

## Plainfield Blue House Band Boosters

### General Membership Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2021

**Attendance:** Roland Kuehtreiber – President, Marsha Orwig – Vice President, Sherry Burns – Treasurer, Joann Badali – Secretary, Jerrod Cook – Director, Eric Ferguson – Director, Karen Bedore – Director, Jill Johnson, Mindy Soldat, Sherry Jepsen, Jennie Clarke, Lori Mulcahy, Brian Mohr, Jeff Przylucki, Adrea Tuck, Jamie Bowman, Tiffany McNeely, Chris LeBron, Lisa Torres, Mandy Werner-Ogier, Jenn Presbitero, Ken Pino, Michelle Merlin, Lisa Schmidt, James McCombs, Nicole Grew, Jennifer Bruzzo, Jerry Evans, Rhodesia Poole

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:47pm by Roland Kuehtreiber
2. **Quorum Call** – Quorum established
3. **Approve Minutes** – Roland asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 5/11/2021 General Membership Meeting. Mindy Soldat made a motion; Jenn Presbitero seconded.
4. **Director's Reports** –
  - a. **PSHS:** Mr. Cook is happy to see everyone and is happy to have in-person band. He thanked everyone who has helped in any way this year. The Disney trip will happen this Spring with 1 bus of 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. We will go again in 3 years (2025). Deposits that were made for freshman/bus #2 will be refunded soon. This Friday is middle school night at the football game. Adrea Tuck and Mindy Soldat volunteered to pick up pizzas for this event. Mr. Cook receives too many emails to be able to reply to each one; he apologizes! His priority is our kids. Please read through the emails he sends out as many answers to our questions are covered in those emails. Tomorrow is another competition walkthrough, starting at 6:30pm. 4pm is the call time for this Friday's football game; we will have pizza around 5:30pm. Volunteers are still needed for the Saturday competition. Homecoming is next week. Band rehearsals will be cut short to allow students to participate in the homecoming week activities.  
Mr. Ferguson is excited for the competition and has felt welcomed at PSHS.  
The homecoming parade and North-Central competition information is coming next week. 7am is the call time for the parade. Students will have a break in between the parade and the competition. There was discussion over the best way to get water to the students during the parade; giving small, 1-time use bottles seems to be the best idea. Mindy and Brian will work on purchasing water. Mr. Ferguson will be reaching out to alumni with information about the Homecoming dinner.
  - b/c. **ASMS & DPMS:** Mrs. Bedore was reporting for herself and Mrs. McCammon, who was at the middle school marching rehearsal. Marching band rehearsals are on Tuesday nights. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are excited to participate in the middle school night at this Friday's football game. Drauden Point has their PPE; Aux Sable is waiting on masks and bell covers, so they are going outside to play as often as possible. Their order is shipping this week. AS is using SmartMusic again this year as a practice resource and for quizzes. Make sure you & your students are in the Google classroom often. Mrs. Bedore also receives many emails and is unable to answer them all. Information is sent home on Mondays for Aux Sable students. Jazz Band started yesterday at AS, and they sound great! They will perform at the next concert.
5. **President's Report** – Roland thanked everyone is who involved with the bands, giving their time and financial support. He hopes the bands grow in numbers again in the future.
6. **Vice President's Report** – No report

**7. Treasurer's Report** – Sherry explained we are spending more money than we have earned at this time of the year, which is normal. We have raised about 6% of our fundraising needs, and have already spent about 53% of our budget. We purchased a sound system at a cost of about \$12,000. There are 15 students with unpaid band fees, and 30 paid booster memberships. We made \$110 from Amazon Smile this fiscal year; please sign up to use this account. We raised \$1,850 from the car wash and \$450 from the Slammers game. 60% of the band is new to marching this year. If you have any questions about your bill for band, please ask Sherry.

**8. Committee Reports:**

- a. Fundraising** – Jill reported that the Car Wash was fun. The kids did great! She suggests we host this again in the spring. Saturday is the marching band competition; we still need volunteers. September 29th is Red Robin Night in Plainfield from 5-9pm, 20% of all sales that mention PSHS Band goes back to the Boosters. They do offer carry-out. Jill is looking to schedule something nearby (Franco's or McBride's) for October. Please share the information about our Amazon Smile account. We receive 10% back from Amazon on those purchases. The mattress sale is set up for 11/7 from 10-5 in the fieldhouse. Our representative will speak for 5 minutes at the Friends & Family night to help explain the fundraiser. Mr. Cook explained the Friends & Family night performance. Mindy will take over moving the flamingos so we can start the "You've been flocked" fundraiser again. Email your nominations to Jill for this.
- b. Uniforms** – Mindy reported all marching uniforms have been distributed and hemmed. Please sign up on Charms to help with uniforms before and after the football games and competitions. Let Mindy know if there are any issues with your student's uniform. Mindy thanked Jill for the use of the steamer for the uniform pants.
- c. Hospitality** – Sherry Jepsen volunteered to chair this committee.
- d. Membership** – Sandra was not able to attend, but Roland reported that anyone who has a paid membership at the level that receives 2 tickets (wristbands) to the competition can pick up their wristbands at the admission gate on Saturday. Mrs. Bedore has emailed the Google form for membership to Aux Sable families.
- e. Communications** – Jennie reported there are 2 facebook groups for the high school bands. She will post the Amazon Smile account information there. Jennie is also working on reviving the twitter account.
- f. Volunteer** – Mindy requests you sign up for volunteer opportunities through Charms. The craft show is on October 30 & 31 this year. We will need many volunteers for this, helping with admissions and clean up.
- g. Alumni** – Lori reported the first Alumni event is the homecoming dinner on 9/24. Alumni will not be able to play with the band this year due to Covid restrictions.
- h. Booster Shop** – Jenn Presbitero volunteered to chair this committee. Sherry Burns reported that we sold 56 shirts at the August booster shop. Lori reported we will have another shop for orders to be fulfilled before the Winter holidays.
- i. Pit/Trailer** – Brian reported that 7 volunteers are needed to bring out the speakers, drum major stands, and other equipment at each show. Please sign up in Charms to help if you are available; this is open to any adults.
- j. Competition** – Volunteers are still needed for this Saturday's competition. There are 10 schools coming to compete. We are expecting 1050 participants and 1500-2000 spectators. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. There is a walkthrough for the volunteers tomorrow at 6:30pm. Jenn reported that we need about 50 more volunteers. Please email Jenn if you can help, or sign up at the walkthrough. Students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up can volunteer on their own. Students in 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade can volunteer with a parent. We will sell competition t-shirts at the walkthrough for \$15 (\$20 for 3x size shirts). Please wear the shirt on Saturday if you are volunteering. Volunteers will receive a ticket for a free meal. Setup begins at 10am; the National Anthem starts at 3:15pm; the first band performs at 3:30pm; and clean-up is from 7:30-9pm. The committee chairs will be available on radios, and will have a green tag to designate them as chairs.
- k. Middle School Financial Liaisons** – Adrea had no report for DPMS. Jamie has volunteered to be the ASMS Liaison.

**9. New Business** – Mr. Cook is looking for a volunteer to take pictures and post items for sale. These would be posted on specific band websites (not EBay, Craigslist, etc.). Let Mr. Cook know if you can help with this project. High school band students will no longer be wearing tuxes and dresses during concert season. Mr. Cook will email more information with a form to complete. We are moving to a non-gender-specific, all black uniform (black shirt and black dress pants). Mr. Cook showed samples of these items. Pants and shirts can be purchased through the band, or you can purchase these on your own. You will own what is purchased. If tux shirts were paid for this year, the deposit can be refunded to you, or can be applied to your order, if you choose to order pants/shirt through the band. If anyone left a reusable water bottle after the car wash, Mr. Cook has it. Please contact him to claim it.

Ken Pino explained that he runs an unofficial fundraiser for the band: The profits from any prints of photos ordered through his website are donated to the boosters.

**10. Unfinished Business** – None

**11. Pass the Baton** – We skipped passing the baton this week.

**12. Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on October 19, 2021, at 7:30pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, due to marching band rehearsal on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month), both in-person and on Zoom.

**13. Adjournment** – Roland asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jill Johnson made a motion; seconded by Mindy Soldat. The meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.