



CUMBERLAND VALLEY BAND BOOSTERS
Cumberland Valley Marching Band
P.O. Box 173
New Kingstown, PA 17072

Band Booster Meeting
Thursday, September 19, 2024
7:30pm
CVHS Band Room

Attendance:

Board Members: Nicky G., Bob T., Janet B., Greg S., Courtney O., Eric F.

Other Attendees: Steph S., Valerie R., Marc R., Nick H., Scott M., Jill M., Amy S., Aaron C., Elly S., Trever S.,
Maureen D., Philip C., Nicole H., Michile O., Nicole T., Nicole M.

1. Call to Order- 7:37 PM
 - a. A Motion for the Call to Order was Made by Nicky G., Seconded by Val R.
 - b. The Motion was unanimously approved.
2. Directors' Report
 - a. Competition Updates
 - i. Kids are doing extremely well this year, with a first place win at the Cedar Crest Competition, and tied for first at the Hempfield Competition
 - ii. Hoping to dive into Movement 4 now; Kids needed more time to learn the music
 - iii. His goal is to have all four movements completed by the first competition in October; will show it on the football field first
 - iv. Moved original Southwestern competition to Wilson High School because of the Harrisburg Saturday afternoon game
 - b. Echoes and Championships
 - i. He is working closely with the president of Cavalcade to host Championships
 - ii. If we decide to host next year, we will make sure that Echoes and Championships are not back to back weekends
 - iii. Shippensburg University Marching Band will be our college band for Echoes. Kutztown University Marching Band will be our college band for Championships
 - iv. For Echoes, there will be 17 bands including CV and the college band
 - v. For Championships, we are planning for 21-25 bands
 1. We don't know what divisions we are hosting yet but potentially all of the Yankee Division since CV is Yankee.
 2. Planning for all one show, not a split session show
 - a. will have an intermission or two
 - b. will likely start at an earlier time of 3:30-4PM instead of 5-6PM
 - c. This plan can change once we get final work from Cavalcade



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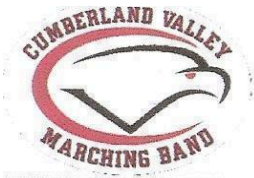
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- vi. Fields are officially confirmed for both Echoes and Championships; shouldn't be any major conflicts with other CV activities
 - 1. Janet B. said that there will be a swim meet that same day and will have to update us on plans; She will work on the swim meet timing and parking etc. as she is helping to run that event. She will keep Mr. Farkas informed.

- c. Upcoming Schedules
 - i. Two away games coming up; Central Dauphin and Central Dauphin East
 - 1. Performing pregame for both weeks because it is the Homecoming game for both of them
 - ii. Rehearsal on Saturday is now 9AM-1PM, so the kids can get out earlier to have the rest of the afternoon free; the turf is also cooler in the morning

- d. Bands in the Stands
 - i. A parent asked how Bands in the Stands went and whether the middle school kids seem to enjoy it.
 - 1. Mr. Farkas said yes and the band directors are already discussing ways to make it better next year;
 - a. All of the band directors felt like it was rushed and a little disorganized because of how early it was; they plan to talk sooner next time.
 - b. They are discussing ideas for the middle schoolers to be more involved, like giving them stand tunes prior to that night to practice, so they can play in the stands with the marching band.
 - 2. Middle schoolers only did one song this year because of timing, but they really enjoyed seeing the marching band perform part of their show in place of a second song. They are looking to possibly keep that for next year.
 - 3. Lots of 8th graders are interested in marching band next year
 - 4. Mr. Farkas is talking with the band directors about how to recruit 8th graders and to get them excited about joining marching band
 - a. He is planning to visit the schools and take high school kids along if possible to answer questions and build excitement
 - b. He is planning to do rookie camps again in the Spring

- e. Additional Topics
 - i. Val R. shared that her son is playing for the Temple University Marching Band and they are doing a high school band day in November. She asked about sending the information out to band families to see if any other marching band kids were interested in attending as a group.
 - 1. She will send the information to Mr. Farkas.
 - 2. It would likely have to be organized by parents instead of through Mr. Farkas so that it is not categorized as a field trip, and therefore requires additional school approval. Even a weekend trip is now considered a field trip and a new school board ruling requires its approval for such trips.
 - 3. Val R. said she would be willing to put the information out and help coordinate car pools.



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3. Treasurer's Report

- a. The treasurers are in the process of moving the Booster's primary bank account from PNC to Orrstown.
 - i. The account will gain more interest and have less fees, so it will save money.
 - ii. It will take about 3 months to transition it all.
- b. Misc Spending
 - i. The box truck was serviced and registered,
 - ii. Bought 2 more square devices that were needed
- c. R&K Sub fundraiser made approximately \$1900 in profit
- d. Last day to order show shirts is technically today but will do a last call tomorrow before closing it.
- e. In the process of putting a general online store up and that will include the show shirt.
- f. Fry Wagon is a little ahead in terms of expected profit
 - i. Existing inventory was used at the beginning of the season and for feed the band so that helped
- g. A Motion to Approve the previous Treasurer's report was made by Steph K., and Seconded by Bob T.
- h. The Financial Summary, covering August 1-August 31, 2024, was presented at the meeting. It is as follows:

CVBB Finance Summary September 2024

| Bank Accounts | Balance | Available | | |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| Checking | \$28,522.55 | \$33,318.88 | | |
| Money Market | \$20,009.36 | \$20,009.36 | | |
| Cash on Hand | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | |
| Totals | \$48,531.91 | \$53,328.24 | \$4,796.33 | |
| | | | \$0.00 | |

| Category Totals | Yr 2024 | Yr 2025 | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Actual | Variance |
| Donations (General) | \$ 4,063 | \$ 3,500 | \$ 504 | \$ 2,996 |
| Fundraisers | \$ 9,706 | \$ 23,850 | \$ 629 | \$ 23,221 |
| Stadium Concessions | \$ 16,949 | \$ 17,500 | \$ 5,657 | \$ 11,843 |
| Fry Wagon | \$ 17,204 | \$ 12,250 | \$ 7,242 | \$ 5,008 |
| Echoes in the Valley | \$ 17,064 | \$ 11,500 | \$ - | \$ 11,500 |
| Echoes in the Dome | \$ 754 | \$ 3,175 | \$ - | \$ 3,175 |
| Program Administration | \$ (15,715) | \$ (13,625) | \$ (4,801) | \$ 8,824 |
| Outdoor Season | \$ (17,442) | \$ (24,250) | \$ (12,529) | \$ 11,721 |
| Indoor Season (Percussion) | \$ (11,105) | \$ (13,500) | \$ - | \$ 13,500 |
| Indoor Season (Color Guard) | \$ (9,804) | \$ (17,100) | \$ - | \$ 17,100 |
| Championships Events | \$ 21,087 | \$ 20,250 | \$ - | \$ 20,250 |
| Vehicles | \$ (13,794) | \$ (11,000) | \$ (1,353) | \$ 9,647 |
| Administration | \$ (10,751) | \$ (12,550) | \$ (707) | \$ 11,843 |
| Total | \$ 8,216 | \$ - | \$ (5,356) | \$ 150,628 |
| As of August 31, 2024 | | | | |



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4. President's Report

a. Marching Band Committees

i. The Executive Board met and spelled out the different committees/areas where we need help and who has volunteered to lead these areas.

1. Most areas could really use an additional co-lead or alternate person to fill in when needed
2. More people learning from the current leads is important so the knowledge is passed down when those families' kids graduate.
3. They are as follows:
 - a. Concessions: Courtney O.
 - b. Fry Wagon: Nick H.
 - c. Candy Grams: Kelly P.
 - d. Trunk or Treat: OPEN; Steph S. is co-lead
 - e. Band Banquet: Nicole B. and Bob T.
 - f. Fundraising: Nicole M.
 - g. Echoes in the Valley: Kelly K. and Steph S.
 - h. Championships: Kelly K. and Steph S.
 - i. Feed the Band: Amy M. and Steph S.
 - j. Senior Night: Steph S.
 - k. Fleet: Nicky G.
 - l. Bingo: Greg G.
 - m. Uniforms: OPEN

ii. Candy Grams

1. Boosters are going to offer candy grams for the remaining away competitions
 - a. Parents and band members can buy candy grams at the end of practice on the Thursday night before the competition at concessions
 - b. We used to only do it for home competitions but we are trying it out for away competitions to see how it goes
 - c. Candy, squishmallows and other things will be available

iii. Trunk of Treat

1. We need help for Steph S. to coordinate trunk or treat for the band
2. Will be week after Halloween

iv. Band Banquet

1. The banquet will be held on Sunday, November 17 at the Penn Harris Hotel.
2. Nicky G. will add it to the Events calendar on the Band App.

v. Echoes and Championships

1. We are going to need a lot of help for planning both and throughout the days of both.
2. Next planning meeting is Tuesday September 24 at 7:30PM. Meet outside of PAC.



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- vi. Feed the Band
 - 1. Seniors are picking the meals
 - a. Next Saturday is a burger bar
 - b. The next competition will be soup and sandwiches

- vii. Senior Night
 - 1. Senior Night is October 18
 - 2. Linda N. and Sarah F. are helping Steph S.
 - 3. Previous Senior Night photographer is no longer taking photos; we are hoping to use a yearbook student photographer and a band member is working on that
 - 4. Val R. has a photographer friend she can reach out to if no students can do it
 - 5. We will need extra help in concessions from families without seniors; we do not want senior parents working this night!

- viii. Fleet
 - 1. We are going to need an additional driver for competitions because there will be props going forward.
 - a. Marc R. said that he should be able to help with that and will check his schedule.
 - 2. The green truck or White Dodge is available to tow the trailer; someone else has offered to use their personal vehicle if needed, so it could free up either of the other ones.
 - 3. Boosters added a Sheetz card this season for paying for fuel; this is in addition to the cards that we held previously.

- ix. Bingo
 - 1. Greg S is leading; we will need a lot of help to plan and execute the event. Please contact the Board if you are willing to help plan.

- b. Indoor Percussion
 - i. Interest meeting on October 2
 - ii. Kids do not have to be percussion kids; they can be taught!
 - iii. If they have any interest at all, please attend the meeting to find out more information; they are not locked into participating by coming to the meeting.
 - iv. A parent asked what the time frame for indoor season is
 - 1. Core timeframe: January-end of March/beginning of April
 - 2. A lighter amount of practices potentially sprinkled in during late fall and the holiday break
 - 3. Practices are typically Monday, Thursday and Saturday at CV9
 - 4. A parent asked if it's just open to grades 9-12 or if it's open to middle schoolers; Nicky G. will check with Steve to confirm
 - 5. A parent suggested that we get the information out to CV9 and to Mr. Andrechik to put the announcement out through Schoology



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5. Committee Reports

a. Concessions and Fry Wagon Updates

i. Fry Wagon

1. A Fry Wagon repair was needed and cost approximately \$800 bill.
2. Janet B. confirmed that repairs for the wagon are budgeted for, so it was covered by that line item in the budget.

ii. Concessions

1. Per the treasurer's report, we've made \$12,750 in profit from concessions in August. That did not include the last Varsity game because it fell in September.
2. We have had many volunteers, including a lot of new faces. Wonderful turn out in concessions and Fry Wagon volunteering!
3. Next game is Homecoming on October 4 and it will be a very busy game. We need all spots filled.
4. Senior Night is October 18; this is the final scheduled home game
 - a. We need all non senior parents to help out so that senior parents can enjoy the night with their seniors.
 - b. It is a tradition for last year's senior parents to return and work a shift at this year's senior night. Courtney O. is working on getting that email list updated and will then email out the Time to Sign Up list to alumni and families.
5. Concessions will add cold weather drinks and food going forward, like hot chocolate, coffee and soup.
 - a. Val R. has volunteered to make soup for the Varsity games
 - b. Would like to potentially add pulled pork
6. JV/Freshman games
 - a. We have had a lot of wonderful help from guard and band members and key club volunteers.
 - b. We still need adult help because student volunteers cannot cook nor handle the hot food on the line.
7. Visitor's Side
 - a. We are still not filling Visitor's slots and they could really use help on that side during Varsity games
 - b. Courtney O. adjusted the shifts so most were half games just like on the home side, per feedback. We are hoping that people would sign up more for that side now.
 - c. A parent asked if a sign could be created to encourage patrons on the visitor's side to use both lines, instead of mostly standing in one line and causing a backup. Courtney O. said she would look into this.
 - i. It was also suggested that something like this be created for Fry Wagon and potentially Home.
8. Echoes and Championships
 - a. Still determining whether to open Visitor's side as well, with concern for the staffing needs for all the areas.



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- i. Val R. suggested a possible soup table with crockpots if we do not open Visitor's.
 - b. A parent asked if we could possibly close the concessions windows when our band performs at Echoes and Championships
 - i. We are definitely working on this and plan to do it.
 - 1. We would need signs up ahead of time, stating when concessions would be closed.
 - 2. A parent said that only one line was kept open at the first competition so that parents could view their marching band; this is also a possible idea if we don't want it completely closed.
 - 3. A parent suggested to reach out to Cavalcade for protocol.
- b. Fundraising
 - i. Blaze Pizza Dine Out night on Wednesday, September 25 from 4-8PM.
 - 1. Someone can stand outside of Blaze and hand fliers out
 - ii. Dine Outs are scheduled for the next few months
 - 1. Dates will go out on Social Media accounts
 - iii. Texas Roadhouse Dine Out
 - 1. They allow a bake sale outside of it, 50/50 games etc;
 - 2. We can double dip with a gift cards sale in November
 - iv. Nicole M. is planning to coordinate the dine out evenings with fundraiser pick-ups to make it easy to remember dates and to combine efforts
 - v. If anyone works for companies that donate, please let us know!
 - vi. CV Band is on the United Way list and the giving list for Commonwealth Employees.
 - vii. Nicole M. said that we are filing for grants and small things; let us know if you have ideas. We could use your help!
 - viii. Our small chance license is expiring in early October; Janet B. is currently working on that renewal process.
 - ix. Steph S. shared information about Raise Right
 - 1. Buy gift cards online through the site, both digital and physical cards; you can even email them to people.
 - 2. Each gift card purchased gives a specific percentage back to the band; current percentages are noted on the site and frequently changes
 - 3. It is a really easy way to get money donated to CVMB.
- c. Competitions
 - i. Echoes in the Valley will be held on October 26.
 - ii. Championships will be held at CV on November 2.
- d. Other
 - i. No other business reported.



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6. Secretaries' Reports

a. Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2024

- i. A Motion to Approve the Minutes of the July 18, 2024 Band Booster Meeting was made by Steph K., and Seconded by Maureen D.
- ii. The Motion to Approve the Minutes of the May 16, 2024 Band Booster Meeting was unanimously approved.

7. New and Other Business

- a. A parent raised the concern that the box truck seems like a safety issue, particularly with some of the kids running up and down it. The parent suggested that we should look at other options that seem safer or at the very least, making sure there are a lot of adults around to monitor safety.
- b. A parents asked how we are handling shout outs for the program for Echoes, and in particular, how people will pay for them and where the information will get posted.
 - i. Nicky G. said that the board will work with the planner to help and that Janet B. will create a payment link that can be sent out.

8. Adjournment

- a. Hearing no other business, a Motion was made to adjourn by Bob T., and seconded Steph S.
- b. The Motion to adjourn was unanimously passed.

The next Band Booster Meeting will be held on October 17, 2024.

Executive Session - 6:30pm
Band Booster Meeting - 7:30pm
Location - CVHS Band Room