

## STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 20, 2009

Meeting held at the Dobeck's dental offices, 1243 7th Street, Suite A (very convenient!)

In attendance: Terry Sakow, Helen Weary, Martha Herrera, Leah Moore, Susie Gunter, Chuck and Sharon Dobeck, Keiko Kuyama, Mimi Winship, Lynn Leavitt, and Pat Mahler.

Terry reported that the field show music arrangements are almost finished (usually done by April) called "Silent Cinema." Marching Band Leadership Meeting this weekend, Sat.- Sun., 8/22-23, from 11-3pm. Drum Line, Color Guard, and Parade March are all doing well with lots of practice this summer. Tournaments schedule still being decided, but almost definitely Bakersfield included Nov. 14. Chino will be all day there, both parade and field show. One field show will be earlier than usual to maintain the marching band's focus and incentive, which tends to get lost waiting until the end of Oct. Mike Corrigan's input will be helpful in deciding which tournaments and managing the politics.

Much discussion about possible NYC trip next Memorial weekend, May, 2010 for Lincoln Center performance, and whether it is feasible, especially with Orchestra's planned trip to Italy this year, the recession, and the settling in with a new band director. The performance would be Friday night, so trip would be probably Wed.- Sunday with the top two bands, if happens. Dr. Abel Ramirez and Jim Keene would be there. The costs per student would include \$1,000 covering airfare, hotel, and event fees, not including meals. Meals might be another \$200, bringing total to about \$1,200 per student. (Italy trip is roughly \$3,500 per student.) Discussion about this trip being a cheaper alternative to Italy, or waiting until next year when there is no competing trip. The majority leaned towards this option of waiting another year. Could canvas parents' interest at first band parent meeting, and need input from Mike Corrigan.

Dr. Pedroza called Helen to say that all band website content needs approval by lead band director Mike Corrigan. Dr. P. said he "had given Mike the responsibility to take the band program to the next level, and he has given him the authority to do so."

Pat had brought a pair of the blue and gold pajama pants for the new fundraiser, and a sample poster to advertise. Everyone approved, and plans for selling the PJ pants for \$20 at band, freshman, and high school registrations were made. Pat, Lynn, and Ellen Rennell will lead

up the sales team.

Sharon will take pictures for the marching band photo roster again. Directory could be made for all bands without pictures using the registration spreadsheets from every class.

Discussion about getting Concert Band parents to volunteer for running concerts and other band business second semester. Hoping to get someone to take charge of that portion at first band parent meeting. Lynn said she would need class lists for wrangling volunteers.

Lynn reported that at the PTSA Executive Committee meeting Block Scheduling was proposed and discussed, so a heads up.

Terry reported that P.E. credit will still be given for Marching Band at least through this coming year, and probably onwards. He suggested giving talks after school about preparing for college auditions and applications to music schools or university music programs. Everyone was enthusiastic and encouraging, and suggested holding the talks in October.

Meeting ended with pictures being taken of most who were there for photo roster.

Minutes submitted by Helen Weary