

SENECA VALLEY BAND BOOSTERS
GENERAL MEETING
November 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:02p.m.by Jon Singer. There were 32 people in attendance including Mr. Bob Babick, Mrs. Sara Snyder and Mr. Varden Armstrong. Jon welcomed everyone to our monthly Booster meeting and thanked them for coming. Band Boosters typically meet the second Tuesday of every month for approximately one hour.

Check our website at www.svband.net for all news and calendar information. Please like our Facebook page to stay in touch and make sure to read all newsletters!

The Band Boosters are a very supportive group of this excellent band program. The key to our success is for many of us to get involved. You will be rewarded with new friendships, getting to know a great group of kids, parents and the directors and staff.

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS ATTENDING:

RECORDING SECRETARY – Cheryl Ferraro

Minutes from last meeting are posted on the website. Also, please make sure to sign attendance sheet at each meeting.

TREASURER –Neal Jackson

General Fund: \$39,132.15

Trip Fund: \$17,822.65

Color Guard Fund: \$529.03

Pom Pon Fund: \$1,315.41

Total: \$64,217.38

For any committees, Neal needs cash count slips for him to record.

If reimbursement is needed, please print an expense reimbursement form that can be found on the website and attach receipts to it. For any further details, please ask Neal.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Peter Grewar

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Pam Villegas

If any thank you notes are needed to send out on behalf of the boosters or committees, please let Pam know.

DIRECTORS – Mr. Armstrong/Mr. Babick/Ms. Snyder

Mr. Armstrong expressed his thanks on behalf of the entire staff for the booster support throughout the year. The marching band season was great, they received many nice compliments throughout the season. In particular, at the end of the McKeesport game, they were very complimentary.

Upcoming events

Zelienople parade is November 28, 2015 starting at 11am. The report time is set for 10:15am. Students can decorate their instruments. The parade is a mandatory performance, students will be excused if they are traveling more than 3 hours away.

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There will be an after school rehearsal on November 24. Students need to attend the rehearsal even if they are not going to be in town for the Zelig parade.

PMEA District Honors Band auditions will be held on Tuesday, November 17 at Orr Auditorium, Westminster College. Peer auditions were held today. Audition time slots will be posted later this week. Students cannot drive themselves to PMEA events. Results of the auditions will be posted that night.

Mr. Babick reported the following schedule for the winter concerts: Middle School concert (grades 9-12) is November 19th at 7:30pm, the High School concert is December 15th at 7:30pm in the Intermediate School auditorium and the Jazz concert (grades 7-12) is December 17th at 7:30pm in the Senior High auditorium.

Mr. Armstrong requested that students please take home marching band instruments as storage is tight for instruments. Now that marching band is over, the 2 hours of playing time is gone so please encourage regular, consistent practice. It will make a world of difference in their experience.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRST AID – Laurie Uhl

Laurie expressed her appreciation for all the nurse help through the season. She recently received questions about medications during the band trip and clarified that the band student is responsible for having and taking any maintenance medications. First Aid and incidental mediations will be available through the First Aid volunteer.

CHAPERONES – Joni Parise

Joni was not present but wanted to express her appreciation for all of the chaperone volunteers throughout the season.

SPAGHETTI DINNER – Roberta Love – Silent Auction –

Roberta reported that the pasta dinner was a successful evening with approximately 360 guests attending, 150 raffle ticket purchases and over 60 volunteers. Profits are just under \$5000 without the bills from the cafeteria. This is about a \$300 increase from last year. Roberta felt that the change of venue from the Senior High cafeteria to the Intermediate provided more room and a better set up.

Roberta asked about storage for the sign and other items. Mr. Armstrong reported that storage will be moving to a closet in the central administration office, the exact date of the move hasn't been determined. After a discussion on storing the current sign, it was determined that the sign is in very bad shape and with it no longer being a requirement for the Rotary area in Zeligople that the sign be made of plywood it was agreed that the current sign be discarded and Roberta Love will get a price quote from her brother to make a new sign. Mr. Armstrong also noted that any committees that have items stored in the current Senior High closet will be asked to purge any items not being used before the closet contents get moved to the Administration closet.

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Mr. Lisella suggested, for next year's spaghetti dinner that the committee get promotional materials out to all of the area retirement communities and churches. He suggested having band students go to these sites and hand out flyers.

NEWSLETTER – Mary Barnes

Mary Barnes announced that there will be no newsletter in January. Articles for the December newsletter should be emailed to her by November 15th.

WAYS AND MEANS – Peter Grewar (online store)

Peter announced that the online store for apparel and accessories is up and running. There are logo options for most items that include SV Band, Poms, Color Guard and Jazz band. There will be specific ordering periods where the items will be shipped to a central site and individual orders will be distributed at a set date. During these times, there will be no shipping charge per order. The current sale period ends at 11:59pm, November 13th. Items ordered during this time will be delivered prior to Christmas. After that, you can still order, but there is no guarantee of delivery before Christmas and you will incur a shipping charge. It was noted by several people that the ornaments were not on the site. Monies raised from these sales will go into the general band fund. The website is as follows: www.svbandmerch.com

MATTRESS FUNDRAISER - Karen Johanknecht

Karen announced that the Mattress fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 21st from 10:00am to 4:30pm at Rowan Elementary School. Karen is still in need of adult and student volunteers, working 1 or 2 hour shifts. This fundraiser benefits individual accounts and the general booster fund. Please take the time to promote the event to all of your contacts, with signs in your yard or by handing out flyers. There is a team contest for students which includes the prize of a limo ride, pizza and movie party.

BAND TRIP – Linda O'Connor

Linda reported that the next payment for the trip is November 19th. She also announced that the chaperone application is available online at the booster website and she is currently soliciting T-shirt designs for the trip T-shirt. The designs should be hand drawn and please don't use any copyright material. The designs are due December 1, 2015 to be considered.

DECORATIONS – Marie Paserba

Marie announced that orders for Poinsettias are due Friday, November 13th. The price is \$8.50 per plant. These plants are used to decorate the stage for the High School concert on December 15th and plants can be picked up after the concert. Include your name and money in envelop to Marie.

ANDREA'S PASTERIES - Erin Scott

Erin announced that the Andrea's Pastries sale will start November 23rd and run through December 7th. The orders will be delivered the night of the High School Winter band concert. In addition to picking up your orders at the concert, there will be cash and carry sales of pastries, monies from the sales that night benefit the general band fund. Erin reported that she will visit the band classes during the sale dates to promote the

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fundraiser. Order forms are available on the website and orders must be submitted online per the instructions by December 7th.

OLD BUSINESS

Aramark Volunteers

The final training for Aramark volunteers is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th, 6pm at Heinz Field. Those interested should enter through Gate 6. More volunteers are needed for the November 27 Pitt game.

John Kress suggested that all tips earned as an Aramark volunteer be donated to the general booster fund. Several people offered opinions to the contrary, stating that those volunteers signed up to work, all boosters have the opportunity to work and those tips earned should be shared amongst those working. There is already a policy stating if tips are under a certain amount, not enough to divide up, those monies are donated to the general fund. Jon Singer requested that the topic be tabled until a vote can be taken at the next meeting.

Jon Singer requested that those boosters on Facebook please take the time to “like” and share Booster posts.

ADJORN – Pam Villegas motioned to adjourn the meeting and Peter Grewar seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2016. There is no meeting in December.