



Steinert High School Jazz Band



Friends of Steinert High School Jazz, Inc. Meeting Minutes - March 28, 2011

- I. Meeting was called to order by Steve K. at 8:31 PM (exactly the same time as last month, except one month later, of course)
- II. Secretary's Report was presented by Charlie G.
 - ◆ Motion was made by Linda T. to post the minutes and not read them. This is not a typographical error - she did this last month as well. This was seconded by Wendy E. and approved by all except Brian K.
- III. Treasurer's Report was presented by Mike K.
 - ◆ Ending Balance as of 3/31/11 was \$24,891.94. This balance was high due to proceeds from the Jazz Festival and State Preliminaries.
 - ◆ We expect to meet and not exceed our budget for this season
 - ◆ A motion was made by John G., as he did last month, to approve the financial reports; this was seconded by Fred C. and approved.
- IV. Vice President Reports were presented by Marty T. and Wendy E.
 - ◆ Marty T.
 - A. All were thanked for their help and support of the Jazz Festival. FoSJ received an email from a parent from Grice complementing us and asking to advertise in next year's ad book. He was a member of the Steinert Stage Band and graduated in 1977.
 - B. Participation in the ad book has increased over the years from 63% in 2009 to 67% in 2010 to 78% this year. Spartan Jazz members participate less than Jazz Band members. Overall, 17 students received Visa gift cards totaling approximately \$800. Alexis K. sold the most ads.
 - ◆ Wendy E.
 - A. Wendy thanked all for their help and adaptability during the Jazz Festival
- V. President's Report was presented by Steve K.
 - ◆ Steve thanked everyone for help with our very successful and smooth running festival. He complimented all of the sub-groups that worked before and during the event.
 - ◆ Mike K. added that, although not all the expenses have been paid, the State Preliminaries and Jazz Festival earned approximately \$13,122 with total expenses of approximately \$4000, leaving a total profit of more than \$10,000. A full report will be provided at the next general meeting.

- ◆ The ad book raised \$7100. An executive decision was made to reduce the price of the festival from \$7 to \$5 for students and seniors and we collected \$2397 at the gate. The Café was very successful at both events, taking in \$1900 at the Jazz Festival and \$1176 at the State Preliminaries.
- ◆ Based on the success of these events, we will meet our budget and there will not be any need for additional fundraising this year
- ◆ The Jazz Band placed 3rd in the State Preliminaries and will compete in the finals on April 30 at Princeton High School

VI. Director's Report was presented by Mr. Mike A.

- ◆ Everyone was thanked for their help with the State Preliminaries and Jazz Festival. All aspects went very smoothly. Feedback from the directors was very positive and one clinician commented on the ad book saying that "It is the best ad book he has ever seen"!
- ◆ Students are now back to a relatively normal schedule. As part of the program, he has given each a CD of classic jazz music for their listening and learning enjoyment.
- ◆ The jazz bands will perform at Jackson Liberty on April 2 in a non-rated event
- ◆ Dress for Williamsburg will be black shirts. A packet was sent home today with forms for all students to complete and return.
- ◆ The Jazz Band will perform at a jazz assembly for Jazz Appreciation Month in April
- ◆ Willingboro will host a festival on April 28
- ◆ State finals will be April 30 at Princeton High School. The Jazz Band placed 3rd of 14 bands in the preliminaries to earn this spot in the finals.
- ◆ The Spring Concert will be May 18 with both bands performing
- ◆ Jazz band auditions will be in May. This will help get parents involved earlier
- ◆ Ms. Mattis has offered to cover the cost for all buses this year

VII. Old Business

- ◆ The trip to Williamsburg will be April 8 through 10
 - A. Final payment is due tonight to Mike K.
 - B. The buses will depart at 8:30 on April 8 and stop for lunch. There will be a group dinner at Golden Coral followed by a Ghost Tour in Williamsburg. Breakfasts will be at the Holiday Inn Patriot.
 - C. The performances will be at Lafayette High School, followed by a visit to Busch Gardens for the remainder of the day.
 - D. Awards will be presented in the park at 5:00
 - E. The full agenda can be found on the website
 - F. Forms for each student to complete will distributed today

VIII. New Business

- ◆ The year-end family picnic is tentatively planned for June 11 at the Italian-American Club. FoSJ will cover the cost of admission, as well as meats and rolls. Families will provide salads, drinks and deserts. Wendy E. will coordinate the food.
- ◆ Elections for Executive Board positions will occur in May. Anyone interesting in serving on the board should inform Steve K. by April 25. Three "senior" parents will "graduate" and therefore not return next year.

