

**Crestwood Bands  
Band Patrons Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2010**

**In attendance:** Mrs. Ferguson (Band Director), Jacob Adkins (Assistant Director), Sue Hurd (Band Patrons President), Chris Nero (Co Vice-President), Don Gregoire (Co Vice-President), Tammy Meyer (Treasurer), Marge Franks (Co-Secretary), Mr. Becker (School Board Member), Diann Gregoire (Spirit Wear Coordinator), and seven Band Patrons members.

The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

The January minutes were available for those in attendance to read.

**Mrs. Ferguson's Report**

Mrs. Ferguson started the meeting with her report. First off, she informed all in attendance that the solo and ensemble event is this Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at our school. All students, not just the Wind Ensemble (as was done in past years), are required to perform in an ensemble. Others in attendance expressed that they like this idea. The freshman class will be selling slushies (along with our normal concessions) with a portion of their profits benefitting the band.

Mrs. Ferguson went on to update the group about the D.C. trip. A flyer with a preview of preliminary activities was handed out. She has requested a visit to the White House, but has not received confirmation of that as of yet. The students will be attending the rehearsal of The President's Own Marine Band. This is a high honor and not easy to arrange. It should be an amazing experience for the band members.

The Kennedy Center has now put tickets on sale for the performance. It was suggested that families get their tickets soon if they plan to attend. There is a family packet being put together that will include hotel and admission to some of the places the band will go, but this has not been made available as of yet.

The next band concert is scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup>. (This is also a conference night.) This is the annual "pre-contest" concert. Both bands and the Chamber Singers will perform.

That weekend, Jazz I will attend the Lakeland Jazz Festival on Friday afternoon, and then the Green Jazz Festival on Saturday. Details to follow.

We will have a Jazz Festival at CHS on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Right now there are five bands performing, but a few more have shown interest. Mrs. Ferguson will look into our concessions details.

The Wind Ensemble and Concert Band are both doing a nice job. Large group contest is either March 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> (date to be announced). The Friday is a waiver

day. That is the day that Mrs. Ferguson requested for our bands. The Wind Ensemble is performing in a more difficult class this year. They will perform "Class A" music. The group has been doing very well in recent years, and it was time to "raise the bar". Both groups have been doing well, but need to KEEP PRACTICING.

### Treasurer's Report

Tammy Meyer made available a detailed financial statement. Highlights included:

- The D.C. trip will cost a total of \$103,950.00.
- Three Cavs games made \$881.75. Some of the profits went into student accounts.
- Fruit sale was \$500.00 shy of last year's profits. Reminder: this money is shared with the Middle School.
- \$100.00 was given as a deposit to The Knights of Columbus to rent the K of C Hall for April 9<sup>th</sup> and the Jazz Dinner/Dance event.
- The Middle School Dance raised \$321.28. This total is well off the amount that was raised in the past. Three more dates coming up (February 19<sup>th</sup>, March 12, and April 16<sup>th</sup>). Volunteers are still needed!
- Shannon's Styling fund raiser on Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> was successful. It raised \$488.00. Thanks to Shannon, Rhonda, and Laura!
- There are still pillows to sell.
- Insurance renewal coming up in April.
- We will need about \$500.00 for the May band banquet.
- We need a portion of the money soon to pay the drill writer for next year's marching band program.

BOTTOM LINE: WE NEED TO FUND RAISE.

### Fund Raising

Sue Hurd opened the discussion by again expressing the urgency of our fund raising efforts this year. She went over the fund raising list on the agenda with updates.

- Shannon's Styling event a success. There were forty-six hair cuts and a local business donated an additional \$25.00.
- Cathy Frances has March 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00 for McDonald's. Mrs. Ferguson cannot make that date, so Mrs. Frances will look into the day before.  
It was discussed that we should have flyers for other events there.
- Q Concessions are done. They were too far away and too hard to staff during the week. The funds made did not match the work involved.
- Jazz Dinner/Dance in the works for April 9<sup>th</sup>. Jacob Adkins, Kate Ferguson, Drew Senkar, Sue Hurd, Paula Cooley, Cathy Spencer, and Marge Franks are on the committee. They are still looking for help. ALL WILL BE CALLED UPON TO HELP MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS. There will

be a catered dinner, silent auction of large ticket items, themed basket raffle, 50/50 raffle, and door prizes.

Looking for helpers who can get the word out about the Dinner/Dance to alumni.

- Mulch Sale. Mike Cyphert is spear-heading this event and was not in attendance. The sale is to start soon with delivery date in early May.
- Middle School Dances need workers. Dates: Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, and April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Gift Card Tree and Quilt Raffle still in the works.
- It was suggested that if anyone is in a group that might be able to donate to the band to help support the kids who need help with payments, please let Mrs. Ferguson know right away.

### **Solo and Ensemble**

Chris Nero is organizing this event. She has been making calls for weeks and will continue to do so in preparation of Saturday's event. We will have flyers and/or tickets for upcoming events available.

### **New Business**

Mrs. O'Karma asked about jackets for the Concert Band (uniform). Mrs. Ferguson explained that it was never really in her plans to outfit them the same as the Wind Ensemble. Mrs. O'Karma offered to pay to purchase the additional jackets it would take to have the boys in full tuxes by the D.C. trip. A discussion was held about the time frame for ordering and how Mrs. Trares might be able to fit all of the boys this weekend. It was suggested that Lorraine Harbaugh be called to help out.

Sue Hurd asked if anyone there was willing/interested to be on a nominating committee for next year's Band Patrons officers. No one offered, so Sue asked if anyone wants to be on the committee, or is interested in being a board member themselves, to let her know.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, March 8, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Co- Secretary Marge Franks