

Archbishop Ryan Band Parent's Association

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday November 12, 2009

In Attendance: Jose Amado, Maria Amado, MaryAnn Blohm, Bob and Chris Jenkins, Joe McCrossen
Christine Slegel, Chris Sides, Mike and Debbie Suwala, Larry Szymanik, Cindy Tracey, Paul and Vicki
Walush, Mark Wilson, and Xhema Alban.

Materials Given Out: 2009 Loss and Profit Spreadsheet

Chris Sides asks Maria Amado to go over the spreadsheet. She lets us know that the Turkey Bingo made about 1900.00. Not all of the totals are in for that day yet. Also the Hershey column is negative because we haven't gotten all the monies yet for the bus tickets; we didn't sell all of the tickets. She stated that if anyone wants to still go on the bus or knows of someone to please let her know.

Chris Sides also stated that there are some tour shirts still available if anyone is interested. We always buy some extra just in case people still wanted any shirts. Candle order is going in Friday if anyone still had any orders they had until tonight to get them in. The number of candles sold so far is 226. The profit is about 1064.00. Of that amount Chris Sides states that 700.00 of that is going toward the new shoes for the kids. That means that as parents that expense has been met. Paul will be selling candy grams for Saturday's competition after the meeting tonight. Christine thanks everyone for the baby basket that the band parents sent to her and her family for their new addition, Brigid.

Chris Sides brings up a touchy subject for him to discuss. Back in September the school had a meeting for all the presidents of all the associations. They discussed having a beef and beer to raise money for the athletic department of the school. The beef and beer will be sometime in April. He couldn't understand why the marching band fell under this because it's for the athletic department but we are required to have a representative to help the committee out with this beef and beer. He wanted to see if anyone wanted to volunteer to represent us. No one had volunteered but he just wanted to mention it.

Tomorrow night is the spaghetti dinner for the kids. It will start at around 6:30PM. We were asked to end it early since we have an early start on Saturday for our Hershey competition. Nocito family will be doing the cooking for that night. Everyone is invited. Some people just wanted and asked if we had everything for that night as far as paper goods and sodas. We just needed to get sodas so Vicki and Paul will take care of that. The truck will be getting loaded that night as well so that it is ready for tomorrow morning.

Nominations were taken for the next board members for next year. Chris Jenkins is in charge of taking the nominations. Voting will take place next meeting in December. Chris Sides has decided to decline his position as President. Christine Slegel was nominated for President. Maria Amado was nominated to be Vice President. Michael Suwala was nominated for the position of Treasurer. Dena Zhema was nominated for the position of Secretary .

Chris Sides has tickets available for both the Hershey bus and the Hershey competition. The bus is leaving at 730AM. We go on at 1145AM. Awards are at 2:00PM. Chris brings up a sticky issue. The alumni has agreed to pay for the kids to go to the park after the awards are over which is about 300pm to 330pm. This only pertains to only the kids and the chaperones. The parent bus is leaving after the award ceremony to come back. Permission slips will be given out to the kids tonight to be signed and given back by tomorrow night. We had some concerns regarding the idea of the parent bus leaving and the kids staying up there without their parents. Chris opens up the floor to the parents to see if anyone had any thoughts on it. Brian Agger joined the meeting to clarify some concerns. It was his idea and he went to the alumni to see if they would pay for this. He stressed that it all depended upon the weather also. The park is decorated for Christmas and he thought it would be a good release for the kids. Some of the rides are open not all of them. He stated just like any other class trip it would be just the kids and a few chaperones. He was going to have the kids just walk around the park and enjoy themselves and have check in points periodically during the three hours in the park. He just wanted to make sure the parents knew that kids would be on their own for the most part. He realizes that it is short notice but thought the kids would enjoy it. The kids will probably be back by 900pm -930pm. He offers that if anyone had any specific questions for him to let him know. The alumni are also paying for the extra hours for the bus to stay at Hershey. Chris asks if any parents have any comments on this. Parents were offered to chaperone if they wanted to go to the park afterward. Overall parents were all ok with the kids going to the park afterward. Brian also had gotten permission from the school to do this. To the school this considered a class trip. They just need permission slips for each child.