



# Lakeville South Bands

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## Full Booster Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2017

7:00 pm

### Fundraising

*Presented by: Missy Toombs, President*

#### Frozen Food Fundraiser

- Pickup is Monday, November 20, 2017 from when school ends (2:37pm) to 4pm
- Proceeds went to individual accounts
- All orders MUST be picked up by 4 pm
  - There is no freezer storage at Lakeville South

#### Give to the Max Day

- November 16, 2017 - day of the Booster meeting
- Band Boosters does not have a page on the Give to the Max website, but donations still welcome
  - GiveMN does take a noticeable fee from each donation
- Donations can be made by the following
  - Writing a check to LSHS Band Boosters and turning into Chad Bieniek
  - Through the website via PayPal or Credit Card  
<http://lakevillesouthbands.com/fundraising/>
  - Tax forms are also available on the website and includes our Tax Identification Number

#### Amazon Smile

- LSHS Band Booster recently received \$15 for orders placed by those who participated in the last 3 months
- Proceeds go to full band account
- Order all your Amazon orders from <http://smile.amazon.com> instead of main Amazon site and there is no additional cost to you for what you order
- Details on how to sign up are available on the fundraising page of the website  
<http://lakevillesouthbands.com/fundraising/>

### Scrip

- Purchase gift cards and a percentage goes to individual student accounts
- Directions available on Fundraising page of website under Student Fundraising <http://lakevillesouthbands.com/fundraising/>
- Cards are sent to the school and distributed by Nancy Whipple
- Great for the holidays if you either give gift cards or plan to purchase gifts from stores available on Scrip site

### Cub Bagging

- Robotics had scheduled this Sunday (Nov 19th), but could no longer fulfill the date and offered it to Band through Kelley family
- Spots filled quickly
- Plan to do this in the future.
  - Have to plan in February for the next school year

### Papa Murphy's Cards

- Has been very successful so far
- Fundraiser runs until Friday, December 8
- Have ordered 800 cards for the band
- Each card is \$20, but the card has savings worth \$125
  - \$5 goes to Papa Murphy's
  - \$5 to General Band account
  - \$10 to student band account
- Only organization at Lakeville South that is selling these cards
- At the end of the fundraiser, return either card or money
- We are on the hook to sell 70% of the cards that were printed
- If you know you won't be selling any cards, please return so others can sell the cards

In general we know there has been a lot of fundraising, but the goal is to try and provide as many opportunities as possible to raise funds, especially for those going to Ireland

## Tailgate & Tunes Recap

*Presented by: Missy Toombs, President*

This was the first year of this event

- Goal: \$7,500
- Tickets raised: \$4,270
- Battle of the Bands: \$1,900
- Other (Memory Books, Apparel, etc): \$1,200
- Expenses: \$2,180
- Total raised: \$5,200

Amount raised can pay for one additional instructor, one day per week for the school year

#### Student feedback

- Really enjoyed event
- Appreciated everything that was done to make it happen
- They were proud of the event and even wanted it to last longer

#### Parent feedback

- Does this date work?
  - Moving to another date would be difficult due to MEA the week before and hunting the following weekend. Really no “good” dates in late October/early November
  - Look at moving it later in the day
    - Make it more of a supper meal and may not conflict as much with other events
    - Tailgate start at 5pm, Tunes start at 7pm
- More activities for younger kids
  - They would pay for carnival games (50 cents to \$1)
  - Plinko was popular and the kids wanted to win the candy bars more than the gift cards
  - If there are several small carnival games, use tickets instead of cash
- Logistics
  - Constrained by outlet location
  - Photo Booth was hidden
  - Couldn't see projector well for the memory book table
    - Just use a laptop at the table
- Announcements were appreciated and well done
  - Perhaps move the speakers to the main floor
  - Move the “Pay for Play” musicians above
- Was length of event appropriate?
  - Keep length the same, but add more activities for next year

#### Memory Books

Still have Memory Books available for purchase

- Make great Christmas presents
- \$20 for book
- \$10 for slideshow
- \$25 for bundle
- Did try to get all students represented as possible
  - Not just the Show Band and Summer marching band
- Consider starting repository for pictures for now for next year's book

Send check made out to LSHS Band Booster to Chad Bieniek and clearly indicate the check is for Memory Books. Order form is available at <https://goo.gl/forms/tb8x7lyfKNYVHvOg1>

Q: Consider doing a book for Ireland?

A: The books do take quite a bit of work, but if a group of students or parents and students want to pull something together, they are welcome. We could also look at putting together slideshow.

## Ireland

*Presented by: Chad Bieniek, Band Director*

Upcoming payment schedule:

- Dec 1 - \$400/traveler
- Jan 9 - \$1000/traveler

The large payment is needed in January as that is when funds needed for airfare and additional hotel deposit

Payments can be done in advance as well

Form on the Band website that needs to be filled out by November 28, 2017

<http://lakevillesouthbands.com/travel/>

- Passport names must match exactly what is on the passport (even if names misspelled on passport)
- Need to upload or send in PDF of the photo page of passport
- If passport not ready yet, send in that information as soon as the passport is received, but do need the survey completed now
- Dietary section mainly needed for those on the main band trip and not those on Friends and Family

### Flight Groups

- Currently have 3 flight groups along with Friends & Family group
  - Flight group 1 = 94 seats
  - Flight group 2 = 52 seats
  - Flight group 3 = 25 seats
- Students signed up for roommates this week
  - No guarantee they will actually get the students they signed up with
  - Chaperones will have two rooms of students each ~6 or so students/chaperone
  - Chaperones and students will travel together through entire trip including flights
- Currently about 10 families that are not returning with band after the trip

### Friends & Family

- Working on getting grandstand/bleacher seating for Dublin parade
  - Been told we have this, but nothing in writing, yet
- Will do many things together with band
  - Will be in different hotel
  - Will eat separately from band

### Events in Ireland

- Attending Gaelic football match
  - Think rugby, football, soccer all in one
  - Stadium seats 80,000
  - Fun cultural event for the band
- March in Dublin parade
  - Second largest St. Patrick's Day parade in the world
- Also march in International Band Championship in Limerick
  - March in parade
  - Mass band event at the end when all the bands play for each other

### Will be updating itinerary soon

- Doing everything that is on the initial itinerary, but days are different
- Staying in Dublin hotel the entire week
- Instruments will be luggage

Q: Could we ship the instruments?

A: Chad Bieniek did look into shipping instruments. Unfortunately, instruments are needed for a concert within the week of the trip for a concert. Still looking into shipping uniforms.

Q: Will the band facilitate applying for passports?

A: No. Parents can go online to get the information needed to apply for the passport.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports.html>

Note: Both parents must be present when applying at the Apple Valley Western Service Center or Burnsville Post Office for any student under 16 years of age.

Plan 4 to 6 weeks to receive passport after applying

Q: How does someone who didn't have a uniform during fall marching band get a uniform for Ireland

A: All uniforms were turned in. They will be redistributed as needed for Ireland

Q: How many students are going to Ireland

A: Current count is 136 students

Q: Do we need to weigh even the small instruments

A: Yes. All instruments will be weighed and inventoried. Weight is instrument and case together

Q: Do percussionists need to specify part?

A: No, this will be determined later. On the travel Google form just indicate percussion for marching instrument

Q: Will there be guidelines for carry-on and luggage?

A: This information will come as we get closer

Q: How are costs for instruments handled

A: It was divided evenly across the band and included in the trip cost

Q: Should I be worried about sending my student after what we have been hearing in the news?

A: Ireland is relatively safe. Feels like going to Minnesota. Lots of checks and balances are in place and no one will be left behind.

Q: Are there passport checks during the trip

A: Travel agency has process for passports and band will follow their process

Q: Will luggage be carryon or checked?

A: There will be luggage checked in. More information on this coming as we get closer

Q: What is the check in process at the airport?

A: Most likely the travel agency owner will meet Chad Bieniek and the band and will all check in together. More details will be made available as we get closer

## Other

### Upcoming Events

- Nov 21 - Girls Hockey meet at Hasse at 6:30pm (do not meet at Band room)
  - Band room will be open from 6 to 6:15pm to get horns or percussion equipment
- Nov 30 - Boys Hockey meet at Hasse at 6:30pm
- Dec 5 - Band concert at 7pm - Report time is 6:30pm

Next parent meeting will be January 18, 2017 at 7pm.

- Solo & Ensemble prep
  - We will need lots of help
- Ireland trip
  - Plan to have itinerary set
  - More info on luggage

Upcoming parent meetings all at 7pm

- February 22
- April 19 (may be rescheduled due to musical)
- May 17

Submitted by Lori Bovitz, Secretary