

## ***Stow Band Parents Meeting, August 27, 2012 7:30 pm - 8:32 pm***

- Secretary (<http://stowband.org/Minutes.html>) and Treasurer (<http://www.stowband.org/Boosters/Month.pdf>) Reports are online
- This time of year a lot of money goes out to pay for spirit wear and uniform accessories, but comes back with the sales of such.
- Spirit Wear: Sales are going very well. Have sold over \$2000 worth of spirit wear. Now selling at Thursday rehearsals and home football games. Having spirit wear early this year to sell at Drug Mart and before the Kent Band Show was very profitable and I recommend it for the future.
- Newsletter: Articles are due by this Thursday, Aug 30th.
- Best4Stow: Had the stadium opening on Thursday - the band played and the girl's soccer team won their game. Our pillar will be close to concession stand. We need to decide what to put on the plaque for the pillar.
- Band Bus Painting: to be done after marching season.
- Drug Mart: profitted \$325 this year (usually is around \$250). The band played and we sold spirit wear. We were offered a table to sell spirit wear (free of charge) at Aviation Day.
- Band Camp: Good week! Worked around the rain - got to be in the field house for the first time. Special thanks to the O'Malleys and Thiese's for all of their administrative and organizational work for band camp. Thanks to Penske truck rental for giving us 50% off the rental price! Mark Thiese added a special thanks to John Cannon for his leadership the past few years.
- Blossom: no new report. Chairperson not present.
- New High School Sign: band parents made a donation to the new high school sign that student council is trying to get. The idea is in review pending zoning consideration. One parent heard it may be up by homecoming.
- Car Washes: at Dairy Queen. Senior Car Wash brought in \$405; September 8th is Junior Car Wash; September 15th is Sophomore Car Wash; September 29th is Freshmen Car Wash. Janice Brown is looking for another freshmen parent to help her during their carwash. The elected Reps for each class are in charge of their respective car wash. Other organizations are welcome to use our car wash materials when we are not using them.
- Concession Stand: Did very well on first night - profitted over \$1000. Last year the best water sales were 200 bottles - bought 360 bottles for this game and sold out before 3rd quarter because were selling water in the stands and not just at the concession stand. We have 6 home games this year which will help bring income to the band. Overstaff helpers on purpose to plan for call-offs and those of us who may forget to show up. Still looking for a few more volunteers for homecoming and will need some people to step up and fill in spots for senior night. Still have no drain in concession stand - will take a major overhaul to install as location of sewer is near the sports booster stand.

- Christmas Cash: want each student to sell 2 tickets this year. Students may turn them back in, but they are responsible for their tickets and the money they receive for them. If tickets are not returned, money will be taken from student account, or report card will be held at the end of the year if there is no money in account. Our relationship with the sports boosters is at an all time high and we thank them for allowing us to participate in this fundraiser.
- Radios: we will need to purchase new radios at the end of the year due to the FCC changing some frequencies and regulations and our radios don't have that technology.
- Financial Audit was held last Wednesday as per the constitution bylaws.
- Uniforms: extra pants ordered this season. Every student has been successfully fitted with some "challenges". Mid season cleaning still needs scheduled and will need help collecting and redistributing uniforms.
- Magazine Sales: this Thursday the packets will be distributed after rehearsal. This is money that goes into student accounts.
- Kimpton Night/Homecoming: Sept 21 (earlier this year). Still looking for someone to be in charge of this evening. This entails food prep and distribution as well as enlisting volunteers to help. Please talk to Mark These if interested in stepping up to help. A sign up sheet went around the meeting for cookie donations, but more donations are always welcomed! Also looking for someone interested in taking care of decorating the stands.
- Reverse Raffle is going to be April 13, 2013.

#### Director's Reports:

##### Mr Newman:

- Kimpton students took home the handbook and were asked to return it, signed, by today for 10 extra credit points. Due by Friday with no points deducted.
- Kimpton night rehearsals - having to start early this year. Have 92 7th graders that don't know anything about marching!
- Sept 13 & 20 Kimpton night rehearsals with the high school and band uniform t-shirts will be sold from 7 pm - 7:30 pm in the choir room.
- Students will be dismissed at half-time (for Kimpton Night).
- Need to balance out the 7th grade band and will be having students switch to color instruments.
- Good time to consider upgrading instruments or at least the mouthpiece.
- encourage students to consider private lessons.

##### Mrs Sandman

- Delaying start of instrumental lessons during the school day because kids are not pulled out of leap anymore and have to be pulled from class. Have to balance classes.

- Teaching Kindergarten general music this year, too.

#### Mr Monroe

- Today the band watched their performance from the Kent Band Show. Special thanks to Mr. Nolte for videotaping.
- Thanks to the band chaperones and the nurses. Special thanks to Mrs. Wehry who returned as a nurse "alumni". Mrs. Gopp has agreed to stay on in role as camp nurse even after her kids have graduated.
- Working on perfecting show. Kids need to bring their coordinate sheets. If they have lost it, it can be downloaded from band website.
- Playing second half of the show this Friday.
- You can check out what's due for testing on the band website. Will also be able to check grades once posted.
- Had to cancel Alumni Night this year. Have been unable to reach person who stores alumni tuba and percussion. Instead, going to have a "thank you night" to honor those (best4Stow) who worked to get the turf. Will play God Bless the USA and cadence a "thank you" on the field and have that photographed.
- Lake Band Show is Sept 8 (can get tickets online at <http://www.lakebandshow2012.info>)
- OSU Oct 13. Trying to decide how to feed the kids because concessions are so expensive there!
- Extra forms are in bins by band office or available online.
- Grades - getting them arranged and organized and will post them online soon.
- Receiving a marching grade about every 2-3 weeks this year. be on time to rehearsals and wear shoes.
- Questions about testing and grades - Mrs Sandman
- Questions about attendance or to report an absence - Mr Newman (you can email him, please include your name as the parent)
- Summer Sunset Blast - this Saturday. Will play at 5 pm. Meet at Heritage Barn at 4:30 pm. Tubas and percussion meet at HS at 4 pm and will be bussed over. Wear band t-shirt and khaki shorts.
- Uniforms are 9 years old and want them to last 15 years. Please take care of them, they cost about \$500 each.

Submitted by Lisa Gopp, Secretary