

Stow Band Parents Meeting, November 7, 2011 7:30 pm – 8:50 pm

- Treasurer Report:
 - \$31,170 in General Fund
 - \$25,716 in Student Accounts (encumbered funds. Accounts have been updated as of 11/7. Entertainment book funds still outstanding)
- Spirit Wear: did very well this year. Good change selling at home games (did best the first three games). The design was well liked this year.
- Newsletter: articles due this Thursday, November 10th
- Homecoming: thanks to everyone who helped to serve the band kids. The extra hot dogs were used in the concession stand that night.
- Senior Night: Nice job under the conditions. It was unfortunate the field was in such poor condition. The decision to not march was made for safety reasons.
- McDonald's Night: made \$460 in Oct. Next McD's Night is Monday, December 19th from 5-8 pm.
- Christmas Cash: over 50 kids still have not turned in their stubs & money or returned unsold tickets.
- Uniforms: Turn-in successful. 5 uniforms still need turned in before next Tuesday or they will be driving their own uniform to Alliance for cleaning.
- Lock-In: December 17-18 at Life Center Plus. Need someone to take over responsibility for this next year as Beth is a senior mom. Contact Beth Wehry if interested in working a shift or all night at the lock-in. Sign ups went around meeting.
- Best 4 Stow: looking for corporate sponsors. Hopeful turf will be in next year.
- Reverse Raffle: April 14, 2012. Raffle Committee meeting on November 28 at 7 pm at Panera Bread in Stow. Anyone interested in helping may attend.
- Disney: 3rd payment was due this past week.
- Cup Fundraiser: ordering brochures. Monies made will go directly to student accounts (\$5 per sleeve, which is 4 cups).
- Fruit Sale: will be in January and February this year. We have changed fruit distributors since the quality was not the greatest last year. The goal is to have monies earned from this sale into student accounts before the last Disney payment is due.
- YOURSCHOOLBUCKS.COM: New fundraiser! Started by Kimpton teacher, Jason Reed. He gave the executive board an introduction to this fundraiser. It requires no door to door sales, it's all done online. Companies sign up to offer coupons/discounts and they get FREE advertising. This fundraiser is for ALL groups in the school district (PTA, sports, band, etc). The goal is to have each group bring in at least one new business.
 - The motion to proceed with the new fundraiser was made by Lisa Gopp and seconded by Margaret Thiese. The motion was passed by a unanimous "I" at the meeting.

- Monies from this fundraiser will go to General Fund and it was suggested that the Connection Card Fundraiser monies go to student accounts (previously has been split between General Fund and student accounts).
- Check out the website... if you have an idea for a business that might like to be included, contact Mark Thiese and he will get you the information to give to the business. Anyone can do this!! We make up to 75% of the cost of the certificate (if band is chosen as target group for sale).
- Pep band played at Acme grand opening this past Saturday. We might be getting a donation from Acme.
- DVD Orders are due November 15th!

Director's Reports:

- Mrs. Sandman
 - 5th grade band started a couple of weeks ago and is going well.
 - Concert on December 20th – time is levy dependent. It will have to be at 8:30 am if the levy fails.
 - HS – Senior Show – good job to the students given the conditions. Field so bad marching was cancelled for safety reasons. Congrats to Michael Welden for writing the drill for the show.
 - Jazz Auditions today and tomorrow (Monday and Tuesday). Looking for a bass player. Times of rehearsals are levy dependent.
- Mr. Newman
 - Kimpton preparing for Ohio Music Director's Conference which is December 3rd at 10 am at the University of Akron. Waiting for levy outcome to send out information. The band sounds solid.
 - Four students will be playing in an Honors Band at Barberton High School.
 - Concert is December 7th (time levy dependent). Dress for 7th grade is khaki and white. 8th grade is all black.
 - One round of challenges most likely after concert and before winter break.
 - Instruments should be coming home on MWF for practicing.
 - The change to color instruments is going well.
 - HS – Gold band going well.
 - Kimpton Jazz has started and rehearsals are after school.
- Mr. Monroe
 - Field worse than he's seen since his first year of teaching here.
 - Practice field was trashed because sports teams were using for their practice this year due to field conditions.
 - Fields still too wet to even march sr show now that marching season is over (some parents had asked about marching it at a later time)
 - Freshman auditions are done. There were some questions about grades for auditions – For each band, the highest audition score is thrown out and the rest are based on a curve to second highest score. No perfect

scores, but one student only missed two points. *(Secretary note: it was my kid!! End secretary note.)*

- Music Monday: means take music home and study it. Instruments should be going home on WF for practice. Practice is 100 points each week.
 - Jazz I will meet for first time this Thursday. Jazz II will start meeting next week. Folders for Jazz II need to be assembled after seeing how many kids will be in it. Jazz I has a set number of seats.
 - Band Parents might have to think about where to have meetings should the levy fail.
 - Concerts may have to be during band periods or from 4-6 pm should levy fail.
 - Have to plan for unpacking after FL trip if levy fails and the school building is not open.
 - Caitlin Bockbrader, senior clarinet, selected to play in All State Band in Columbus.
 - 3 students will be playing in the University of Akron Honors Band in December.
 - Many great comments on marching band this year. Even from other band directors and school superintendents.
 - It was a great season and the concert in the gym went very well.
 - Thanks to the parents for all of their work.
 - Two kids have dropped the FL trip. Will be able to see payments online soon, hopefully before next payment is due (which is January).
 - Picked up six Entertainment Books that were laying around the storage room. Please be responsible with fundraising supplies.
- Special thanks to Lenore Cook from the hospitality committee for providing cookies and drinks for the meeting.

Submitted by Lisa Gopp, Secretary