

CVBB General Meeting Minutes

8 April 2013

The meeting was called to order by Jon Tallman at 7:00 pm. There were approximately 20 members in attendance.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the **March 2013** minutes as stated. The minutes from the previous meetings will be posted on the website in “draft” form so everyone can view them. Upon approval, a “final” version will be posted over the draft form.

Treasurer’s Report - Dominic Sherony

- Loss to date is \$6,500. Some highlights from the previous month:
 - Expenses: none noted.
 - Income: Less profit from Indoor Echoes Program due to some unexpected bills.
- A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Treasurer’s report, as stated.

Band Director’s Report

- Mr. Porter attended the school board meeting tonight. His thoughts:
 - Every elementary child in the district K – 8 has music instruction and all high school students have music electives available; there are only 17 music instructors in the district to teach all of this. It is crucial to keep an elementary specialist intact; not filling Mrs. Sten’s position would have a huge impact on the overall music program for Cumberland Valley. There are suggestions to change the program drastically and it does not look good; parents need to be informed and voice their opinions.
 - Next board meeting is April 22nd ; they will tentatively approve the budget and discuss options for the music program. This budget will be finalized in June. Now is the time to “2013 Best Communities for Music Education designation.” This is a distinguished honor. Our program will survive with the proposed cuts, but it will no longer be great! Dave encourages parents to be informed and attend meetings.
 - This Saturday, all indoor groups were at Northern and did great. A guard placed 1st in their division; junior guard was great; novice guard performed their best program of the season; drum line was technically very good and were within ¼ point of first place team.
 - There are two local indoor shows left: Central Dauphin, located on Piketown Rd on April 20th and Central Dauphin East on Rutherford Rd on April 27th.
 - Wildwood ends the season as a final competition on the first weekend of May.
 - Sarah Benson will be the new assistant director effective July 1st. Brandon will be coming back to work with woodwinds. Tony will not be coming back; Dave will be in charge of brass.
 - Show – the music arranger’s father passed away from cancer so he is a little behind in the music arrangement. He should have something by the middle of April.
 - Student leaders – three days of interviews are set up for 39 students. 10 students are auditioning for two drum major spots. Next Wednesday, Dave will host a drum major workshop for all students interested in auditioning for this position. Peers can watch and offer their evaluations to Mr. Porter.

- Winds rehearsals will start the Monday after graduation-Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Drums schedules will be coming out later, after a much deserved break.
- Senators game on May 6th – students will perform the national anthem before the game. Uniform will be a polo shirt, black pants, and black shoes. Dave will identify the students he wants to attend and let them know the details closer to the date.
- CV was planning to host a drum corps this summer; however, the district will charge \$1,800 plus other costs for the show and Dave decided to cancel the show, unless the drum corps “person” can work something out with our facilities director.
- COB – meeting confirmed Dave’s decision to leave TOB and join Cavalcade. It seems like a better run organization. Shows will include Red Lion, Hempfield, Lancaster Catholic, and Manheim Central.
- We will be hosting two shows back to back: Oct 5 and Oct 12. Dave is starting to recruit now to bring more volunteers on board as this is a huge undertaking. This will be a huge fundraiser (and much needed) for the band.
- New Parent meeting may be May 13th, followed by a regular booster meeting. There would be a second meeting on the 14th. Dave will be sending out a handout to the middle schools when final dates are set. There was discussion about streamlining the new parent meeting so as not to overwhelm the parents.
- There was a lot of discussion about volunteerism and the members gave several ideas to pursue. Jon agreed that there was a need for more volunteers but we don’t know how to reach those parents who choose not to be involved. Janet suggested a video presentation of volunteer positions. IT was suggested that we ask each parent to fulfill an eight hour position some time during the season. The boosters agreed that we would pursue that.

President’s Report

- **Board meeting update:**
 - Thoughts now are to eliminate Diane Maclay’s position and Mrs. Sten’s position when they retire this year. Diane’s position will be filled by a teacher and his/her duties will be reduced by half. This will reduce teaching time and stretch the remaining elementary strings teachers pretty thin.
 - Several parents spoke up at the meeting to voice concern as to how this will hurt the current music program. Carol deRamon, Jere Engelman – spending on current things, Deb Weaver compared to spending in other districts and mileage; Kelly Genevro – husband teaches music at Messiah – questioned budget info – where to find it; Lynn Sten supported a strings specialist – one on one attention is crucial at the elementary age/shifting schedules will hurt the program as it won’t be as flexible; Emily Nardella – taking music teacher away from their positions to cover strings puts a hole in their own programs and will have effects throughout the child’s education; Michelle Marshall – very passionate – 5,600 students involved in music in CV – why vote if there is no plan yet?
- **Wildwood Trip/Maria Einolf and Robin Zampelli** – payments are due today. Robin will talk to the parent liaisons tonight to get paperwork done. Still collecting medical forms and insurance cards; Kelly is collecting those. Robin still needs to coordinate information to the students; there will be information on the website closer to the date of the event. There will be a meeting Monday April 29th, before the trip for all parents so they have their information. Some kids are coming back for prom and they need to make their own arrangements for transportation.
- **Basket bingo fundraiser/Maria Einolf** – opportunity to raise money for the band. Dominic found out that bingo does not fall under the small games of chance license – there is a different license controlled by the county. He will be looking into this. Maria is ready to run it but we need to pick a

date and a location. We would need someone to go out and solicit companies to sponsor baskets. Robin Zampelli suggested that we hold the basket bingo in September when people are fresh and students are together and can help.

- **Scholarships** – nine are in. They are due Wednesday. Jon will send them out to the board for votes.
- **Celebrate CV** – June 1st; we are approved to sell fries and corn dogs. We will look into selling cotton candy if EV PTO is not selling it. We are being charged \$30 for a space and we will be set up near the loading docks. We have two spots. Jon will look into selling water. They will have pulled pork and chicken fingers instead of bbq chicken this year. Friday May 31st, there will be a movie night at the turf field with a flag football game and the basketball band will play there. There will be several performances throughout the day on Saturday. “Cheap Sneakers” will perform Saturday night to end the event. They will be looking for volunteers the weekend before to help with a basketball tournament.
- **Hanging basket sale** – nobody has stepped up to organize this event so it was agreed that we would cancel this fundraiser for this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jenny Pyers,
Recording Secretary

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May13th at 7:00 pm in the Orchestra Room.