

NIMAS General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 20th, 2017, 7:30 p. m.

Meeting called to order: at 7:30 p.m.

Director, Mr. Zettlemoyer:

- Upcoming band performances are up to date on the website.
- Weather policy
 - o If there is a delay for the school district there will not be early morning rehearsal. But, lessons will still be held on that day. Be sure that student has their instrument.
- Lessons are scheduled to start next week. Lessons are always on the same day of the week and last 30 minutes. The time does vary so the student is not missing the same class each time. For example: week one would be 9:30 am, week 2 would be 10am, week three would be 10:30 am, etc.
 - o Each student is required to attend a minimum of 20 lessons to be allowed on Spring Trip
 - o If a student misses a lesson for any reason they may make up their time but attending with another group.
- Parades. Nazareth, October 21st, Saucon Valley, October 22nd, and Bethlehem on October 29th. Be sure to check upcoming emails for times, routes, drop off/pick up location, etc.
 - o For the Bethlehem Halloween parade students will be meeting at the school, time to be announced. A group picture will be taken by Christmas City Studios and the band will march to the designated line up location. (16th and Spring Street)
- The evening football game is held at the BASD Stadium on Wednesday, October 25th, not Thursday, October 26th that was originally scheduled. The band plays from the stands only.
- 8th Grade parents should get a green paper containing information for the NY City trip. The trip is for 8th grade singers, orchestra, band and dramatics participants. This year's play is Hello Dolly starring Bernadette Peters. The cost of the trip is \$125.00 per person. Price may go down with more participants. Payment can be made in three payments. Mr. Zettlemoyer will be providing invoices.
 - o Students will take a charter bus to the city. Attend a 2-hour workshop learning music and choreography.
- Spring Band Trip will be on May 11th to the 12th. This is for band members, orchestra members and singers. Each student will need to pay the \$75.00 fee. Band and orchestra parents had paid this fee at uniform pick up night. Students will wear their trip shirt on Friday and their blue id shirt on Saturday. Charter buses will take us to the Space and Air Museum located in a hangar at Dulles Airport. Participants will see the Endeavor Space shuttle and more! We will travel to a dinner cruise on the Potomac River. Saturday will be performances and finishing the trip at Kings Dominion amusement park. Payments will be made over the next three-monthly

meetings. Students are kept very safe and very busy. Chaperones are responsible for 4 to 8 students. The school nurse does attend along with school administrators.

- Travel insurance is being offered. It is not required. If it is purchased and you are not able to make the trip you would receive 75% back of money paid for the trip. Insurance must be purchased within 15 days of the October payment. You can do it yourself. Any questions will be directed to the company.

Band Front Director, Mrs. Hriniak:

- Band front is doing well and all should continue practicing at home.
- Rifles and Main guard are still looking for members!

Vice President, Karen McLaughlin:

- Menchies was a successful night, thank you to all that attended
- Upcoming Dine to Donate nights are October 10th at MOD Pizza and can be eat in or take out. And, November 11th at Chipotle.
- Volunteers are needed on Monday and Thursday mornings to march with the band during the morning practice.
- Contact her directly if interested in chaperoning during any parade. Clearances do need to be on file.

President, Donna Taylor:

- Mum Orders have been collected and pick up will be on October 3rd between 5:30 and 7:30 pm in the parking lot near the auditorium.
- Gift cards are available for purchase for Shop Rite, Giant, Weiss and Wawa coupons. You can purchase at the monthly meetings or by contacting Donna directly. All gift cards are in \$100 increments.
- Bingo will be held in November and is a fun fundraiser. It is a cash bingo. Volunteers will be needed to donate food and baskets, etc. We will be sending home 5 tickets with each member to sell. Return any unsold tickets. The tickets are \$20 which covers the 20 games. Specials are a separate price. Bingo will be 6 to 9 pm in the cafeteria.
- Uniforms looked great at the dedication. Many students need to adjust their hems. Be sure to check their uniforms before the parade season is upon us. Do check bags to make sure that no items were left behind the day of the dedication. Be sure they have their names in the hat. Plumes will be handed out before the parade or performance and collected immediately following.
 - Bobby pins are need for the band fronts' hats.
 - Straps can be pinned to shorten. Be sure to only pin the straps.
 - Please notify us if missing buttons or any problems.
 - Mr. Zettlemoyer noted that all instrument cases are labeled with the band or orchestra members names along with their folios.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 18th, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Cory Dailey, Secretary

Location: NMS Band Room

Date: September 24, 2017