:

Cookie reception: There will be a cookie reception after the concert on Thursday. Karen Langston and Lillian Barber agreed to help set up. Please bring in a treat to share.

Winter Concert: we need volunteers to assist with uniforms Thursday night as well as a few parents to chaperon in the band room before the concert. In the past the kids tend to be a little rambunctious and need to be supervised.

Stage Decorations: Nancy Lambert will be finishing stage decorations during Wind Ensemble rehearsal Tuesday night (Dec. 9) and would appreciate any help.

Spring Craft Bazaar: Meghan Mathews reported the Spring Craft Bazaar will be held on March 21, 2015.

Next Meeting: Jan. 12, 2015 at 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35pm