

Stow Band Parents Meeting, October 1, 2012 7:30 pm - 8:54 pm

- Secretary (<http://stowband.org/Minutes.html>) and Treasurer (<http://www.stowband.org/Boosters/Month.pdf>) Reports are online
- We have profited about \$4500 from Concessions so far this year.
- Answer to the question: Why do my checks (made to Stow Band Parents) not always get cashed right away? Various committee chairs collect money (ie spirit wear, uniforms, band camp, etc) and give monies paid to the treasurer in increments. Once the money gets into the treasurers hands, the money is deposited within 1-3 days.
- Spirit Wear: Sales are continuing to go well. Tried selling items while the band played at Aviation Day - nothing sold, would not recommend that again. Will still be selling during Thursday rehearsals and most likely the last home game.
- Newsletter: Articles are due by this Thursday, Oct. 4th.
- 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.
- Blossom & Fun Services: are done for this year. Will most likely start up again early next summer.
- New High School Sign: old one has been torn down.
- Kimpton Night/Homecoming: Laura Pribula, Margaret Thiese, Cindy Cloud and many others stepped up to take charge when Heather Galimoto was unable due to health problems. Many thanks to everyone for making it such a successful night. Special thanks to the ALUMNI parents and STUDENTS who returned to help serve food!!
- Reverse Raffle: mark calendar for April 13, 2013.
- Car Washes: at Dairy Queen. Junior Car Wash was rained out and rescheduled for Oct 6; Sophomore Car Wash brought in \$243; Freshmen Car Wash brought in \$469.
- Concession Stand: Last home game Oct 19 and is Senior Night (will need underclass parents to fill in for jobs senior parents usually do). Purchased 5 new folding tables for the concession stand. Sports Boosters asking us to sell programs in the concession stand. Still getting details settled to have drain put in concession stand.
- Christmas Cash: still waiting for our tickets to sell. Heard some sports teams have started selling theirs.
- Uniforms: Collection was done after the game on Friday and redistribution will take place after rehearsal this Thursday.
- Entertainment Books: were distributed on Friday. Please get money turned back in. If you don't sell your book, you can return them, but please make sure your name is with the books so you get credit. Internet forms arrived today - you can check the band website fundraiser page. The first \$3000 raised will go into

General Band Fund. Money about that will go to student accounts. (In Disney years, all money goes to student accounts)

- Magazine Sales: All turned in and delivery date is mid-October.

Director's Reports:

Mrs. Sandman

- 3 weeks ago had band recruitment and 10 high school students came each day to do instrument demonstrations. Thanks, and great job, students!
- Lakeview has been having schedule changes and all the plans for student lessons had to be changed. A long discussion ensued stemming from the frustration of our WONDERFUL directors at the lack of communication and their wasted time getting schedules ready that had to be totally redone. Class sizes are bigger than they used to be and multiple instruments (ie flutes and clarinets) are in class together to accommodate the new scheduling (kids are no longer pulled from instructional class time - only during IEP). Some kids are having lessons before school. The directors now have a longer teaching day.
- Will have to evaluate the effect of these changes on the band program at the end of the year and in years to come.

Mr Newman:

- Thank you for all the parents who helped work at Kimpton Night. Congrats to the students who did a fine job despite the cold, rainy weather during the football game!
- Chair placement for 8th grade band is finished. The 7th graders are testing for chair placement this week.
- First concert is November 29.
- More info to come out in the newsletter.
- Looking to have students switch to color instruments and balance the band.

Mr Monroe

- 10 weeks into marching band season!
- Really appreciate the turf, especially in the wet weather.
- Rehearsal this week 6-8:30 and then uniform redistribution. Rehearsal times will get shorter as it's getting darker earlier.
- 6 pm arrival time for Hudson game this week. Elyria arrival time will be 5 pm (next week) and OSU on Sat Oct 13, arrival time is 10 am. Kids are signing up for busses to ride. Polaris Mall Food Court organized for us to eat lunch their on the way to avoid the high costs of the OSU concessions.
- Senior Show will be performed twice this year. On Senior Night, Oct 19, senior parents need to arrive by 6:15 pm. They will be announced with their student during pregame.

- If the soccer team makes the playoffs, it will conflict with the marching band concert and then we will be in the gym for the performance.
- Last rehearsal will be for testing only if it is not cancelled.
- Concert Band Auditions have been scheduled and are posted on the board at school. Want to test all like instruments on the same day to make it fair. Students will get their music on Oct 18.
- Thanks again to all the parents for their hard work.

Submitted by Lisa Gopp, Secretary