

The meeting was called to order at 7:05. There were approximately 45 people in attendance.

Motion carried to approve the Sep minutes as written.

Band Director's report: Scott thanked folks for coming to the meeting and for all of their support throughout the year. The staff and band is very excited after the Carlisle show. Scott stayed in the stands for a few of the bands and he was noticed that the reaction to our band was different from other bands. He knows that many folks were upset with the scoring so he offered to field questions about the scoring.

(1) Is it true that we can only gain a certain number of points from show to show? No.

But the judges don't want to give you a score of 98 with 3 weeks left because there is no room to grow.

(2) Any insight on Carlisle Band? They have a show that is very controlled, very safe. They are further along in their show than we are. We had a little tear at the end musically that we are correcting.

Scott explained what occurs at the Judges meeting. There are 6 judges – IA visual (watching feet and posture) IA music – make sure that the person is in tune. EA Music (Ensemble music) and

EA Visual –(Ensemble visual) – the judge is on the field and looking at the group not the individuals and there is General Effect music and General Effect visual – these judges sit in the booth. We had the highest score in the entire show for General Effect music. During the meeting, our staff talks to the judges and they discuss what they saw and we discuss their issues and we try to point out what they missed. We have plenty of things to do and plenty of ideas for improvement which we are working on tonight.

Comment was made that Middletown Blue Wave band website shows all of the scores for all of the shows.

Scott wanted to thank all the parents who have supported the band this year in any aspect. Scott also wants to cordially invite parents to help out with the organization. The program cannot run without the parents behind them. Please consider taking a new or different position in the organization as we have a few senior parents leaving the executive board.

Treasurer's report – We are currently showing a profit of \$13,000 this year (we still need to pay 10,000 in salaries). We will have some money to spend this year which is very refreshing for a change. We will talk to Scott to determine how to best spend the profit; as a non-profit organization our goal is to break even at the end of the year. The second trip payments are due this week. Web page: (this is not part of the treasurer's job) We had 2300 hits last month. There is a facebook page for Echoes in the Valley with a link to our facebook page on the website. The calendar is up to date and the fundraisers are also up to date on our webpage.

Trivia questions: Percentage of males vs. females in the band? Males 55.6 %. The most popular boy's name (Andrew – there are 5) – same as last year.

President's Report: Phil met with Scott/Dave to finalize the Outback Bowl trip; we will know the final price before the last payment is due in November. Each year we have a picnic for the band and their families before ACC's. This year it will be held in the CV parking lot. Emails will be forthcoming.

Motion carried to approve the treasurer's report as presented by Mr. Balz.

Other business:

Jo Ann Smith: Jo Ann introduced the Shenk's athletic representative who showed a sample of the wool jacket. The cost is \$215.00. He requires a \$110.00 deposit and the jackets take about 4-6 weeks (it is a custom made jacket). Joann will forward the rep's information via email. There is no time limit to place orders; he is going to place the orders as he receives them.

Bob Weed: We are accepting nominations for Officer's positions for next year. Bob passed out the forms and asked that the completed form be returned to him. If you have any questions, just jot your name and number down and Bob will call you.

Carri Kunkel: Echoes is Saturday. We still have a couple of spots for volunteers. We are feeding the kids out of the concessions stands on Saturday. This is our biggest single fund raiser of the year and Carri thanked everyone who is helping. Phil thanked Carri for chairing the Echoes event.

The band banquet will be Friday, Jan 14th at the Penn Harris; Carri would love to have freshman/sophomore parents involved on the committee.

Katy McCormick: She is running the wreath fundraiser this year – it runs through November 11. The students get \$4.00 per wreath so there is an opportunity to add to your student account before the trip.

Lisa Kishbaugh: Halloween party for the kids will be held October 25th after practice because ACC's is being held on Halloween. The kids dress up and we will feed them. Lisa will be sending out an email for party donations.

Teresa Eckard (guard): We have another set of flags to sew by ACC's. The fabric is on order but has not arrived yet.

Bob Leady: The Fry Wagon cannot hear the national anthem during the football games and people do not stop what they are doing because they cannot hear it. Is there anyway to get the sound down to that end of the stadium?

Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Harmon – Recording Secretary.

