

Hershey Music Boosters Meeting September 12, 2023

Attendees: Kim Pearl, Mark Ellsworth, Stacy Stark, Christine Chappell, Amanda Forr, Beth Smith, Rosemary Belfer, Nioda Contreras, Tina Wilson, Amy Starr, Jen Nothnagle, Deb Robare, Donna and Paul Kupprat, Karen Wall, Sarah Tanquin, Lauren Vitale

- Thank you to Boosters from Brian and Brandon -
 - A huge thank you to all the board and parent volunteers for their meaningful help this marching band season. This season has definitely taken a lot of work due to increased initiatives and higher participation numbers. Thank you to everyone who has been making these possible and dreams come true!
- Orchestra updates
 - Merch sale closed last week for the year
 - First annual Susquehanna University string invitational, inviting string players to come for a day of music
 - NYC trip
 - Given the April timing, a NYC trip would be of interest to HMS and HHS
- Social media
 - "HERSHEY MUSIC BOOSTERS - BANDS & ORCHESTRAS" Facebook page has been created. Christine Chappell has been invited as an admin on this page.
 - Working on the booster page of the site
 - Get pictures to Christine - cgchappell@mac.com
 - ACTION: Christine to investigate the best way to submit and store images
- Philadelphia trip
 - All information on the trip has been distributed.
 - HTMB will be performing as part of the halftime show with Temple University Diamond Band and will be performing in the stands.
- Marching band updates
 - This week's game is on a Thursday and will follow normal Gameday procedures. We are performing HALFTIME.
 - Next week's game is on Saturday vs. Milton Hershey at 1:30 pm... COCOA BEAN. This is an away game for us being held at Milton Hershey. We will be doing a joint performance with Milton Hershey as part of their halftime show AND doing a joint National Anthem. We are performing our field show PREGAME at this game.
 - Owen J. Roberts Cavalcade/Exhibition: Saturday, October 7th
 - Performance Time is tentatively 7:30pm.
 - Departure time from HHS is tentatively 3:00pm, with possible rehearsal beforehand.
 - Trip to Penn State in November has been canceled due to high cost of tickets.
 - While we are unable to have Mass Band Night in its traditional format this season, we are looking to host just the 8th graders on October 20th. Meal plan for night is tacos (chicken, beef and black bean)
 - This game is also the Lower Dauphin game - will provide nachos for the mixer with LD. LD to bring drinks and dessert.
- Chicago trip
 - Deadline to register is this Thursday - <https://ccistravel.groupcollect.com/go/hersheyhsbandorchestrachicago24>
 - Refer to the [full packet here](#)
- Sponsorships and fundraising
 - 501c3 is finalized
 - Looking for support for any ideas for sponsors
 - Chicken BBQ - Raised between \$2,000 and \$3,000 this year
 - Poinsettia sale is on
 - October Panera night and a November Chipotle night (depending on minimum for Chipotle) to come
 - Programs at football games are not an opportunity for fundraising this year, as the Hershey Youth Football Association is selling the programs this year
- Indoor percussion and guard

- Indoor Color Guard auditions are tentatively occurring November 4th and 5th from 12-4pm.
- Indoor Percussion auditions and placements are TBD, but expected late November/early December.
- We are hoping to have competition dates locked in by the end of October, pending the release of the schedule from TIA. Right now, we can expect the Lower Dauphin competition on February 24th.
- Wildwood Trip is scheduled from Wednesday, May 1st to Sunday, May 5th. The trip is on for school board approval this month.
- Spring banquet
 - Need venue for approximately 250 people; so far, most places are either too expensive or can't accommodate enough people
 - Dates are May 9 and 15
 - ACTION: Continue research into venues - new ideas include Campbelltown Fire Hall and Antique Automobile (reference DCTS)
- Marching Band Banquet
 - To take place at school - cafeteria and gym
 - Looking for volunteers to serve on committee
- Fall play concessions
 - Boosters would like to sell concessions
 - ACTION: Brand, reach out to Michelle O'Brien to see if it is possible. We would like to do something fun and Clue/mystery-themed
- Treasurer's Report: Mark Ellsworth
 - Will be looking for a new treasurer for next year - opportunity to shadow for this year
 - Current balance for funds - a little over \$20,000 — Most of these funds will be paid out for Philly trip and fall dinners.
- Volunteering with the band
 - Every Sunday, Brandon sends out signups for food servers, bus chaperones, pit crew
 - Game days - Servers, Clean up after
 - We feed 130 kids and staff per week and also supply snacks and water at the game
 - Bus chaperones - 3 per week (from here to game) - take attendance before and after, hand out water and snacks, any needs the kids may have
 - Pit crew - loads and unloads all of those trailers - lots of props - 4 to 6 people
 - You do need DTSD clearances
 - Karen Wall to bring desserts for the rest of the year (yay!)
 - Halloween parade social
 - Will be looking for donations of apple cider and donuts
 - Senior Night - 32 seniors this year
 - Need volunteers to support this evening
 - QUESTION: Are they going to bring back parade?
- Vote on Amending Bylaws
 - To be posted on the updated website
 - Orchestra Liaison and Band Liaison positions removed
 - Removed the reference to student accounts
 - Motion approved by Boosters to amend the bylaws

Meeting concluded at 8:50 pm