

ARCHBISHOP RYAN BAND PARENT'S ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 6TH 2009

IN ATTENDANCE : JOSE AMADO, MARIA AMADO, BOB AND CHRIS JENKINS, JULIO MENESES, MICHAEL NOCITO, CHRIS SIDES , MIKE AND DEBBIE SUWALA, CINDY TRACEY AND PAUL AND VICKI WALUSH

Saturday practice is at 100pm and we are leaving at 500pm for the competition. Saturday we are serving them before the competition and we will be serving meatball sandwiches. There are two kids that don't eat meat and we will accommodate them with something else.

Chris Sides expresses thanks to Cindy and Sheryle for all the help in making the Craft Show a success. Maria will have the numbers as soon as she can to see how we did. He also thanks Bill Tracey, Mike Suwala and Charlie Koslosky for doing the back drops. Craft show seemed to be a success. Many of the feedback from the vendors were positive. The Marching Band Alumni table made a 150.00 that day also. Cindy had heard from one of the vendors in giving a suggestion on advertising it for next year. They suggested advertising at a local restaurant by using their placemats as an advertising tool. It would get to a lot more people that way. If we could make one up and get it on paper the restaurant can use the placemats for their customers. Also there was a suggestion on how to do the tomola table in a better way. There were also some vendors that were not happy and grumbled. They had a complaint about a few vendors that their craft was not handmade. The craft vendors have to have a craft that is handmade absolutely. We did do well on the concessions that day.

Maria goes over the report from the Craft Show. At this point we are showing a profit of 2, 161.00 and the flea market made a profit 674.00. One of the outstanding amts on the report is for the backdrops. We paid 364.00 for them and we are supposed to get reimbursed from the school for them. We currently have 3700.00. We still have a lot of outstanding bills that will come but we are doing pretty well at this point. We still have the candle sale. Hopefully everyone will be able to sell a few of them. Every little bit helps!

Chris Sides mentions that there was a Presidents meeting of all the parent groups in the school. They met with Frank Morris and Mr. McArdle in September. The meeting didn't really involve our parents group as much as it involves the sport parent groups. They were told that they need to start fundraising to alleviate the 40,000 expenses that the school pays for the sports. The marching band doesn't come under athletics so Chris kind of didn't need to be there.

Candle sale forms are available. All the profits will go to the new shoes for the kids. Please SELL as many as you can. Debbie mentioned that if everyone tried to sell atleast 5 candles that would cover the cost of your child's shoes. Any profits above that will go into our general fund. Chris states that he doesn't want to make anyone sell anything but once again selling the candles could cover your cost of your child's shoes. The cost of the shoes will be your responsibility so selling as much as you can, will help your out of pocket expense for the shoes.

Turkey Bingo—the date is November 6th. The chairpersons are Chris Jenkins and Maria Amado. The announcement is on the website and also available tonight for anyone to take home. For that night we will need anyone who can make a basket and also help that night with concessions and selling bingo cards. We make a thanksgiving basket and we ask for a can donation or something for a turkey dinner for that basket. Anyone that has an idea for a basket and needs help please let us know. Anyone that knows a store or a vendor that would like to donate a door prize let us know.

Tour Shirts—Chris would like all the orders put in by Thursday Oct 8th so that he can order them by Friday – He necessarily doesn't need the money. As soon as he gets the proof he will have it on the website.

Spaghetti Dinner will be done by Mike Nocito. We are trying to have it on November 13th, the night before Hershey. The date is not set in stone we need to find out from the school if the cafeteria is available. There is a second date that we came up with and that would be November 15th after Hershey in the afternoon. It was suggested that the caricature lady from the craft show could do a caricature of the two seniors at the spaghetti dinner instead of having to do a letter for them. Everyone thought that would be a great and different idea. Chris asked Mike Nocito if he had a preference for the date since he is running the dinner. He didn't have any problem with either date. Bill and Cindy Tracey will not be able to come on the 13th. Brian thought that the 15th would not work after Hershey because everyone may be tired after the Calvacade in Hershey.

Candy grams will be sold on Thursdays before competition. They are sold near the guard closet. Try to buy them from us instead of at the competitions. Candy grams also generate money for the kids. We made 78.00 dollars the first week we sold them.

We probably will not be able to have a parent bus for Hershey, unless we can have atleast 30 commitments we will get the bus. The bus costs 1200.00. We need two buses –one for the kids and one for parents that would cost 2500.00. It was mentioned using a school bus. Everyone kinda thought that the tour buses were the way to go considering the ride to Hershey. Chris is just worried that if we commit to the bus company and we don't get enough people to go on the parent bus that we would have to pay for that second bus out of our budget. He needs to commit soon to the bus company if we want two buses. We need to get a feel from other parents if they are interested in going. Anyone from their families may go not just the parents. We have to start asking around to see the response.

Brian speaks about October 16th. There had been a added performance on that day- but as of October 12th it was cancelled. He mentions Marching Band fees-- The fee is 125.00 per student. He is asking by October 22nd that the fees be paid. He just is mentioning it so that the school gets off his back about it. The shoes cost 22.00 each. We would have to sell 146 candles to cover the whole expense of the shoes for all the kids. He mentions that we will also NEED HELP soon with the backdrops for the show. This weeks show will have the backdrops in it. Brian has gotten a lot of positive feedback from the judges at the competitions about our show. The kids still need to really practice the music. Practice at home is recommended. He suggests that 20 minutes a day is sufficient.