

## **Perkiomen Valley Music Boosters December 13, 2010**

**Attendance:** Jeffrey Briggs\*, Nancy Briggs, Linda Fonda, Tracy Griffie\*, Sue Kelly, Steven King, Ken Lord, Drew Mantey\*, David Overholtzer\*, Jack Ryan\*, Maureen Ryan\*, Steve Suloman\*, Lisa Toombs\* (recording secretary *pro tem*), Liz Waslo\*  
\* denotes attendance at Executive Session

### **MARCHING BAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RECOGNITION**

– PVSD School Board

Immediately prior to tonight's meeting, Booster officers and members and many proud parents were pleased to attend the beginning of the School Board meeting to see the Perkiomen Valley Marching Viking Band formally recognized for winning their 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive National Championship! Each member of the marching band was recognized by name, as were the directors and assistants. The Viking Band has also been honored with a PA "House Citation".

### **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Jeff Briggs

As of 11/30/10, our current total balance is \$39,978.83 with the breakdown as follows: checking = \$18,527.08; general CD = \$11,624.57; Matt Bailey scholarship CD = \$5901; Matt Bailey scholarship savings = \$926.18. Jeff reported that the Presser Foundation did not approve our grant application to repair the lighting in the auditorium, as this is not the type of project their foundation supports. We are still waiting to hear from Exelon Corporation regarding our grant application for \$2000 towards the Michael Miles program. Maureen submitted several invoices related to the marching band's trips to Annapolis and Allentown. Liz did not submit any reimbursement request for the hanging globes she purchased for the Homecoming Dance (~\$100) since she decided instead to keep the items as her personal property and lend them to Post-Prom and other groups as needed. Jeff reminded Liz (and all) that donations to PVMB are now tax deductible. Dave asked whether a budget amendment was needed to account for ~\$2000 expenditures for new percussion instruments, but it was decided that we can just reallocate money budgeted for Indoor Guard (activity cancelled for this season).

### **MUSIC DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

**Orchestra** – Steve Suloman

Our holiday concert (entire music department) is this Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm in Middle School East's Spahr Auditorium. A reception will be held immediately after the concert. Baked goods are needed and they do NOT need to be individually wrapped. Matt Bailey Scholarship donations will be collected (Lisa and Jeff volunteered). Thirty-one poinsettias were sold to decorate the stage. Steve will pick them up from Meng Road Greenhouse on Wed. This afternoon's orchestra rehearsal went well. A few members of the Select Strings, plus Select Choir, will perform at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit in Norristown on Thursday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. Also a small group of Select Strings members, as well as Jazz Choir, will perform at Plymouth Meeting Mall on Monday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. We are unable to take the entire Select Strings group due to budget

constraints (bus cost). District auditions were held last weekend – congratulations to these 4 students who will represent PV: Michael Huang (2<sup>nd</sup> violin, 23<sup>rd</sup> chair), Lillian Swei (2<sup>nd</sup> violin, 24<sup>th</sup> chair), Melissa Mantey (bass, 8<sup>th</sup> chair) and Harry Oehler (trombone 4<sup>th</sup> chair). The District Orchestra concert will take place in Quakertown on January 29<sup>th</sup>. We've started rehearsing the music for the Michael Miles program (concert Feb 9<sup>th</sup>; venue either PVHS or MS-E, TBA). Special congratulations to Michael Huang for his recent acceptance into the Engineering program at Columbia University!!! PV music students are awesome!!!

### **Band** – Dave Overholtzer

Help will be needed to reload the truck after Wednesday night's concert – but don't forget to Eat Dessert First! Five PV musicians participated in "Tuba Christmas" in Lansdale on Dec 5<sup>th</sup>: Dave O., Jordan Bonner, Soo Jin Park, Ben Basilik, and Matt Neiman. Congratulations to Harry Oehler, who made both District Band (trombone 3<sup>rd</sup> seat) and District Orchestra at last weekend's auditions! The Brass Ensemble has been visiting the elementary schools, performing a selection of holiday music. They will also perform at the middle schools this Thursday and at the high school next Thursday. This year for the first time, after visiting the district office, the Brass Ensemble made an impromptu appearance at the bus garage! Check out the photo on the Viking Band's webpage, under the "Brass Ensemble" link! This season's Jazz Band members have been selected and the first rehearsal was held last week. Our Jazz Show, scheduled for Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, is now full, with 8 bands competing and 3 on the waiting list. Because of cost and time concerns (especially with our middle schools also participating this year), we will keep to the current roster, and PV will perform in exhibition only. Drew will chair this year's Jazz Show but he asked Jeff to co-chair as training to chair it next year. The Indoor Show is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> and groups have started signing up. Spring-Ford's show is on that same day at noon; since ours is at 4pm, groups should be able to participate in both shows. Unfortunately, PV will not have its own Indoor Guard group this year due to insufficient membership. Jack was "invited" to chair the Indoor Show. Scott Nethery assembled a book with all the instructions and organization details so it should be a cinch. So far 4 host families have volunteered for the PMEA Region 6 Band Festival which runs March 24-26. Drew said the Mantey family can accommodate 2 female musicians. Rehearsals and concert will be at the Arcola Middle School, and PV is co-hosting the event with Methacton. Anyone interested in hosting should contact Dave.

### **Chorus** – Tracy Griffie

Congratulations to these 3 students who will represent PV in District Chorus: Kevin Lang (Tenor 2, 7<sup>th</sup> chair), Shannon McCaulley (Alto1, 10<sup>th</sup> chair), and Sarah Hart (Soprano 2, 9<sup>th</sup> chair). District Chorus performance is at Upper Merion on January 13<sup>th</sup>. This evening's choir rehearsal for Wed night's concert went well. Select Choir will perform at MCIU this Thursday (school dismissal 11:30am). Jazz Choir and Women's Select will perform at PM Mall on Monday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> (8:30 am school dismissal for 10:30 am performance). This year's musical, *The Pajama Game*, has been cast and rehearsals have started. There is some concern over some male parts as some have dropped out. The set plan has been finalized and construction will begin in January. Drops have been rented. Thanks to Sherwin-Williams for donating paint (we have plenty of red, which we will use

for “bricks”). Please contact Tracy ASAP if you are able to provide any of these items needed for props: old-style sewing machines, old pajamas or fabric, canvas laundry carts. Tracey hopes to do the Outback and Applebee’s fundraisers again this year. The Outback event was especially profitable last year as we made \$8 per ticket. He will contact Mrs. Barasha, who organized those events last year.

Tracy passed along a request from PV Senior Class members that they be allowed to distribute flyers at Wednesday night’s concert advertising the Senior Class’s *Max & Erma*’s fundraising event. It was agreed this would be ok, but only at the reception following the concert.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Uniforms/Fashion** – Maureen Ryan

Maureen will begin organizing Jazz Band uniforms after the winter break. Plans are to order new jackets for the men, but the ladies’ outfitting is still under discussion. The marching band’s new raincoats finally arrived. New gauntlets still need to be ordered. More space is needed to store uniform supplies. Maureen hopes to schedule a workday in January to finish up marching band details and to prepare for Jazz Band outfitting. She will send a message with more information and requesting volunteers to Drew, who will distribute it via email.

### **Food** – Sue Kelly

Everything is in order for the reception in the gym following our Holiday Concert this Wednesday night. Donations of baked goods were solicited (no need to individually wrap). Sue will be on hand with plenty of helpers to start setting up around 6-6:15, though she still welcomes help with clean-up afterwards.

### **Fundraising** –

Dave reported that the paperwork is underway to initiate the “Key Life Benefits” fundraising program, involving discount buying cards. The cards give the user discounts on many products and services both locally and nationally. There is a monthly fee (~\$10-\$12/month) and the cards are annually renewable. The Boosters would receive ~\$2 residual on every \$10, but the best feature is that we can continue to receive the residual even after the student who sold the card has graduated. Monthly residuals can also be linked to student accounts. Drew will contact Jackie Bielski for updates on the status of other fundraising plans

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Minutes:** Minutes from both the November and December meetings will be distributed for approval at our next meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> (and are available to read online at PVMB.org, via NEXT BOOSTER MEETING link).

**Spirit Apparel:** Liz and Drew are finalizing design details and pricing for the Music Department tee shirts. The tees will be black, with a Viking logo (probably in 3 colors) encircled by “Perkiomen Valley Music Department”. Every student in the PV Music Dept will receive a tee shirt free of charge, courtesy of the PVMB. The music directors will collect sizes from students and provide them to Drew before break (Tracy suggested

Wed night's concert provides a good opportunity to collect sizes). Liz will also order long sleeve polo shirts to be offered for sale to parents and others. She will make up order forms for that.

***Tech & Admin stuff:*** Lisa shared a suggestion from Rob Keiser that we start from scratch and create a new PVMB website rather than trying to "fix" the current site. There are many broken links and much of the information is outdated. Also, we would like the site to reflect that PVMB represents the entire music program at PV, including band, chorus, orchestra, and related groups. Rob said updating the current site is problematic due to outdated program functionality. It would also be more efficient if the site could be updated directly by Booster officers or committee chairs as needed. Drew will contact Rob to discuss development logistics and timeframe as we weigh the options.

***Next Meeting:*** Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm (executive session for officers at 6:30).

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:15 pm (1° Liz Waslo; 2° Jeff Briggs)