

CAVALCADE OF BANDS

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December 3, 2018

7:00 PM

Eastern York High School

~ Agenda ~

- I. Welcome and Attendance - Adam Nobile - President, Big Spring HS; Justin McAdams - Vice President, Phoenixville HS; Anton Romano - Secretary, Kennett HS; Keith Gromis - Treasurer, Eastern York HS; Jim Fulkroad; Ed Lindenhofen - Mt. Pleasant, John Keane, Ed Otto Sr.- Downingtown West; Ed Otto Jr. Unionville; Bill Kirsch - South Western, Brandon Nase - Conestoga Valley, Ed communications, Matt Ceresini - Hempfield, Tim Pry - Sun Valley, Seth Jones - Springford, Paul Smith - Executive Director, Dave Porter - Cumberland valley
- II. President Report – Adam Nobile, Big Spring HS
 - a. Fall Update - Adam reported that, in his first few months of being president he had the opportunity see the inner workings of Cavalcade from the administrative side and was suitably impressed.
 - b. Director of the Year Nominations - Voting is open until 12/16
 - i. Dan Stauffer, Columbia Jr/Sr HS
 - ii. Rob Cherry, Penn Wood HS
 - iii. Keith Gromis, Eastern York HS
 - iv. Seth Jones, Spring Ford HS
 - v. Chris Poole, Susquehannock HS
- III. Vice President Report – Justin McAdams, Phoenixville HS
 - a. Hall of Fame
 - i. Jeff Twiford - will be inducted at the Jazz champs in April
 - ii. Kate Sheaffer - Kate was inducted at the marching band championships
 - b. WCU Scholarships - Cavalcade will now be awarding up to 3 scholarships per year.
 - i. Lauren Sugar, Kennett HS - Lauren was the 2018 recipient of the scholarship.
 - c. Discussion points for future:

- i. Opening up scholarship to any students moving on to college MB, not just WCU -
- ii. Clarifying the voting process for future HoF nominees. Currently, the voting process is simply who is available to vote and there is no real structure or timeline. There is a desire to better codify this process.

IV. Secretary Report – Anton Romano, Kennett HS

- a. Minutes of the May General Membership Meeting for approval - minutes approved

V. Treasurer Report – Keith Gromis, Eastern York HS

- a. Yearly Budget Report Update - we are on target for year to date for budget.. Stipends have been processed. Sue Smith assisted with processing mileage and championships pay. Expenses are on target. Income is on target for this year. We should be sitting where we need to be to enter 2019. Checking is currently \$23,982.08 Savings - \$70,000.00 For \$93982.08 total. \$2,381.07 remains on the Capital One Credit Card and \$2,950.00 has recently been paid off. The Chase credit card has been entirely paid off.
- b. Championship Budget Update - No update as all of the data is not available yet.

VI. Administrative Report – Paul Smith, Executive Director

- a. 501c3 Update - Paul reports that the paperwork has been submitted. We have heard back from the IRS but are still waiting.
- b. Marching Band Championships - Including ticket prices and online program book - We are still waiting for expenses to come in. The Hershey bill has not arrived yet. Ticket prices were raised \$2.00 per ticket this year and we did not sell programs. Feedback, positive or negative, regarding the online program has not been received.
- c. Tournament of Roses Honor Band - Next rehearsal will be Dec. 9th at KHS then preview show on Sat Dec. 22.
- d. All Admin Reports - Will be posted to the website.

VII. Marching Band Update - Tim Pry, Sun Valley HS - 51 proposals for rules

VIII. Indoor Update - Ted Cheney-Miadzinian, Chichester HS - As of the meeting there are 19 guards and 10 percussion units. Last year there were 22/14.

IX. Jazz Update - Glenn Cowen, Upper Moreland HS (not in attendance - John reported for Glenn) - There are as many Jazz shows for 2019 as there were for 2018.. Jazz Clinic is scheduled for the 2nd week of February. There are now 3 central PA jazz shows as well as shows in New Jersey expanding the geographical area that the Jazz Circuit covers.

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

- a. Championship caucus/task force - Paul wants to have a meeting regarding everything related to championships. Paul is hoping to meet in January.
- b. Central PA Show Hosts Gathering - Paul would like to have a meeting for the bands in Central PA to better serve their needs.
- c. Six year show host (lost and gain) report - Paul wants to see if we can bring back some of the shows we have "lost" through the years.

XII. Positions for nomination to membership :

- a. The President, Secretary, Indoor Band Director Liaison, and Jazz Band Director Liaison will be elected in **even years**. The Vice President, Treasurer, and Marching Band Director Liaison will be elected in **odd years**. (May)
- b. The Executive Director, Director of Education and Jazz Administrator shall be elected in odd years. (December)
- c. The Indoor Administrator will be elected in odd years, but at the May general membership meeting, instead of the December general membership meeting.
- d. The Administrative Coordinator, Communications Coordinator, Judging Coordinator and Marching Band Administrator shall be elected in even years (December).
 - i. Communications Coordinator - *Tabled until May*
 - ii. Judging Coordinator - John Keane
 - iii. Marching Band Administrator - Ken Brown
 - iv. Administrative Coordinator - Jim Fulkroad
 - v. Marching Band Visual Supervisor - *Tabled until May*

Membership approved approval of ii, iii, iv and tabling of i,v

XIII. Announcements

XIV. Adjournment

**2018/2019 Marching Band Rules Congress to follow
adjournment**

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May 6, 2019

7:00 PM

Phoenixville Area High School

~ Agenda ~

- I. Welcome and Attendance - Adam Nobile - President, Justin McAdams - Vice President, Anton Romano - Secretary, Keith Gromis - Treasurer, Paul Smith - Executive Director, Glenn Cowen - Jazz Liaison, John Keane - Judging Coordinator, Jim Fulkroad - Administrative Coordinator, Ed Stimson - Communications Coordinator, Bobby Molloy - Social Media Coordinator, Scott Mullen - Cedar Crest, Brandon Naste - Conestoga Valley, Adam Burdett - Pittston HS, Tom West, Seth Jones and Mark Thurston - Springford HS, Tim Pry - Marching Band Liaison, Spencer - Washington Twp HS, Stephen McCormick - Gloucester City HS,
- II. President Report – Adam Nobile, Big Spring HS
 - a. Winter Update
 - i. Tournament of Roses Parade - A thank you to all directors for feedback on the Tournament of Roses experience.
 - ii. Director of the Year - being presented on 5/7
 - iii. Interaction with Directors - The winter has been great with feedback from many places, either directly, indirectly, or at the championship summit.
- III. Vice President Report – Justin McAdams, Phoenixville HS
 - a. Hall of Fame
 - b. WCU Scholarships - We will be awarding up to 3 a year
- IV. Secretary Report – Anton Romano, Kennett HS
 - a. Minutes of the December General Membership Meeting for approval
- V. Treasurer Report – Keith Gromis, Eastern York HS
 - a. Yearly Budget Report Update - Income is up over \$6,000 from indoor. Other areas of the budget are stable. Reported that our Capital One credit card is down to a balance of \$226.94. There are still some 4th quarter expenses to be wrapped up. Expected remaining expenses should bring us close to the

anticipated budget for 2018. General supplies budget is larger than past years as it accounts for items previously in the Executive Director's Budget.

- b. Championship Budget Update - This next fiscal year will be our first as a 501c3 and we are exploring finding a service that can help with bill pay on expenses. Proposed changes - we are now paying for a storage shed out of the general budget. Stipends - Moving forward we are going to be providing a 1099. Anything above \$600 is subject to 1099. We are hoping to increase key stipends to account for that now being taxable income specifically line items as follows

No 28 - marching band administrators stipend to \$2,500.

Jazz admin will stand.

Indoor administrator to \$2,500.

Social Media Coordinator to \$1,625.

Competition Suite Coordinator to \$1,475.

Discussion on W-2 vs 1099. Paul and Keith will be meeting with current tax advisors to discuss the best course in moving forward.

Motion: Burdett Second: West Budget passes unanimously.

VI. Administrative Report – Paul Smith, Executive Director

- a. All Admin Reports - Paul has identified 60 past Cavalcade bands that have left and wants to reach out to them to return. Paul would like to throw a 60th anniversary party after marching band championships.
 - John Keane - reported that A and open class is still a work in progress. Some technology issues appeared on the indoor site. The likely cause was from out of date wifi hotspots. John is going to update to new hotspots through Verizon. Currently 70% of music judges are scheduled and 94% of visual judges are scheduled for outdoor in the fall.. John hopes to have it completed later in May. We are welcoming two new caption heads; Music - Rich Geene, Visual - Bobby Jones. John is constantly building a list of potential judges.
 - Jim Fulkroad - as written
 - Ed Stimson - We are attempting to use some new email tools. Forms will be on google suite moving forward.
 - John Hummel - Jazz - Paul reporting - as written.
 - Marcell - Indoor - we had five shows which presented challenges due to the numbers attending. While the shows were challenging, championships were great.
 - Ken - 37 marching shows with 3 new ones for this season. Towson and West Chester University are both scheduled to perform at championships. We are exploring using Competition Suite to handle more of the tasks for show setup and execution.
 - Dave - as written

Bobby - as written

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VIII. Indoor Update - Ted Cheney-Miadzinian, Chichester HS tabled for time due to rules congress.

IX. Jazz Update - Glenn Cowen, Upper Moreland HS

Discussion that there is a philosophical disconnect between whether Jazz should be competitive or inclusive. We never really rank or score bands. Discussion that there should not be a "champion" because we don't rank week to week only at the end. The rubric that exists for championships is different than all other shows. The question posed is whether or not we need a culminating event for the jazz season. Financially, the jazz circuit is a net zero prospect. Only 32 of 70 registered units attended the jazz championships.

John Keane mentioned that we are leading in the jazz forum and the reason we are having this discussion is because of how well we run the jazz events. It is a special circuit and it deserves to stay special. Ed reported that NJ jazz band attendance has increased dramatically in recent years.

X. Old Business

- a. Communications Coordinator & Social Media Coordinator Positions (tabled in December) - Paul reported that Bobby has withdrawn his application for the above position. Ed will be added to the positions being voted on in agenda XII d. V.

XI. New Business

- a. Second Marching Championship Location - no update yet.
- b. 2019 Marching Championship Division Schedule - Saturday at Hershey is Patriot A, open and American A and American Open. Site to be determined will host Yankee A, Independence A, Yankee Open and Independence Open. Sunday is Liberty A and Liberty Open at Hershey.
- c. 60th Anniversary Party - Saturday November 16th (Saturday after championships) or Saturday November 30th (Thanksgiving weekend)

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Motion - Burdett Second Nace - Motion Carries.

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