

## Galena Band Meeting

February 6, 2012

**Attending:** Kevin Sady, Steve Cohen, Leslie Lyles, Jill Fraser, Stephanie McElreath  
Ann McElreath, Ron and Vicky Hood, Mary Ohanian, Cathy Maurer, Francee Webb, Yolanda Huffnure,  
Melissa Raleigh, Rose Bilyeu, Tonya Howard, Jill Fraser, Diane Lancaster, Casey Watkins

### Discussion:

Invitation to London New Year's Parade.

- Honor for the band to have been recommended
- Now need to prove interest to attend
  
- Kevin has gotten votes from parents (50/50 so far) in email
- If we get enough interest to go, we can go; goal to have minimum of 50 students
- Open to all suggestions for this effort
- \$3,000/student cost, includes air, bus, instrument shipping, hotel, food
  - Breakfast offered at the hotel (fruit, bread)
  - Vouchers or select places to eat
  - About 1.5 times (cost) of US
- Trip – December 27-January 3 (7 days, 5 nights)
- Itinerary:
  - Parade: New Year's Day march
  - May be concert in another location
  - Other Things:
    - Stonehenge and Bath – bus tour
    - Walking tour of London – Picadilly Circus, etc.
    - Windsor Castle – bus tour
    - Kevin plans to leave from San Francisco – direct from there; may need to drive (charter bus)
  
- How many chaperones will go? As many as want to go
- 10:1 is desired, but will take more
  
- "Land Only Option": Able to send your child using miles – Kevin not responsible until child able to connect with Kevin in London; could be as much as \$1000 less
  
- Expense/Fundraising
  - There are budget shortcuts that can be taken to support this trip; fall band fees could be part of the trip
  - Fall AND Spring doorknocker expected to raise \$10,000
  - Raising \$25,000 through fundraising is possible, but may not be do-able
  - Belief we could attract donations from larger companies to support this
  - Band could look at selling items (Coupon books, etc.) or donations – selling
  - Grants – Steve Cohen will look into this; many grants are for tangible items
  - Payment Due by November 4<sup>th</sup> (\$975); Kevin thinking start at \$300/month payment plan

- Costs not included in the price
  - Lunch/Food on travel
  - Airport expense
  - Personal stuff
  - Kevin may provide kids with some spending money (if available)
  - Additional checked bags (after 1 or 2 bags)
  - Taking kids to see musical another option
- Date to make decision to go/not: deposit in one month (\$300/kid)
- Ideas/Discussions:
  - Scrap spring trip; use deposit for
  - 2014 vs. 2013 option-impact that Juniors would not be able to go if we delay one year
- Spring Trip – Will still happen, but some issues:
  - Performance of band not going to happen on USS Midway with Navy – band doesn't do Saturdays
  - Looking into playing at the Reagan Library
  - Looking at San Francisco as a replacement/day trip option – spend less than cost of bus (estimate)
  - Support to move the trip; all eligible students would be able to attend
- Weather
  - If raining, very miserable; otherwise, bearable; pack clothes; doesn't generally snow

Parent – who has lived in London

- Believe it can be done safely with students
- Event when the Queen was coming out of the Palace
- It's "amazing" to see royalty

Tonight's Meeting Attendees:

- How many would indicate they are interested: 14
- Current vote: 18 for; 5 against
- Some expressed they are more comfortable with planning for 2014 vs. 2013

NEXT STEP-London Trip:

- Kevin will send out an email asking for an "Interest" or "No Interest" vote for 2013 date
- Need help to get interest from Pine parents (ask Mr. R. to send email – Diane Lancaster)
- Spring Trip: Kevin to speak with current trip planners and will include option to use spring trip money for London trip

Other Band Booster Business:

- Uniforms/Fitting – Need parents who can help between 12:00-2:00 – Tuesday, Thursday, Friday this week.
- Take home and hemming for future (needle & thread included)

- Sewing Help. Someone who needs work and hems: \$8-\$10/hem (dresses); pants may be less.  
Call Doreen (651.398.7662)

March 15 –Concert date for Zone Concert at 7 pm