

Hazleton Area High School  
Marching Cougars Band Boosters  
September 6, 2018

Meeting Minutes:

Barbara Harashak called the meeting to order at 6:30. She welcomed everyone and asked them to review the minutes from the meeting of August 2, 2018. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Stan Kwiatkowski and seconded by Lori Magda.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Lynda Habel reviewed the financial statement and reviewed the monies for the first two football games. Motion to accept Treasurer report was made by Kim Drennan and second by Christine Koviak.

President's Report

President Barbara Haraschak highlighted the month of August and a successful band camp and the tailgate party held on August 17. She updated the parents with the by law meeting that was held in August and provided an update on the uniform issues. She said the color guard uniforms are done and will be ready for the Funfest parade. She addressed the issue that arose involving the drum major's ascent to the top of the platform that was a concern at the last football game. Mr. Stefanko is looking into the locking mechanism for the wheels and Mrs. Haraschak proposed modifying drum major attire to make it more tuxedo-like to mirror the theme of the show. She said that the pants will make it much easier to climb the ladder.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ways and Means Committee

Barbara Forte reported that 482 Mums were sold. She also indicated that the air freshener sale will be ongoing and will be available throughout the year. She also reported that all clothing except the headbands that were ordered were delivered and said they are waiting for ten to be completed. The next fundraiser is the Blue Mountain Candle fundraiser and said that wax melts will be sold as well due to customer request. The candles will be sold for \$15 with a \$5 profit for the students. The wax melts will be sold for \$5 with a profit of \$2 per order. The forms will be different. This will be explained when the sale begins. Barbara asked for help separating them when they are delivered and said that orders are 9/21. The question was asked by Mrs. Potestio regarding concerns for stem students after the football season regarding fundraisers because many students especially juniors are not in the band class due to scheduling conflicts and concern existed how they will get information. Mr. Stefanko said they will look into putting something down at the stem and offered the possibility of putting them on band site, remind and/or google drive. e

She also previewed upcoming sales of jams and jellies and mentioned there were going to be 2 Hazle Park Hoagie fundraisers this year.

### Publicity :

Chairman Kim Drennan said that there was nothing new to report and said that she will publish all pictures in the newspaper as she gets them.

### Banquet:

Kim Drennan announced the banquet is scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup>. It is an Act 80 day in the district

President Barbara Haraschak mentioned that things have been ironed out between the band and the community regarding any misunderstandings that occurred as a result of the Tailgating party held prior to the first football game. She also talked about the Fundraising idea from Frankie's where the band would sell cards containing various coupons for Frankie's. Each card would sell for \$25 and the band kept 100% of the profit. The thought was that they could be sold at the football games as well as out in the community.

### Concession Stand:

Lori Magda discussed the stand noting the first two games were busy. She thanked those who helped out. The Mahalick family was recognized and thanked for their donation of barbecue for the first game. President Barbara Haraschak recognized Judy Kranyak for all of her help and organization. Barbara highlighted the fact Judy worked every day through band camp and her organizational skills were unmatched and thanked her for her efforts.

### Chaperone:

Catherine was awaiting for clearances from people and was lining people up to help with the parade.

### By-Law Committee:

Barbara Forte recapped the meeting held in August and announced that the changes to the by-laws had to be read at three separate meetings. She proceeded to read the changes that were discussed and proposed. There was only one question asked by Rocco Mariano dealing with if a person who was nominated for a position had to be present at the meeting in order to accept the nomination or if an email sent to the band director or an officer would be sufficient. The topic was discussed among the band parents and a vote was taken showing the majority favored the notion that a person had to be present in order to accept the nomination and then again present to accept the position if voted into office. The new wording will be penned into the by-laws and the reading at the next meeting will include this change.

### Band Director's Report:

Mr. Stefanko highlighted that the band is up 16% over last year. He said that the band camp schedule for next year is tentatively out and differs from the schedule used this year. People were encouraged to look at it especially when planning vacations as it will begin earlier next year but will be spread out over more days providing breaks during the days during August.

He offered three dates for the opportunity for the Marching Cougars to play the national anthem at a Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins game. They were December 19, January 21, and March 6. The band parents voted for the date in March.

He updated the band parents on the quest for uniforms and said that he is working with a grant writer from the district. He said there are three possible grants that can be used for purchasing of new uniforms. He also said that one new instrument has been purchased and several have been repaired at district cost.

He announced pictures will be 9/11 and introduced a fundraising opportunity that is similar to a go fund me campaign. Each student will provide contact information of people that will receive solicitation for money to support the band. He said it is open for 28 days and mentioned that smaller bands like Dunmore have raised in excess of \$7000.

He said that the band parents are invited to do a stand at the bon fire on 10/2.

He said that there will be no CD/DVD table at concerts and they will be sold in the individual classes instead.

He went over the trip and discussed the options provided. He said that when the band was polled about their choice of destinations, there was almost an even split between Williamsburg and Gatlinburg. The fact that color guard was not polled caused the need for an additional vote to be taken the next day before the football game and requests were asked for trip committee members to sit down and decide what package for each destination made the most sense.

#### New Business:

Decision on trip must be made as soon as possible due to timing of Easter and fluctuation of costs.

Fundraising options

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kim Drennan and seconded by Lori Magda. President Barbara Haraschak adjourned the meeting at 8:03.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM