

## **PARKSIDE HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS**

### ***"Meet and Greet" Night Minutes***

**July 29, 2008**

#### **Welcome- Kevin Zaczkiewicz**

KZ welcomed the group and said that there were many changes in store for the upcoming year.

#### **Introduction of officers for the 2008-09 School year - Cindi Hildreth**

Cindi Hildreth, President

Betty Gertsch, Vice President

Tammy Farley, Secretary

Felipe Arroyo-Flores, Treasurer

Katy Shockley, Asst. Treasurer

Cindi briefly outlined the Booster's goal and objectives:

"The purpose and objectives of this Corporation shall be to organize the band parents and acquaint them with each other and the total band program and its needs. In addition, the Association will represent the band in securing financial support from the various local sources and will maintain itself at all times so as not to conflict with the policies and philosophies of the Wicomico County Board of Education, the administration of Parkside High School and the Band Director; and to support the band in all its activities."

#### **Overview of Band Booster Activities:**

##### **Football Concessions - Tammy Farley**

The Parkside Band Boosters run the concession stand at the stadium for all of Parkside home football games. It is a lot of fun and a great way to get to know other band parents. It is also one of our major fundraisers. Sign-up sheets were available in the hall and will be available at each booster meeting.

##### **RAM Cards - Katy Shockley**

Each year the band sells "RAM Cards" which are discount cards to local businesses. This is another of our major fundraisers. There are a number of new businesses on this year's card. The cards are \$5 each. Each band member is required to sell at least 10 cards. The cards will be distributed during band camp.

##### **Pit Crew - John Gertsch**

The pit crew is a group of volunteers who go out and help the members of the percussion section in the pit to get all of the equipment on the field. A crew is needed for each football game performance and each TOB performance. The pit crew is actually part of the performance. Sign-up sheets were available in the hall and will be available at each booster meeting.

##### **Delmarvacade - Cindi Hildreth and Kevin Zaczkiewicz**

Each year Parkside Band Boosters sponsors its own TOB competition known as Delmarvacade. This year Delmarvacade will be held on Saturday, October 25. In TOB competitions, the bands compete in groups based on the size of the bands. Parkside competes in group 2, where the bands range from 31-50 playing members. There are 9 professional judges who judge the bands on visual and general

effects, as well as music. There are specific rules for the performances. There are 6 bands that have already registered, and we are expecting many more. Delmarvacade is our largest fundraiser of the year and we will need everyone to volunteer that day/evening.

#### **Wine Tasting/Silent Auction - Cindi Hildreth and Betty Gertsch**

Each spring the boosters hold a Wine Tasting and Silent Auction. Last year we moved it to the Ward Museum and dropped the price. We raised over \$3000 last year. We would like to schedule the Wine Tasting for the end of March in 2009.

#### **Band Director's Remarks-Kevin Zaczekiewicz**

KZ gave an overview of this year's field show, Schizophrenia, Managing Emotions. It is in 4 movements.

Mr. Zaczekiewicz spoke about band camp that will begin on Monday, August 4. He asked that all members thoroughly read their packets and arrive ready to begin at 8:00. Each band member should have sunscreen, a hat, plenty of water, their own 3 ring binder with sheet protectors, and sunglasses. Financial obligations, health form, and e-mail forms are due on the first day of band camp. Copies of the drill will be handed out the first day of camp. **NO CELL PHONES WILL BE PERMITTED DURING BAND CAMP.**

Salisbury Music will be at band camp on Thursday morning to measure for shoes and to place orders for gloves. Payment for those items is due at the time the order is placed.

There will be rehearsals each Wednesday evening and Saturday morning for all band members.

There will be some new faces helping out with the band this year. Mike Ashmeed, who has worked with Broadneck for the last 10 years is writing the drill and guard work. Russell Camper, a staff member at Parkside and a Parkside band alumni will be the percussion specialist this year. Kim Wigler, a student at SU will be the color guard instructor for the coming year.

Last year we made a push to expand the color guard. There are 7 new members and 2 returning. The guard members have already attended 2 summer clinics.

#### **Treasurer's Report-Betty Gertsch**

Betty distributed the treasurer's report and reported on the profits from the 4 major fundraisers from 07-08.

#### **Words of Experience and Encouragement from Returning Band Members -**

John Churchman, Crystal Arroyo-Flores, and Mallory Wright spoke and gave Band Members' Perspectives for all of the new band members.

#### **Closing**

Cindi thanked everyone for attending and reminded all that the next meeting of the boosters is scheduled for Tuesday, September 2.