



Lakeville South Bands

Students. School. Community. Performing with Passion and Pride

Full Booster Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2017

6:00 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 and family 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: \$25746.44

- Includes Ireland money paid so far
- About \$4,000 currently not earmarked for Ireland

Savings: \$5663.30

- Student accounts

Home Football Games

Presented by: Missy Toombs, President

- Pre-game meal at the first game was successful and popular
 - Help build community
 - Hot meal with sides and water and dessert
- All volunteer slots are filled except for moving podium and ladder during game
 - Need two people for both home-side podium and the ladder on visitor side

- This can be the same two people
- Go to Signup Genius if you can help
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0848acaf29a6f85-home>
- Any parent at the game can come help transport percussion and other equipment back to the band room
- Band parents now sit together
 - Along 50 yard line, one section over from the students
 - All band parents and family members are welcome to join us
 - We had 4 rows of parents at the first game

Waseca Competition

Presented by: Missy Toombs, President

Saturday, September 23, 2017

Schedule provided by the hosts is available on their website:

http://wasecamarchingclassic.com/?page_id=225

Friday rehearsal:

- Students must bring full uniform
- Student-led rehearsal from 1 to 2:30pm
- Full rehearsal with Mr. Bieniek from 2:30 to 4:30pm
 - Students must be in hats and plumes
- Uniform inspection at 4:30pm
- Final run-through in full uniform at 4:45pm
- Uniforms will be left at school overnight
 - Unless last minute repairs are needed
 - Parent volunteers will repair Friday night and return Saturday morning
- Currently short plumes for the hat
 - Missy Toombs will post on Facebook asking for anyone who is missing their plumes

Saturday

- We have 81 students participating in lunch
 - 41 family members joining for lunch and 43 for dinner
- Location for lunch has changed to Waseca High School
- Posts on Facebook will be made throughout the day with updates on location and pictures
- Parade
 - Lakeville South is number 9
 - Expect to step off around 1:30 p.m.
- Field show
 - Second band after the break

- Due to where we are with the program, Lakeville South will likely be overmatched compared to the other AAA
- Mr. Bieniek would like band members to watch the other AAA bands as much as possible to see where our program is headed
- Goal is to improve over last year's score
- Wristbands for field show are \$5 in advance, and \$6-8 day of the event
 - Can be purchased at parade, at the field, or many participating restaurants

Fundraising Update

Presented by: Missy Toombs, President

Part of the charter of the Booster club.

Provide fundraising opportunities for both the band as a whole and for students for trips and things like polos, shoes, fees, etc.

Full band opportunities:

- Band nights at various restaurants
 - Contacting restaurants
 - Watch Facebook and other notifications from Mr. Bieniek
- Give to the Max Day - November 16
 - Working on logistics for this event
 - Givemn.org
 - Goal is to get attention of companies that want to donate to groups like our band
 - Watch for more details
- Bake Sales at concerts
 - Portion to full band
 - Portion to students who bake or participate
- Marching Clinic - February
 - Invite 5th through 8th graders across Lakeville to come learn from student leaders
 - Music appropriate for their grade level
 - Prepare a show to be performed somewhere in the school
 - \$40/student which includes lunch and t-shirt
 - Hoping to get 100 to 125 kids
- Mattress Sale - April 21
 - Spring musical is the same day, will need to be out of the commons prior to the show

Student Account opportunities:

- Frozen Food fundraiser - October
 - All proceeds go to student accounts
 - Runs October 9-23
 - Pickup will be November 20th
- Cub Foods bagging
 - All money earned will be split evenly with all those who bagged
 - If a student bags more than once, they will get as many shares as times they bagged
 - Dates will be announced in early October
 - Signup Genius will be set up

Tailgate and Tunes Event

Presented by: Beth Ambaruch, Fundraising Chairperson

October 28, 2017, 1 to 4pm

- New fundraising event that coincides with Indoor Marching Band concert
- Goal is to raise \$7500
 - Need to sell 800 tickets in order to do so
- This is an event that every band student attends and family comes to watch
 - As a result, expect to sell out the 800 tickets
 - Get your tickets early
- Ticket prices are \$10/adult, \$5/student
 - Not charging the musicians
- Ticket has two parts
 - Tailgate
 - 1 to 230pm in Commons
 - Food - hot dogs, chips/cheese, popcorn, brownie/cookie, drink
 - Worked with Hyvee and Costco to keep the cost at about \$1.75/meal, which results in about an \$8 profit for adult tickets, and \$3 profit for student tickets
 - Silent auctions
 - Photo Booth with various band and Cougar props
 - Tupperware and Charmed Running sales
 - Memory Lane - pictures from this year and the past
 - Memory Books - 2017 Show Book - \$20/book
 - Includes pictures from June through Football and Waseca
 - Tunes
 - 3-4pm Indoor Marching Band concert in auditorium
- Ticket sales
 - Both print and digital order forms

- Order forms can be sent back to school with students and given to student coordinators in each band
 - Order forms were handed out Friday during Marching Band practice
 - More order forms are available in band room
- Digital order form is coming
- Tickets will be delivered in band every Wednesday starting October 11th
- Tickets are numbered and will be tracked in the event they are misplaced
 - If that happens, come to Will Call and tickets will be replaced
- Battle of the Bands fundraiser
 - Each band (Wind Ensemble, Symphonic, Concert) challenged to raise as much money as they can
 - Goal is at least \$300
 - Band that raises the most receives the travelling trophy
 - Ideas include - silent auction baskets, loose change jars, gift card walls, parent made artwork, etc.
 - Need a parent representative for each band to meet with them and get ideas
 - Help facilitate getting the table together
 - Boosters will also have a fundraising table
 - Reminders that no alcohol, tobacco, or gambling allowed at any of the tables
- This is a new event for all of us
 - Working to roll out as methodical as possible
- Marketing
 - More information will be coming from emails from Mr. Bieniek and social media
 - Will be marketing through social media - Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Website
 - Posting posters at local businesses
 - If we get enough interest and sell out quickly, a second show is possible
 - It was standing room only at the concert last year

Q: Why don't we charge people to come see concerts.

A: Mr. Bieniek believes we shouldn't charge people to come to our concerts. We do have donation "drums" at each concert.

Q: Why aren't we getting business sponsorships?

A: We are working on this. Program is still young and need to focus on in-house fundraising that can help us get funds quicker. However, there are plans to go after business sponsorships. We have gotten a couple already with the largest being \$1000 from Walmart.

Q: What are funds being raised for?

A: Clinicians, uniform replacement, instrument repair and purchase, transportation to events, potential scholarships for some events

Q: Does school district help out? What about other school districts such as Rosemount?

A: Not much help from school district. Similar situations in other districts. Booster budget for the Rosemount band is near \$500,000. Activity fee for band students in Rosemount band is \$900

Potential fundraising ideas from parents at meeting:

- Have baked goods available after the concert, so people can mingle while waiting for band students. Encourage donations when serving baked goods.
- Hold a dance?

Ireland Update

Presented by: Missy Toombs, President

Big news is the band is now marching in the Dublin St. Patrick's Day parade

- Second largest St. Patrick's Day parade in the world

Second payment of \$200 was due September 16th

- Get these payments in ASAP, if not done already
- Payment schedule applies to chaperones as well

Remaining payment schedule:

- December 1st - \$400
- January 9th - \$1000
- February 9th - Remaining Balance (about \$500 for band & chaperones, \$650 Friends/Family)
- Families can pay ahead, if desired

There is some confusion on total cost, will get Mr. Bieniek to clarify total costs

- Booking airline tickets in late September
- Also changing hotels due to the change parade

Q: How can students raise money for this trip?

A: Several opportunities are available:

- Cub bagging
- Frozen Food sale
- Scrip
- Other events as announced

Q: What about passports

A: Parents should handle this individually. Reminder that once someone turns 16 years old, the passport is good for 10 years. But, be aware of dates to make sure have passport in hand for the trip

Q: Can we get the travel agent to come to Booster meeting

A: We will look into having travel representative to come to October meeting

Other

Apparel website is now available all the time.

- Delivery dates are posted when you order
- Color Guard can get flags on their sweatshirts by adding "Flags" in the instrument option
- Consider tank tops
- Will take suggestions any time

Next meetings

Upcoming Booster Parent meetings:

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

All meetings at 6:00pm unless otherwise announced

Submitted by: Lori Bovitz, Secretary