Band Boosters Meeting

Monday, December 7, 2015

6:00 PM

High School Band Room

* Meeting called by President Jennifer Shuster
* Mr. Greenwood brought up a couple items on his agenda:
  + Lights Parade on Saturday, December 12
    - Band Boosters will donate $5 per band member for food at McDonalds
    - We need parent chaperones for at McDonalds
    - Band members need to show up at 6:00 if they want to eat
    - Call time is 6:30 at McDonalds
    - Band members will line up at 6:45 at McDonalds
    - Parade will end at the Post Office; band members are responsible for their transportation at the conclusion of the parade.
  + Uniforms for the Fall 2016 marching season
    - The “add on” price (from the initial order) will be $500 per uniform
    - We will need roughly 20-30 uniforms to support the *potentially* 99-member marching band next season
    - Mr. Greenwood will be attending the School Board meeting in January to request monetary assistance in the cost of the uniforms.
    - We are encouraging booster members/parents to attend the meeting for support.
    - The school board meeting will be Monday January 11, 2016 at 7pm
    - Due to the board meeting, we are moving the Band Booster meeting to be the same night, January 11, at 6pm so that we may move down to the school board meeting immediately following the conclusion of the Band Boosters meeting.
    - Uniforms need to be ordered by the end of February to insure they are ready for the fall marching season.
* Apple Pie Fundraiser
  + Jennifer Shuster attended the Apple Pie Fundraiser event hosted by Dewitt High School Band Boosters to get a better idea of how it works
  + We are going to move forward with gathering the information necessary to perform this fundraiser in November 2016
  + It is imperative that we have a lot of parental support and volunteers—we will need a lot of volunteers to help execute this fundraiser
  + We will need bread racks; we may have a potential source for bread racks that we could borrow for the event. We will have to follow up.
  + We are looking at using Ludington apple orchard—they will peel and slice the apples for us. We will consider other orchards that are closer but like the idea of the apples being already prepped for the pies.
  + We need to start the planning process no later than March
  + We would like to have a chairperson be the head of the fundraiser along with many volunteers
  + We are looking at doing this on Friday, November 11, 2016 (Veteran’s Day). There will be a community craft fair the following day.
  + Jen Shuster will contact the church to confirm the date of the craft fair.
  + We need to contact Lisa (from DeWitt Band Boosters) to inquire about the upfront expenses for the fundraiser.
  + We have a couple fundraisers coming up that we are hoping will supply us with the capital necessary to cover the upfront costs.
  + We will want to have very clear communication during the Apple Pie Fundraiser on when people are to pick up their fresh pies.
  + There will be no refunds for pies that are not picked up on the designated day
  + When pre-selling pies, encourage people who may not want a pie for themselves to purchase one to donate to Leslie Outreach
* Pizza Hut fundraiser kits will be handed out when the students return to school after break. The timing of this fundraiser is to coincide with the kits being delivered prior to the Super Bowl.
* Spaghetti Fundraiser
  + Jazz band is already preparing their music and are excited to perform during this event
  + Looking at March 13 or March 20 (both Sundays) to have the event.
  + Still looking at having Fazoli’s cater the event; awaiting more details from Peggy Lawson on this
  + Need to find out availability of the High School commons as the location to have the event
  + Considering a 50/50 raffle during the event
* Panda Express Fundraiser
  + Panda Express has recently opened up in Jackson and they do school fundraisers
  + Sharon Schmidt will contact the manager to find out the details on how this fundraiser works and will report back so that we can decide if we want to proceed
* Middle School Dance fundraiser
  + We had previously discussed the idea of hosting a middle school dance as a fundraiser.
  + Given all the other fundraisers we have in the works, we have decided to table this one for this year.
  + We may revisit this idea in the next year.
* Everyone in attendance had the opportunity to try the apple pie that was prepared at the DeWitt Band Boost fundraiser
  + Positive reviews from everyone!
* Meeting concluded at 7:00pm.