

CUMBERLAND VALLEY MARCHING BAND BOOSTERS  
Executive Board Meeting

**Monday, June 9, 2014**

6:31 p.m.

**CV Band Room**

**AGENDA**

Executive board members present: Andrew Rucker, Michelle Marshall, Carol de Ramon, Selena Culwell and Janet Richey, Maria Einolf

Introduction of Board Members and CVBB members in the audience

Meeting Minutes from May were approved.

**Director's Report:** Dave Porter

1. Tonight is the first official rehearsal with everyone.
2. Thank you to everyone who helped with the car wash. We raised almost \$1300. Today is the Froyos fundraiser. Emails and texts were sent out about Froyos.
3. Our goal by the end of minicamp is not to start show music at all, but to do the National Anthem and Victors, and to work on technique. We have a few new people on staff this year. Tonight we did a team activity – a getting to know you game for everyone.
4. Events to draw our attention to: - June 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is a Monday evening, we are not having regularly scheduled rehearsal, instead we are having an opportunity to see a drum corp in a movie theater. The drum corp is being taped in Ohio and being rebroadcast throughout the nation in select Regal Cinemas. Our closest Regal Cinema which is showing this performance is across the river, – Regal 14 near the Susquehanna Shops. Parents can attend also. It is optional but highly encouraged.
5. Later this summer we will be hosting the Boston Crusaders (June 26 & 27) while they prepare for a competition. During the competition, they will perform once for competition, and then a second time with commentary on the design of their show. Hosting a drum corp doesn't entail a lot, they are self-sufficient. Near the end of July (29 & 30) will be hosting Santa Clara Vanguard. Both times the corps will be providing our students with an hour long workshop, and then our students will be able to watch the corps run through their show. Each corp has approximately 150 students, travel 15,000 miles in one summer, and travel with their own support system.
6. The CVBB Car show is July 19<sup>th</sup>: Rumble in the Valley. It will include a car show, chili cook-off, and flea market here in CV high school in the parking lot.
7. Echoes in the Valley is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup>. We have 8 competing bands, plus us, and Mansfield college band. We are waiting to hear from the Marine Corp band. We are still looking for bands so feel free to spread the word, they don't have to be competitive; they could do an exhibition performance.
8. Question asked: Do we have to resign up for texts every year? Mr. Porter answered: No.
9. Mr. Porter will be sending out an email sometime this week giving a lot of information and how to subscribe to his email list.
10. The CV Band Boosters' website is [CVBB.org](http://CVBB.org).

**President's Report:** Andrew Rucker

1. There is no general CVBB meeting in July. The next general CVBB meeting will be August 11<sup>th</sup>.
2. Echoes in the Valley on October 11<sup>th</sup> is our home competition. We are always looking for volunteers.

3. Fry Wagon Summer Events – There are several opportunities to help, we especially need someone to drive the truck and trailer. Our first fry wagon event will take place on June 28<sup>th</sup>, when there will be a fireworks show on the Naval Base (opening 6-6:30pm), and the Fry Wagon will be set up at Hampden Park. We need volunteers to work the fry wagon and to make bake sale items. The second event for the fry wagon will be the car show at CV. We are also planning on taking the fry wagon to Creekview Family Night and then possibly scheduling a second car wash
4. There are three DCA corps that students (currently in the percussion or guard sections) are involved in: Cabs (Hawthorne Caballeros), Bucs (Reading Buccaneers) and Bushwackers. Mr. Porter is going to send information out about these corps so that CVMB can support current and past CV students who are involved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carol de Ramon

**June 2, 2014 – Executive Meeting Treasurer's Report:**

1. Echoes in the Dome – Indoor competition that was held in March. We made an income of \$5833.35.
2. We have a budgeted of \$17,000 for outdoor staff. That amount does not include the salaries of Josh, Mr. Porter and Sarah, as they get paid by the school district.
3. Indoor Guard Dues – We still have some families that haven't paid their indoor guard dues. Students cannot go on the Atlanta trip unless back dues are paid. The Atlanta trip is optional. Carol will send an email that money is still due and no future trips will be allowed until paid.
4. New Payment Coupons – These were given out at new parent meeting and to outdoor guard participants at rehearsal on 5-19-14. The treasurer and assistant treasurer spend many hours each week on their duties, and deal with a large amount of money, so they are implementing the coupons as a more efficient way to track all the money. Please include a coupon with ANY payment that comes in to the band box (not grocery cards). There are more blank coupons in the band room. There is also a coupon form on the CVBB website under forms. Students should not give cash in the band box, and if they do, never more than \$50. If you do not receive a confirmation email from Carol within 72 hours after putting cash in the band box, then Carol did not receive the payment. This is a protection for the parents. Students should not give money to the directors. Only the treasurers should handle the money. Carol will also send out an email within 3-4 days about the implementation of the coupons.
5. Car wash results – Brought in \$1255. We are doing another car wash July 26<sup>th</sup> at Auto Zone across from Kmart. We will have a sign-up sheet this time.
6. The CV Marching Band has new transportation needs this year. We are looking to try to solicit from local dealerships to try to get a couple of pick-up trucks. We need at least an F 250 to haul the trailers that we use. We may need to buy a pick-up truck. The truck we currently have is nearing the end of its useful life. Mr. Porter ultimately wants 3 trailers and 3 pick-up trucks. There is a need, if you know anyone with a connection, please let us know.
7. Atlanta Payments – We paid \$15,900 for our first installment
8. Other than the Atlanta payment, we only spent about \$500 on gas to get to Wildwood.
9. Audit Status – Our audit through the accounting firm of Mark Gerberich and Assoc. is being prepared. All documentation will be presented to their firm by the end of June and the expectation is we will have the audit by September. The first extension has been filed and accepted by the IRS, which is through August 15, 2014. Usually another extension is filed before the audit is complete. Asking for all of last year's information and the 1<sup>st</sup> 4 months of this year.

10. Remember to use [igive.com](http://igive.com) and you can shop anywhere online and the CVBB gets a percentage of your purchases.
11. AmazonSmile also started a program similar to [ismile.com](http://ismile.com). An email will come out about both of those programs.
12. United Way – if you work for a company that supports the United Way, some companies will contribute to United Way and match it; we are certified to accept from local, state and federal level. CV Band is able to accept those donations now. Our tax ID # is 232280238.
13. Every month there is a student account list which shows the balance in your student account. Any money that your student earns from grocery cards, student fundraisers, etc., will be shown in this account. The list at the meeting is current as of today. We do not take credit card payments for the grocery cards, because it would cost us more money. We would prefer a single check, and only one check from the CVBB member, not multiple checks. When buying grocery cards, 5% goes into your student account. It is a quick way to build up money in your student's account. We will be selling grocery cards in July even though there is no general CVBB meeting.

A motion was made and seconded and the treasurer's report was approved.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Uniforms** – JoAnne Smith – forms will be posted on the website by Wednesday and a note will come home with the kids, any questions you can contact Joanne (contact info will be on the email). We will size the shoes so the students get the correct size. Question was asked: will there ever be a CVBB volunteer shirt? Answer was given that parents can wear the red polo shirt or black t-shirt. Shirts will be coming to practice so you can see them at the uniform trailers. Polos are standard boy sizes. Order date will be on the form. JoAnne is usually at practice. There are separate forms for band, guard and parents. Polos are the summer uniforms for summer parades and the first few football games when it is very hot. JoAnne made the suggestion to order 2 black shirts to reduce washing when they student have a football game on Friday night and a competition the next Saturday morning. Black pants should be like Dockers, with a belt. JoAnne is waiting to talk to Mr. Porter about the jackets and if they are being required this year. Go to CVBB website to sign up for the email list.

**Atlanta trip** – More information will be coming in an email. We are planning our trip through a company called Brightspark, who is in charge of bands for the Chic-Fill-A Bowl. The total cost will be under \$1000 for each student. We are driving down on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December, leaving in the evening around 9pm, and drive all night on charter buses. As requested by many parents to not drive on New Year's Eve, we are not driving home on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Instead, we are coming home on the 1<sup>st</sup>, arriving home around 9-10pm. The cost for the trip will include 4 nights at the hotel, all meals, transportation, an aquarium visit, a parade, a mass band rehearsal, the bowl game, a reception, and a trip to the World of Coke. The trip is not required. We always need chaperones. Students will need souvenir money or extra stuff they want to purchase.

Sheri Dohner will be putting new band parents into a mentoring program, so she will be looking for mentors. Students have to decide by July 14<sup>th</sup> if they are going to be marching band members. Tonight was the guard cut-off date.

Percussion – Percussion email has the wrong start time for CVBB meetings at 7pm: start time is at 6:30pm.

Boston Crusaders – Students need to be here at noon on that Friday, kids will be divided into groups in order to get some instruction from the Crusaders and then watch the Crusaders perform.

**Next Booster Club Meeting:** August 11 @ 6:30 p.m. Orchestra

**Adjournment:** 7:37 pm

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