

**Perkiomen Valley Music Boosters**  
**General Meeting**  
**March 8, 2010**

**In attendance:** Jeffrey Briggs, Steve Brook, Debbie Brooks, Harry Chamberlain, Janet Cassano, Donna Ciccotosto, Cindy Golden, Mark Golden, Tracy Griffie, Sue Kelly, Karen Kile, Drew Mantey, Dave Overholtzer, Brenda Rice, Steve Suloman, Lisa Toombs (recording secretary *pro tem*), Ximena Violante

**Minutes** – Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and accepted after noting these corrections to misspelled names: Janet Cassano (not Caruso) and Scott Nethery (not Nathery). *Sorry, Janet and Scott! – LT ☺*

**General Announcements** – Drew Mantey

PVMB has applied for nonprofit/charitable tax exempt 501(c)(3) classification. This is a 2-part process; 1 part has been approved and the other is in progress.

**Treasurer's Report** – Harry Chamberlain

Beginning balance = \$40,810.32

Expenses = -\$11,333.85

Receipts = \$21,307.40

Ending balance = \$50,783.87

Major expenses included cymbals (~\$1290), WaWa certificates (\$1500) and miscellaneous production costs for the Valley Jazz Show.

Major receipts included Williamsburg trip deposits (\$14,220), Musical ticket sales (~\$1350), and Valley Jazz Show receipts (~\$4930).

Checks were cut to Brittany Hueston for the “Shattered Dreams” safe driving program (\$100) and also to PV Post Prom as agreed at a prior meeting (\$1000).

**Directors' Reports**

**Band** – Dave Overholtzer

Happy Birthday to Steve Suloman, who turned **23 again(!)** today... or yesterday...

Thanks to all who helped make the Valley Jazz Show on Feb 19th such a success. All went smoothly; the concession stand was busy all evening, and the event was well-attended. An added highlight was the intermission performance provided by the PV West Middle School jazz students, whose parents were admitted free of charge. Their support and enthusiasm were appreciated and it was a great opportunity to spotlight our upcoming talent.

The Percussion and Indoor Guard are having a fantastic season, with a string of first place awards to the Guard and consistently outstanding performances from Percussion. Jazz Band is also performing extremely well, with recent shows at North Penn and at home in our own Valley Jazz Show, plus an upcoming show at Upper Moreland. This season's ensembles promise to be among our very best ever.

Band students may have an opportunity to perform at the Reading Phillies game on May 27<sup>th</sup>, joining together with students from other local high school bands to play “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” in what could be an event for the record books. Students would also receive free game tickets. This remains tentative until details can be worked out.

Information has been distributed to Guard and Percussion students for the “Weekend in Wildwood” tournament, April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cost is \$225 per person and includes a wristband for rides.

The final payment for the Williamsburg trip is due on April 15<sup>th</sup> (tax day). Some students still owe the second payment which was due on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Orchestra** – Steve Suloman

Congratulations to Ximena Violante who made Regional Orchestra. Unfortunately, the concert on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> had to be cancelled due to the snowstorm; however, this in no way diminishes her accomplishment and we are very proud to have her represent PV. Ximena has been accepted for admission into the music program at Swarthmore College and we congratulate her on that achievement as well.

The PV Vertical Strings concert, featuring string students from grades 3 through 12, will take place at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at PVMS-East. Donations will be accepted for the Matt Bailey Scholarship. Rehearsal is at PV East the morning of the concert.

Drew asked whether the 2 newly-arrived Japanese exchange students, both of whom study violin, may participate in the vertical string concert. Steve had no objection as long as the 2 girls are able to play the music.

The spring orchestra concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, in the PV High School auditorium. There are some lights in that auditorium in need of repair.

### **Chorus** – Tracy Griffie

Congratulations to David Nolan and Andrew Bigelow who will be performing with Regional Choir at CB East on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets for *Beauty and the Beast* (Mar 26-28) are available for purchase online at etix.com, or by following the link from the PVHS or PVMB websites. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Cost is \$8; online tickets will incur a service charge of about \$2 and will be held at “will call”.

There will be a Storytime with Belle (probably in the gym) 45 minutes before each performance, and a Disney Parade at intermission, when children who attend in costume may join the parade around the auditorium and across the stage.

Set construction is behind due to recent inclement weather, so help is welcome – please join us on Tue or Thur evenings 6-9:30 pm, or on Saturdays. Help will also be needed to break down the set after the performance on Sunday Mar 28<sup>th</sup> and possible on Monday night the 29<sup>th</sup> as well.

We need help at all performances for ticket sales (Debbie and Harry volunteered), ticket distribution at 2 or 3 will call lines, and at concession tables. In addition to food concessions, there will be raffle baskets, candy grams, and light-up “magic roses” for the kids (or young-at-heart). Tracy is following up on the magic roses supplier; Debbie is coordinating concessions; and Steve B. is looking into possible suppliers of fresh flower bouquets who may be interested in a profit sharing arrangement. It was determined that 5 cash boxes will be needed (tickets:1, raffles & roses:1, grams:1, concessions:2). Ticket sales have been slow for this Sunday’s Outback Steakhouse fundraiser and we may need to cancel if we don’t sell more tickets. Cost is \$20 (\$10 for children <12); we make \$12.50 profit on each ticket. The Applebee’s Breakfast fundraiser is next Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, from 8-10am. Cast will serve and there will be characters in costume. Cost: \$6. Sponsorships and ads have been selling well. Tracy requested electronic copies of business ads from the fall show program since the price paid for that included reprinting the ad in the spring musical program.

A major problem has arisen re microphones. PVMS-West has taken all the mikes from East for their own musical, which is Mar 19-21. Tracy hopes to negotiate with PV West principal Ryan Stanson-Marsh over possible solutions, such as sharing the cost to rent or purchase an additional set of mikes. Debbie might know someone with sound equipment who could possibly help. This problem requires urgent resolution as mikes are needed immediately for rehearsals as well as performance.

Tee shirt orders are due tomorrow. For various reasons, we might use a different printer next year.

Cindy Golden announced that her son Adam (PVHS class of ’06) will be performing with the a capella choir from Albright College at Trinity Church (on Main St, across from Ursinus) on Sat Mar 13<sup>th</sup>; all are invited and admission is free.

**Properties** – Steve Brook for Scott Nethery

Scott Nethery will host a meeting on Mar 17<sup>th</sup> at his home to make plans for the Indoor Show on Apr 17<sup>th</sup>. Many volunteers will be needed, especially to monitor hallways and classrooms. So far 23 groups have signed up to participate in the event.

Funds have been earmarked to paint “truck #2”. It will cost \$3-4000 just to strip the truck and paint it white. It will also need lettering and decoration.

Dave said spaces have to be found to hang a new picture and the plaque commemorating the Frank’s Pizza car wash fundraiser, and also to display trophies.

Tracy asked if anyone could drive a truck to Delaware County this week to pick up some theater props (eg, a cart, etc) from Swarthmore Players. He has a potential volunteer who has not confirmed, but Drew volunteered to help out as a back-up.

**Food** – Cindy Golden

Cindy and Debbie are working together to coordinate the concession stand for the musical. Donations of baked goods and other snacks are needed. Debbie offered to compose 2 separate emails – one to cast members’ families requesting a mandatory

donation, and another to all PVMB families requesting voluntary donation. She will forward the emails to Tracy so he can distribute via the appropriate email lists. Cindy proposed offering juice boxes and cookies for sale preshow and in conjunction with the storytime, and everyone liked this idea.

The candygrams cannot use the *Beauty and the Beast* logo due to copyright. Volunteers are needed for concessions.

Similar plans will need to be made for the upcoming Indoor Show on Apr 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business**

At the Feb meeting, PV student Sam Lurch was granted permission to sell her “*Save the Music*” items (related to her graduation project) at shows. Steve B. proposed that PVMB buy any “leftovers” and continue to sell them at home shows until they are gone. All agreed.

### **New Business**

Debbie has begun preparations for the awards banquet. She is scouting out venues and welcomes suggestions (eg, Rivercrest Golf Club and the Marriott in Royersford...). Last year’s banquet tickets cost \$20 and about 120 attended.

Steve B. announced that a DJ has already been booked for next year’s Homecoming. Ticket sale and admission procedures for this year’s Homecoming worked great, so we will probably use the same system next year. Tickets were \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, and 800 of 1200 were sold in advance.

Sadly, Steve B. also announced that this is his last year with PVMB, as he and his family are moving to Virginia. He will be missed!

**Adjourned:** 8:15 1<sup>st</sup> motion – Steve Brook 2<sup>nd</sup> motion – Cindy Golden