

Hazleton Area High School
Marching Cougar Band Boosters

Meeting Minutes: October 13th, 2015

President Jen Stirling called the meeting to order at 6:35PM.

Minutes from the August 2015 meeting was read. A motion to accept was made by Cindy Powell
Seconded by Barbara Ann Forte. All in favor none opposed.

Correspondence: Secretary Renee Forte sent sympathy card to Sturm Family, get well card to Shelley Mellon. Have to add non Discrimination clause to by-laws.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer George Mellon presented a copy of the treasurer's report. A motion to accept by Catherine Chartrand, seconded by Eileen Romero. All in favor none opposed.

Band Director's Report

Mr. Stefanko stated help is needed in all areas of the band such as chaperones and concession, we need to help in order to help the band members. Without everyone's help the band could easily fall apart. He also suggested on some bigger money fund raisers a 50/50 split between kids ways and means funds and general fund. Mr. Stefanko stressed the importance of students understanding and participation at rehearsals, and more demands are placed on students to help them reach the goal they set in the summer of a competition score of 85 or higher. Music incorporates all educational subjects and can be grueling but very rewarding.

Security: When entering and leaving the school on Mondays through Fridays, everyone must enter and exit through the main school doors, no exceptions. On Weekends everyone can enter through red band doors on side of the building.

Rental Truck:Mr. Stefanko suggested to the parents for as much as it costs the last ten years, we should look into purchasing a trailer to be used instead of rental truck next year. Insurance purchased thru band parents, owned by district, band parents cover maintainance.

Fund Raising: Someone suggested speaking to Tarah Toohill and other political figures to see if there are any grant funding available. We need to hold bigger profit fundraisers to increase the General Fund.

Jazz Festival:Mr. Stefanko would like to host a Jazz Festival in the Spring. Food could be provided by Band Parents, trophies and Judges fees would need to be paid.

Chaperones:Every trip there will be a head chaperone. If there is an incident with a student an Incident Report should be filled out immediately. All chaperones are responsible to making sure students are representing the district respectfully and with pride. Chaperones will stay with students, walk to stands with students from each chaperones respective bus, and war-up areas. Each Bus chaperone will be responsible for their buses raincoat distribution and collection.

Concerns: If any parent has any type of concerns, please see Mr. Stefanko.

Stem School Students: ~~During the school day when participating in events there will be no driving in vehicles to and from schools/events. Students will be bussed.~~ **Clarification: If HAAS students drive to school in the morning then they may drive to HAAS after returning to the high school. Passengers are only allowed if both students have the proper documentation.**

New Uniforms:Mr Stefanko showed a picture of the possible new uniforms which will come with snaps for inside hemming of pants and sleeves and they come with a lifetime repair warranty.This would have to be presented to the School Board when we would be ready to purchase them.

Spring Trip: Unofficial plans are underway for a Spring trip to Ohio pending Board approval. Some of the points of interest may include Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Cedar Point Park, Cleveland Symphony. More details will follow.

Old Business:

Emergency nominations to fill position on Vice-President were held. Two members agreed to run for the position, they were Cindy Powell and Catherine Chartrand. A vote was held Catherine received 15 votes, Cindy received 7 votes . Catherine Chartrand will be new Vice-President.

Also a motion was made to appoint Jeff Haraschak as Pit Crew chairman, all were in favor, none opposed.

Ways and Means: Secretary Renee Forte reported Jams and jellies are being sold followed by Yankee candles.

General Fund: Renee Forte explained the importance of general fund as far as what it supports and how we need bigger fund raisers to help support our students and everything that goes along with supporting the band.

Publicity: Chairperson Audrey Umbriac had nothing to report..

Concession Stand: Chairperson Richard Forte thanked all the parents who have been helping at concession and donating items, but stressed we can use more help in the concession stands. Donations of hot dogs and buns, ketchup and mustard are needed for the bonfire stand. Additional help will be needed on Senior Night.

Chaperones: Chairperson Renee Forte stated Mr. Stefanko pretty much covered everything in this area.

Band Store: Judine Clatch agreed to be the chairperson for the Band Store.

Committee's:

Relay for Life-Chairperson Audrey Umbriac had nothing to report.

Banquet Committee: Chairperson Renee Forte stated bids were asked by local businesses and Mr. Stefanko will be making the decision on date and place very soon.

Pit Crew: Volunteers are urgently needed to help for games and competitions.

New Business

Nothing to report at this time

Meeting was adjourned by Barbara Ann Forte and seconded by Denise Kulsa at 8:17 p.m.

Next meeting: To be announced