



Lakeville South Bands

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Full Booster Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2017

6:30 pm

General Updates and Introductions

Missy Toombs introduced herself as President of Lakeville South Band Boosters
Other board members present were also introduced.

Reviewed the Booster Charter

- Ultimate goal - strong band member commitment
- Help fund the organization beyond what district provides

Financial

- We are non-profit, 501c3 organization
- Boosters provide proper financial management
- All donations are tax deductible

Current Financial Situation

Presented by: Nancy Whipple, Treasurer

Checking: \$9876.26

Savings: \$5592.14

- Student accounts

Summer Recap

Presented by: Missy Toombs, President

Busy, successful summer

- 6 parades
- Show Band camp
- Picnic
- Apparel program started

Currently confusion between different bands and commitment required for each band

- Add to this information to website
 - Description of the band
 - Expected time commitment

Chad Bieniek pointed out, it is currently a challenge to get out what he knows

- Still going through growing pains
- Lots of new stuff and trying to decide what to provide the students
 - Been 1 new ensemble added each year
- Considering an introductory video done by the students introducing each of the ensembles

Whenever do recaps of events, include a reminder as to which ensemble was involved and description of that ensemble

Look into one form of communication

- Too big for TeamSnap, quite expensive for a group our size
- GroupMe a possibility? Beth Ambaruch will look into this app

Make sure Color Guard gets the announcements as well

Also make sure 9th graders, Color Guard, and their families are made aware of Facebook page

- Look into adding Facebook feed to website

Sectionals during the day can be an issue for 9th/10th graders and their families

- Section leaders need to be reminded that not everyone can easily make daytime events
- Try to provide more warning
- Chad Bieniek is leaving this up to section leaders so they can work on leadership skills, but will remind them about this issue

Chad Bieniek received a lot of positive comments about the band

- Love the energy
- Band is becoming known

Uniform Distribution

Presented by: Missy Toombs, President

Final uniform distribution will be from 3 to 4pm on Friday

- Freshmen and those who do not yet have uniforms
- Hats will be distributed to all students

Hierarchy for distribution:

- Show band - Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen
- Full band - same hierarchy

Probably won't have enough uniforms

- We have about 220 students signed up for band
 - 2 years ago it was only about 140
- Still working on which group may wear something different
- What they will wear and which group will be determined after know how many uniforms we are short

Not going to keep purchasing new uniforms

- Expensive at \$500/uniform
- Looking at new uniforms, most likely polyester and not wool

Did have some additional students at practice on Tuesday that were not on the roster.

- Final number of students in band may adjust slightly this week as schedules are updated and issues with schedules are fixed

Home Football Games

Presented by: Missy Toombs, President

Band practices together after school, then meal provided before marching out to the game

- Hot meal provided by Cub for \$5/student per meal
 - Pasta, walking tacos, chicken, pizza
 - Includes side (fruit, veggie), dessert, beverage
- Order form will be sent home first week of school, send check in with order form

Volunteer opportunities for games

- Help serve meals
- Move percussion and other equipment
- Candy/goody table to raise funds for band
- Sign-up Genius coming for these opportunities

Band parents will sit together at the games

- Help build community for parents
- Keep an eye out for band, location not decided yet
- Post on Facebook once know where sitting

Order form for shoes, meals, band polos will be coming home the first week of school

Waseca Competition

Presented by: Missy Toombs, President

Full day event on September 23, 2017

- Need lots of volunteers, stay tuned for Sign-up Genius
- If can't volunteer, you can still come and cheer on the band
 - Parade event in the morning
 - Show band in the evening
- Bigger event this year - 30th anniversary of the event

Student commitment

- Show Band attends both parade and Show Band portions
- Those who marched during the summer (but are not part of the Show Band) are welcome to march in the parade portion

Fundraising

Presented by: Beth Ambaruch, Fundraising Chair

Main goal - raise funds to support the band

- Support the needs of the band as a whole
- Help students raise money for their band accounts

Last year, goal was to raise \$15,000

Actual: \$13,797

Big portion of fundraising was mattress sale

- Raised \$7000 despite weather not ideal and it being the weekend after school let out
- Moving sale to April in 2018
- Goal for 2018 to raise \$8000-8500

Q: Is there an issue with both Lakeville North and Lakeville South doing mattress sales?

A: No. Fundraising company that runs the sale ran their algorithms and found it shouldn't be an issue. Also, the band has exclusivity for mattress sale for the school (no other activities at LSHS can run the mattress sale)

Q: Can people go to other mattress sale and mention Lakeville South bands and the band get credit?

A: Yes. This applies not only at Lakeville North, but also at other sales across the country. Beth Ambaruch will provide list of upcoming sales. However, don't necessarily want to encourage this in Lakeville as it might cut into sales at our actual event. But, if someone really needs the mattress at time of Lakeville North sale, this is an option.

Can also go directly to fundraising company, if someone needs a mattress now and school gets credit for it.

Frozen Food fundraiser

- Introduced during school day
- All profits go to individual student accounts
- Designed to help students raise funds for Ireland trip

Concert Bake Sales

- Looking to bake sales during each concert
- Need to confirm that this is allowed in the school
- Opportunity for student accounts, as well
- Details coming in November

Marching Clinic

- New this year
- Clinic for all 5th through 8th grade band students
- \$40/student - includes lunch and t-shirt
- Opportunity for LSHS band students to run small sectionals
- Expecting to raise \$3500-4000

Cub Bagging

- Opportunity for student accounts
- To even out the proceeds, all students receive portion based on number of shifts worked
 - Start by allowing students to only sign up for one shift
 - If slots open a week prior to the bagging event, a student can sign up for additional slots
 - Each shift consist of 8 to 10 baggers and 1 adult supervisor
 - Must be 15 or older to bag
 - Students who are 14 can stand at table and answer questions
 - Runs from 10a to 6p, but can split up the shifts
 - 1-2 dates per month from September through March
- Also looking into having small band ensembles play outside Cub during bagging events if get ok from Cub

Tailgate & Tunes - October 28, 2017

- Previously known as indoor marching band concert
- Combining that concert with tailgating fundraiser
 - Tickets \$10/Adult, \$5/Student
- Photo Booth, silent auction, Memory Lane
 - Looking for pictures for Memory Lande
- Memory Book for 2017
 - Costs \$7 to print, sell for \$20 as fundraiser

- Ticket sales and marketing starts September 11
 - Will put posters all over Lakeville
 - Order forms available and returned to students within each band
- Expect to sell out
 - Auditorium has been full for this concert in the past with little marketing
- Sourcing food from Costco
 - Hyvee also interested in sponsoring
 - Parent mentioned that Culvers has been very generous to the Senior Graduation Party in the past and might be worth checking with them
- Will need lots of volunteers
 - Need to feed 80-100 volunteers in 90 min
- All band students perform at this event

Overall goal for this year is to raise \$18,000-20,000

Scrip - student account option

- Details available on Band website

Ireland Update

Presented by : Chad Bieniek, Band Director

This is the trip Chad Bieniek took the last year he was at his previous school

- Have lots of contacts in Ireland and it was a great experience

Some exciting changes happening to itinerary

- Announcement coming soon
- Will still see everything on itinerary, but changes to days and times possible

Currently have 140 students, 24 chaperones, 50 Friends & Family

- Did order a 4th bus
 - All students on waiting list now added to trip
 - All chaperones currently sign-up will go on trip
 - Friends and Family full and not planning to order a second bus
- Working on confirming hotel

Any band member is eligible to go on this trip

- Travel every other year and alternate international and domestic, so there is one international and one domestic trip every other year
- Do this to travel opposite years from the choir

Other

- Remember program still in infancy
 - Lots of good progress in the last year, but still some growing pains
 - But, band is starting to settle into what it will be going forward
- Incoming 9th grade parents, please provide feedback
 - This will be used to help provide better communication to 8th grade parents in the spring
- Lots of information on Band website, be sure to check it out and watch for updates
 - Address: www.lakevillesouthbands.com
 - Be sure to enter email address in "Subscribe Via Email" to get updates sent to your email address

Q: Can students leave instruments at school?

A: Yes. Lockers now available. Smaller instruments (flute, clarinet) may need to share. Larger instruments can bring lock, if desired

Q: Can students try on shoes?

A: Yes, either Friday before rehearsal or during the week before school starts. Chad Bieniek will be in school all week.

Q: Can band students letter?

A: Yes all students can letter. Details on lettering are available in student syllabus on Website: <http://lakevillesouthbands.com/high-school-band/>

Q: When does Jazz Ensemble perform?

A: At all band concerts along with two additional performances:

- Night Club performance also occurs in February at the Art Center.
 - Looked into larger venue at Brackett's Crossing, but expensive
- All Conference Jazz Festival at Farmington High School

Q: Will there be an after school jazz band?

A: Yes, there is a stage band. This ensemble is open to all (including all instruments, even non-traditional jazz instruments) and will likely be organized after marching band season

Q: What apparel is required?

A: Band polo is required.

- Additional apparel is available for purchase on apparel website <http://lsband.mnprintnstitch.com/>
- Next due date is Friday, August 26 if you want apparel by mid-September
- Additional due dates coming
- Open to suggestions for types of apparel

Next meetings

Upcoming Booster Parent meetings:

- September 21
- October 12
- November 16
- January 18
- February 22
- April 19
- May 17

All meetings at 6:30pm unless otherwise announced
Dates will be added to calendar on band website

Submitted by: Lori Bovitz, Secretary