



**Cumberland Valley Band Parents (Boosters)
September 2020 Parent (Booster) Meeting
September 14, 2020, 7:00 PM
CVHS Parking Lot**

In Attendance/Members Present:

Jennifer Adamy
Walt Adamy
Jessica Arcega
Holly Bahnick
Brian Brenneman
Luisa Brown
Jason Blackburn
Janet Butterfield
Jen Cannon
Erika Compliment
Brant Copeland
Bart Dellinger
Kim Fingerman
Ashley Hampton
Alison Harper
Rhonda Hebbard
Tara Hench
Brooks Herrin
Christine Herrain
Nicole Holland
Amy Johnston
John Johnston
Kelly Kotzman
Kendra Millbrand
Chandra Prinzbach
Jen Rogers
Stephanie Sevick
Drew Svitko
Rick Trumper
Debi Trumper
Karen Smith
Stephanie Wells.

Meeting began at 7:03 PM

Jen Cannon opened the meeting with an introduction of the Executive Board. She then emphasized to those in attendance that band parents are band boosters and the meetings are designed to let parents know what is going on with the band throughout the year. It is important for parents to support their band kids every year. However, this year it is all the more important because our kids are dealing with some very different and sometimes difficult circumstances due to COVID.

While we have some returning families this year, we have many new families. Those new to the band raised their hands so everyone could see them.

Financials:

August financials accompany these meeting minutes.

While the band is a course that students get credit for, the school does not pay for the band. Therefore, our financials are very important to the band because the money we raise covers everything the band does, from travel to staff salaries.

COVID has seriously impacted our financial situation because we have not had our traditional summer fundraisers nor have we had concessions for football games. As a result, staff salaries were cut in half this year so they are doing a lot for our kids for half the money.

Volunteers:

We are also in need of a new truck to pull our uniform trailer and fry wagon. Without this truck, we will not be able to get our fry wagon to fundraising locations nor will we be able to travel to indoor guard competitions if we have an indoor season. A new truck will cost around \$40,000. As an organization, we can pull out some of the money in our money market account, make payments on the truck, then replenish the money once we have the opportunity to hold more fundraisers.

Fundraising can't happen without people to lead and work to make the fundraisers happen. The band has several opportunities for parents to volunteer to help with fundraising. In addition, we need to fill the positions of Concessions Lead, Fry Wagon Lead, Fleet Coordinator and Uniform Parent.

Concessions are a significant portion of our revenue, generating \$35,000 - \$40,000 a year. We likely won't have them this year. Currently, last year's Concessions lead, Deb Gehenio, is still running Concessions. Now is the time for someone to step up so that they can learn everything about running Concessions from Deb because we are in a slow time and it will allow for plenty of turnover and training. If we do not have someone to run Concessions, we will lose it and Athletics will take it. If you are interested in leading Concessions, please let us know. It's time for us to step up and do the same for the kids. We are really looking to have some of the parents who are here for the long

haul, with the seventh and eighth graders, to help. All parents are boosters because you're supporting the kids – support isn't always financial. It can be so much more. We do have a money deficit and we will have money to pay the staff but we also need people to help with time.

Our Fry Wagon lead is no longer with our organization. This is an incredibly important position that should be filled soon because our Fry Wagon is currently the one fundraiser we can do. We've made around \$10,000 over the summer with our neighborhood events.

The Fleet Coordinator position is currently being filled by Jim Gehenio who was also last year's Fleet Coordinator. He and his wife are both filling positions even though their daughter graduated last year.

Our Uniform Parent, Kim, will be graduating this year. Now is also the time to step up if you are interested in helping because there is so much knowledge that needs to be passed down from Kim to next year's Uniform Parent. This is an important position because it keeps our kids looking their best in their uniforms as they represent the band at competitions and games.

We cannot stress enough the importance of all of these positions. We have parents who have students no longer in band filling positions so that our kids have what they need for the season. Our band is full of 120 kids and at least 120 parents. With so many people doing so much for our kids, it is the right thing to do to step up and help make the season successful for our band members who are giving their all and who need not only band but also us as parents to help make their season a success.

Jen encouraged parents to go home and think about the roles they might want to fill. Without these roles filled, , there isn't going to be the kind of band season or band at all.

Cavalcade

We compete under the Cavalcade of Bands organization. This year, we will have judges come to critique our band. We will have to pay for this (\$475) but that will include two virtual adjudications and one in person clinic. We are hoping that we get to see the band perform their show as sort of a parent preview event.

Football and Uniforms

The decision as to whether or not the band can participate in performing at the football games has still not been made. If they can, they still will not be going to any away games because to travel, we would need seven buses to properly socially distance and that is just not in the budget.

Many of you may have noticed that there is a modified uniform consisting of a t-shirt with Salvador Dali's "The Persistence of Time" printed on the shirt. The shirt will also be

color coded according to section - guard, battery, woodwinds, etc. This is so that we still have some sort of uniform in a time when we cannot have students fitted for uniforms. Kim Fingerman is available to take t-shirt apparel orders.

Halloween

Steph Scevick spoke to us about Halloween. In the past, we usually have a Halloween party for the kids but we can't do that this year. However, she proposed a Trunk or Treat event where the parents come to the high school and set up their cars for after practice in lieu of the party. You can decorate your trunk and have a theme. More details to come on that within the next week or so. Stay tuned to email and social media for these details.

Florida

The Florida trip is going to be a "no" for the fall and spring. We aren't sure if it will be moved to next year or not yet. We hope for more details as the year progresses.

trip – Florida is a no to us for fall. Spring break would be the next opportunity but there isn't a spring break. We aren't sure if it will be moved to next year yet but that will be up to next year's decision makers within the school district.

Fundraiser Discussion

There were some very good discussions and suggestions for fundraisers. It was proposed that we try the Calendar Fundraiser again. The summer iteration made \$4000. We had the potential to make \$40,000 if every band member participated. If we do it again, we absolutely must have more participation as this will be a very easy way to make money during these lean financial times.

Donations are always accepted via our website on PayPal

Stephanie Wells suggested that we have a driveway stencil fundraiser where stencils were painted for people to commemorate their CV Senior, etc. Stephanie will be talking with Janet Butterfield on this idea.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM