

November 19, 2013 Upbeat Club Notes

President Sue Tanner called to order at 7:30pm.

Secretary Jill Trygier read minutes. Cindy moved to accept minutes as read; Malinda seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report:

- Monica shared end of October now at a profit of little over \$40,000 as a result of collecting almost all of the Macy's trip as of end of October. Monica was commended for a great job managing payments.
- Fundraising numbers have not changed significantly
- As of this evening, the net fundraising to the Upbeat Club from the Uno's Doughraiser will come in about \$9600. Tips covered all the expenses. Expenses included paypal fees, facepainting supplies, posters, and T-shirts. People were very generous with tips. All this fundraising goes towards Macy's trip.
- Marching band camp came in \$2500 under budget due to collecting more fees than expected and spent less.
- Mattress sale was \$4700 to Upbeat Club and \$1300 directly to students.

Director's Report:

- Going to Macy's. Patches came in, kids are working really hard. Performance time is 10:12pm on NBC. CBS will show before this – we are 17th unit in parade, 1st high school band. Opening with 400 piece James Madison College band. 7 high school bands in the parade. Best guess is band will pass viewing area between 9:15am and 9:30am. 34th street on is no play zone due to bleedthrough over to Herald Square.
- Students will leave at 2am for rehearsal. Parents do not attend. Chaperones will leave at 5:30am, go to breakfast, go to their grandstands to watch the parade. Students will be supervised by the 8 staff between 2am and the end of the parade.
- Great show this year.
- Working through changes – what we've done in the past we can't always do in the future. Likely the school district will collect the entire payment next year and everything will need to be paid through bursar, get P.O.'s.
- Appreciate your help with Macy's; look ahead for Rose Parade.
- Looking forward toward Pep Band and figuring out how we do that. Administration wants a big pep band.
- Will not be able to hand out tickets or collect money in the future. Will do best we can with new rules.

Macy's

A local freight company, ABF, is donating all the shipping for Macy's. Truck will show up on Thursday. They have asked that we take a photo of the kids with the band. We will probably do this on Tuesday am. Clarinets and Flutes will go with students as they normally would. This reduces our trip cost by potentially \$2500-\$3000.

The badges have all chaperones numbers on the back. In Manhattan, our gathering place is the follower's hotel. Kids should go there and call chaperones and call if anything happens.

Krogers

Still waiting on 2nd quarter check.

Pancakes

Pancakes will start meeting in January at the library.

Swing Dance

Swing Dance in December 13. Will be looking for volunteers from 7:30-10pm. By band, will be asking for donation of food. Have 82 liters of pop left over.

Winterguard

Winterguard started tonight. Now have two winterguards, a Scholastic A and Scholastic B guard. Guard Director has increased practice to 9-12 hours a week. Goal this year is to hit top 5 and take 1st place.

Bus Chaperones

Chaperones were awesome this year. Many chaperones are senioring out, so if you are a sophomore or junior parent, please consider chaperoning. Great way to go to competition; no cost, no gas money.

Uno's Fundraiser

Would like to thank everyone who volunteered or came and ate. Uno's owners were very happy with the event. They would like to do it again. Very positive experience overall. . Shifts were long, but the transitions between shifts were also the roughest part.

Rose Parade

RFQ has been sent out for bidders; expect to have awarded by mid-December. Pre-planning preview trip for Directors to go out this year for Rose Parade. Do we want to send the directors out to this? They were there 6 years ago, but a lot of things have changed. Parade requirements different, hotel they stayed at is now gone, handbook is much different and more complicated. Timing is good – if contract awarded in middle December they can look at what is being proposed on this trip end December, what is in itinerary and make sure that all the places are what is promised. Given \$600,000 cost of trip, with 270 students is this worth doing. Approximate cost of \$3000. Trip is being priced from 250 to 290 participant's total package including chaperones. Potential trip for them is December 28, 2013 to January 1st, 2014. Lengthy discussion ensued on whether we should spend money to send directors on trip or not. We have no money budgeted for this trip.

Motion: Reuben Schwartz moved that we send two band directors to California. Trip approved. 17 yes votes and 7 no votes.

Motion: Monica moved that we provide up to \$2000 for a single director or \$3000 for 2 directors to attend the Rose Parade planning meetings and conference to be funded through the Kroger card proceeds. Seconded by Reuben Schwartz. 18 yes votes and 4 no votes so motion passes.

Malinda motioned to adjourn; Dawn DiLorenzo seconded the motion. Motion passed.