

C.V.B.B. General Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:07 p.m. There were 58 people in attendance.

Phil McCormick opened the meeting by greeting everyone, introducing himself and thanking them for their attendance. He also acknowledged the mentors who have volunteered and asked them to stand and be recognized.

The minutes from the April general meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes.

An introduction of all the executive board members was completed with each officer standing, introducing themselves and giving a brief description of their job duties and their experiences with Marching Band. Mr. Fillipelli and Mr. Porter were also recognized.

Treasurer's Report: Gerry Balz explained how he reports the revenue, balances, etc. of the monthly treasurer report. He went in to specifics about the various accounts, the budget expenditures etc.

The trivia question for the evening was "How many advertisements were sold for the programs? The answer was \$6,800.00" Gerry relayed that this is the easiest way to earn money for student accounts other than the grocery cards. Gerry also explained the grocery card fundraiser. The question was raised as to why Wegmans does not provide grocery cards. The answer is that Wegmans helps the community in other ways but does not provide grocery cards for group sale.

Gerry reported that the booster club is the financial backbone of the marching band. \$27,000.00 in salaries was paid by the boosters. The equipment truck, uniform trailer, fry wagon and green truck are owned by the booster organization. We offer fundraisers on an ongoing basis to help the students raise funds for their band expenses and trips.

A question was raised about what student accounts can be used for if the student will be a senior in the fall. There are various ways that this money can be used. They can be donated to the benevolent fund, to another marching band students account, or used to purchase items for the band, trophies, etc. as well as paying for any approved band student expenses incurred during the upcoming year.

Gerry also explained about the white band box and showed new parents/students where it is located.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

Old Business: The website should be updated in the next few weeks. Mr. Porter and Mr. McCormick are working on redesigning it.

Ross Burton gave an overview of the various fundraisers that are offered. He explained the difference between a student fundraiser and a general fund event. He also explained the yearly chicken barbeque and the semi yearly car wash at Bobby Rahal. Chicken barbeque tickets will be available at the June general meeting. Each student is encouraged

to purchase five tickets or more. Tickets are \$8.00 each. The barbeque is scheduled for Thursday, August 13th.

Carri Kunkle gave an overview of the Echoes show. This is the show that we host each year. It takes many volunteers to make it run smoothly but it is a fun event and a great way to help out. More information about Echoes will be sent out via e-mail.

Director's Report: Mr. Porter listed the dates scheduled for band practice. Thursday, May 21st and 28th are for rising and current freshmen only. All band members are to report for mini marching band camp on Monday, June 8th through Wednesday, June 10th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Drumline and guard have their own schedule which should be given to them.

If your student is borrowing an instrument please have them bring their own mouthpiece. Also reeds for baritone and tenor sax.

No flip flops should be worn during marching band practice. Sneakers are the best.

A corner of the band room near the white band box will be set up with band information and fundraisers.

We are a marching band. We do not play marches. Most of what we do is in support of the football team. The other half of marching band is the competitions. Competitions have really evolved in the past years. It expresses a story in music.

Mr. Porter also covered the various parts of the uniform and explained why they are important. The new uniforms were available for preview at the meeting.

Dinkles are the shoes worn by the students. It comes from the cartoon Funky Winkerbean.

We will be using the new practice field behind Eagle View Middle School for most of the practices. A few practices will be held on the parking lot. The summer schedules are Monday and Thursday evenings with the month of July off. Drumline and guard do not take July off.

The show for the upcoming season is a Westward theme. Not western. The music is high intensity, and tells the story of the westward expansion and exploring. We are going to try hard to not have intense props.

New Business: The new sweatshirts were displayed and can be ordered. They are not required wear but are very nice and the students seem to like them.

The next band meeting will be on Tuesday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Mack – Recording Secretary