

**Hazleton Area High School**  
**Marching Cougar Band Boosters**

**Meeting Minutes:** May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**\*Note:** Meeting was moved to the library due to Band Room being used for concert being held in auditorium, and band room being occupied because of it.

President Jen Stirling called the meeting to order at 6:34p.m. The minutes from the April 2015 meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept was made by Jen Wesner, seconded by Ann Walper. All were in favor, none opposed.

Correspondence: Secretary Renee Forte sent a sympathy card to Vanessa Sheaman and family

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Robbin Halliday was absent from meeting. Secretary Renee Forte announced Robbin will have the treasurer's report at next meeting.

**Old Business:**

Ways and Means: All students fundraisers are complete, however there are still some candy bar boxes available to sell and some that still need to be returned.

General Fund: Chairperson Pat Jones announced Walmart fundraiser is being held on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 9a.m.till 4p.m. Michele Lizbinski stated there will be sign-up sheets posted in band room for all band members, color guard and twirlers to sign up to participate. Donations of hot dogs, buns, ketchup, mustard, soda, water and baked goods would be greatly appreciated. Also parent participation is urgently needed.

Publicity: Chairperson Audrey Umbriac had nothing to report.

Concession Stand: Chairperson Cory Scarcella reported the stand still needs to be cleaned, he and next year's concession chairperson Richard Forte and a few volunteers will clean the stand shortly to prepare for 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. Anyone interested in helping is asked to contact either Cory or Rich.

Chaperones: Chairperson Renee Forte thanked the five chaperones for all their hard work during the Nashville trip. The chaperone's were a very important part of the trip for without their attendance in chaperoning the trip would not have been able to take place. She also thanked all chaperones for any help given in any way throughout this past year. The help was greatly appreciated.

Band Store: Chairperson Jen Wesner reported the sale for the Nashville trip sold 74 T-shirts. Sales are over for this school year but will start up again in the summer.

**Committee's:**

Relay for Life-Will be held at the end of the month, with the band participating during opening ceremonies.

## Banquet Committee- Nothing to report

### Band Directors Report:

Nashville Tennessee Trip: Mr. Forte thanked the chaperones who worked very hard for the duration of the trip. The entire trip went very well. At all the attractions attended, all students were actively involved. The performance in Opryland Square will be a special memory for all the students and seeing Reba perform in the Grand Ole Opry was very enjoyable by all. Also thanked everyone who helped in anyway before or upon arrival back home for any help given. Special mention was given to the Band and Chorus on the evening of Reba's performance. Mr. Forte requested that the Secretary Renee Forte send a thank you to Rita the trip coordinator from RS Tours for helping plan such a memorable trip for everyone. Also to get a thank you card for all students to sign who attended the trip to Barry and Dari Ann Amato, the trip tour guides for doing an outstanding job, and making everything special for the students from the line-dancing lessons to the tours! It was also suggested to send a combined tip from chorus and band since the tip was not included in the trip. All in attendance agreed. After Mr. Forte confirms this with Mrs. Sharonoff, a check will be sent.

Band Events: Music 2 students attended the All Eastern Festival on April 9<sup>th</sup> – April 12<sup>th</sup> in Providence Rhode Island, those students were Jack Buglio and Jude Stefanik. The Spring Concert will be held Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>. Jim Sabatella will once again be recording it for CD and DVD sale. Parents are needed to man the tables. This year for the Memorial Day Parades, the band will be divided into two smaller bands to be in as many communities as possible. One band will participate with Mr. Forte in Beaver Meadows and McAdoo, while the second band will travel with Miss Gerhard & Drum Major Michael Seamon to West Hazleton & Conyngham. The band will be performing at graduation on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Seniors will have their choice to sit with their class or sit and play with the band.

2015-2016 Season: Practices and auditions for color guard and drum major will be coming up. This year there will be a Football Band and a Competition Band. Competition Band auditions will be coming up for next season all this month. Band practice and all band camp information is now posted on the website. All students and parents are reminded to check the calendar for all rehearsal information. Posters to generate interest in joining color guard went out to all the elementary/middle schools. Band Camp will be held this year From Monday thru Friday for 2 weeks instead of Monday thru Thursday as was done in the past. Melissa Lutz will be helping choreograph the color guard routine this year.

New Student and Returning Information Packets: All packets will be sent out end of June/early July to every member of the band. Once again they will be being mailed out.

Band Parent Scholarship: Mr. Forte announced there will be two Marching Cougars receiving the scholarship on May 31<sup>st</sup> who are furthering their education in Music. Mr. Forte needs to confirm a third student possibly after a question was asked concerning one more student.

Color Guard Directors: Mr. Forte announced that Mrs. Melissa Lutz will be filling the position of Color guard Director, and Mrs. Karen Supon is interested in the Assistant Color Guard Director position.

New Business: Nothing to report or discuss

Meeting was adjourned by Cory Scarcella and seconded by Ann Walper at 7:18 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the Band Room.

