



Absegami Marching Braves

Director – Jon Porco
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ABSEGAMI BAND PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES 10/5/16

Meeting was called to order by Chuck Reed @ 7:06pm

Minutes from previous meeting were approved by Debbie Bernhardt & Carol Bell

Treasurer Report for August 2016 was approved by Carolyn Haines & Wendy Heintz

Directors Report – Jon Porco

Saturday's competition was great! We 2 pointed Lenape, which was awesome. Edison will be our strongest competition for States and King Philips for Nationals.

We are doing very well & updating every day. Flags are coming in soon and will help with the shows visuals. The kids are finishing up drill this week.

Halloween Parade will be on October 30th – more details to follow

November 5th – We will be attending the Preview to Nationals at the University of Maryland. This will be a very long day for the kids. We will probably have to leave at 6:30am and won't arrive home until very late. Final details will be published as we get it.

December 2nd there will be a Christmas Parade

Very special news..... We have been invited to represent New Jersey in the July 4th Parade in Washington DC. So this will be an overnight trip from July 3rd to July 5th. We are trying to keep the cost in the low \$200's. So fundraiser all you can so that you can use that money to pay for the trip.

Yankee Candle will start tomorrow and run until October 17th. Please utilize the on-line ordering feature to reach as many people as you can. Your student will receive 40% of their sales and this is a great way to fundraise for the Washington Trip.

President's Report – Chuck Reed

Truck Crew – Mike Cicali

Thank you for all your help. We have a great bunch of people and can't do this without you so if you still want to help, please do so, especially this weekend. We have a lot of props. Need to still put the wheels on the carts.

Chaperone Committee – Terry Reed

All good. Mr. Porco will be making his decision regarding States and Nationals very soon. Terry will email you if you are chosen. – Remember all Chaperones will need a ticket for both events.

Uniforms: Cassandra Shellhorn
All good. Rain Coats came in handy.

Spiritwear – Debbie Townsend
Everything is ordered and should be in next week. Jackets are coming.

Foodies – Beth Ujvary
Pot luck will be created for ISBC and are ready to go. She also has sign up sheets here at the meeting. 2pm will be the drop off time for food. Needs help with the tent and set-up & clean up. Joe Roland will be in charge of the Grill. Crock pots, Nesco roaster and coolers are needed.

Ad Book – Carol Bell
Should be finished soon – working with Mr. Porco for layout. Waiting on sections art work.

Roadside Cleanup – Carolyn Haines
Saturday, October 15th @ 9:00am. We will meet in the parking lot. We will be doing both sides of Wrangelboro Road

Coach Bag Bingo – Terry Reed
November 18th – Doors Open at 6:00pm – Game Begins at 7:00pm. \$35.00 per person
We will be asking for basket raffles for the event and help selling 50/50. Loretta picked up the raffle license from the township and we will purchase the bags soon. Terry will create a facebook event page with a link to order tickets on-line and for you to share with your friends and family. This is one of our biggest fundraisers so we really need to push it.

ISBC – Indian Summer Band Competition – Saturday, October 29, 2016
We are expecting about 900 people to be here for the event. Set-up begins at 9:00am and Mike Cicali and Bob Shellhorn will be in charge of parking & band arrivals.
Event will start at 5pm. Doors will open at 4:00pm. \$12 per adult and \$8 for students and seniors. Children under 5 are free.

Bob Cartier – will be the midway captain which encompasses basket raffles, 50/50, games, spirit wear and food tent.

We will need bleacher creatures – guard the bleachers during performances.

Food – we will need lots of help. See foodies notes above.
We will be having a pre-select menu for our kids (which will be a meal coupon). This will be the one meal that they receive for free. If they would like more food, they will have to pay for it.

Trophies – If you are interested in sponsoring a trophy, they will be \$25.00 and your child will present the trophy to the winning group. This is on a first come, first serve basis.

Senior walk – After our band performs all senior parents will be asked to report to the track and participate in our Senior Walk. Please email Terry Reed and let her know who will be walking.

States
October 22nd. We will once again be reserving a charter bus and selling combo tickets for the bus ride and event ticket - \$50.00. Chuck will start on Saturday. Again this is a first come, first purchase basis. These tickets are non-refundable. Remember all truck crew and chaperones will need a ticket to the events @ \$25.00.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Wendy Heintz presented a fundraiser idea of “Football Mania” – which would start on 10/28. If we sell the ticket for \$10 we make 60%, \$20 a ticket we make 70%. She will present more information to the executive board and we will see about moving forward.

Communication is Key!

Please join our website @ www.absegamiband.com.

When joining the site, please put your first and last name, not just your first or a nickname. Your membership will not be approved to the site if we don't know who you are.

We also have a Facebook page that a lot of information is passed along. So join now:
Absegami Band Fan Page

Sign up for our Text Message System: Remind.com

To receive messages via text, text @83513 to 81010

Next ABPA Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 2 – Senior Café @ 7pm

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm by Debbie Bernhardt and Carol Bell

Respectfully submitted by

Terry Reed, Recording Secretary

