

L'ANSE CREUSE HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2007

Executive Board Members Present:

Gloria Zalewski, President
Kathy Troia, Vice President
Larry Dishman, Treasurer
Pat Walgrave, Treasurer – Activity Accounts
Gail Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chris Hishon, Raffle Tickets

Director Present – Russell Hilton

Parents in Attendance – 14

Executive Board Member Absent – Pat Yee, Correspondence Secretary

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REPORT:

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by Gloria Zalewski.

SECRETARY'S REPORT AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

Secretary's report of February 1, 2007 was presented by Gail Sellers. The Treasurer's report for period ending February 28, 2007 was presented by Larry Dishman. It was noted that the cash on hand was over stated by \$1,400. Due to time constraints, Larry stated that whenever the Band Booster meetings are on or near the first of the month he will not be able to complete a financial statement for the previous month. Motion made by Linda Jozefiak and seconded by Geri Prichard to accept both reports as written.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

This is Pat Walgrave's last year handling the student activity accounts. Geri Prichard has agreed to take over this position. THANK YOU Pat for all your hard work over the years.

Parents should check on line with New Horizons for Disney trip balance information.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Rodney Dorsey, Ass't Director of Bands at UM will be in Thursday, March 8, 2007 to work with Wind Symphony 10 a.m. – noon. Mr. Dorsey is also on the Board of Directors of the Midwest Clinic in Chicago.

MSBOA Band Festival – March 2, 3, 2007 @ Roseville Junior High School. Symphony Band - 6:00 p.m. Friday; Freshmen Band – 8:50 a.m. Saturday; Wind Symphony – 4:10 p.m. Saturday.

MSBOA Junior High School band festival – March 9, 2007. Middle School South is performing this year.

MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble – March 24, 2007. Will be at Port Huron Northern High School (new site). Awaiting performance schedule for that site.

Commissioning Project (approved last year). Dr. David Holsinger has agreed to this project. It will be delivered at the end of this year. Will be premiered in Spring of 2008.

Inspiration Winter Guard – Great first show at Ferndale! – Keep Working! There are many new members. Thank you for those that have helped with props, transportation, etc. State finals will be March 31, 2007 at SVSU

Wind Symphony Auditions – Auditions are required for any student that wishes to perform in this ensemble. All audition materials and dates will be released after concert festival.

Battery rehearsal has begun on Tuesday evenings. Pit and color guard will begin after color guard and drum line finals.

Team Hand Bell – meeting Wednesdays after school. Margie Moore will continue to be their conductor.

Band Camp – August 11-18, 2007. Precamp is August 3, 4, 6, 7 & 8. Price is approximately \$295 (correction from printed report), plus uniform fees of \$75.00. There is one fee for show shirt, shoes, gloves and cleaning.

Keyboard Purchase - The Band is requesting the purchase of a Korg Triton TR88 Workstation (keyboard). Description of keyboard was passed around. Motion made by Kathy Hammer to purchase said keyboard for the price of \$1599 plus shipping and handling. Seconded by Marcie Stickel. Motion carried.

Disney Itinerary is not available at this time. Flight itinerary will be done next week. Housing is set.

Performance Calendar 2007 Marching Band Season - Mr. Hilton passed out a tentative calendar for the 2007 marching season which includes pre-camp, band camp, football games and competitions.

COMMITTEES:

Kroger - Information not available

Meijer (Sue Rosenthal): Received \$54.71 in January. Information not available for February.

Scrip Sales – Last month statistics not available. Remember to order your Disney scrip.

Merchandise - No report available

Bingo – was cancelled last Sunday due to weather. Still need workers. Contact Pat Yee if you are interested. Progressive is up to \$1876.

Corporate Sponsorship – No report given

Brick Paver Project (Darlene Kirsten) Discussion was held regarding proposed brick paver design submitted by Darlene and her husband. Drawing of project was passed around. Cost for this design is \$21,400 which does not include cost of pavers or plants. (There are currently 42 brick pavers that have been purchased by parents) This does include cost of all labor, materials, heavy equipment needed for excavation and grading, permits. Parent volunteers could not be utilized because of the magnitude of this project. Also incorporated in the design is a memorial rose garden for Caitlin Brideau which would be completed by Chris Prichard as part of his Eagle Scout project. Several parents present took copies of the design and volunteered to get additional quotes.

Raffle Tickets – Chris Hishon

February 27, 2007 drawing winners: \$50 – Mary Burson, Harrison Twp., sold by Mary Burson; Patrick Alfes, Harrison Twp., sold by Sammi Rutkowski; Thomas Ritter, Warren, sold by John Krause; \$150 winner – Louise Gonyea, Clinton Twp., sold by Amanda Gerling. March 1, 2007 \$500 winner – Bob Johnson, sold by Aubrey Johnson. Student winner was Bobby Escamilia.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Tag Day (Chris Hishon) Still working on; will most likely be end of April beginning of May.

Band Banquet – Scheduled for May 11 at Imperial House. \$25 per person, 6:00 p.m. open, and 7:00 p.m. dinner served. April 18 is deadline for ticket purchase. We are in need of donations for Chinese auction.

Keyboard Purchase – See Director's report

Pre-Festival Clinic Dinner (Gloria Z) – Band boosters provided dinner for the students and staff at their pre-festival clinic on February 15. Walking tacos, fruit, veggies and assorted bake goods were featured. Thanks to all the parents who provided donations and helped with serving and clean-up.

Bulk Mailing (Pat Walgrave) – Need copies ASAP for including in bulk mailing. Contact Pat Walgrave.

Bowling Night Fund Raiser (Gloria Z) – Nobody volunteered to chair this event so it has been cancelled.

Little Caesars Pizza Fund Raiser (Besty Gerling) Dates are March 30 to April 15 with delivery on April 25 from 5 – 7 p.m. Order forms will be available shortly. Will also include current 8th grade band students in this fund raiser.

Spring Flower Sales (Chris Hishon) – Price information is not available yet because the grower doesn't have their prices. Still hope to have a second lot for selling hanging plants. Waiting for approval of the school to use the parking lot. Flowers will be distributed on Saturday, May 12. Will be adding wave petunias this year. Contact Chris if you have a suggestion for a particular kind of flower to be added to the order form. Will also be including current 8th graders in this fund raiser.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Piano Tuning (Larry Dishman) - Discussion was held about the need to have the pianos tuned and having the band boosters pay for tuning. Mr. Hilton indicated that he will follow up on cost of tuning and get back with the boosters.

Spring Concert (Gloria Z) – Concert is scheduled for May 15. We will continue the practice of charging an admission fee for this concert. Price is \$3 per person and \$10 for immediate family. Michelle Lindsay has agreed to once again coordinate the bake sale. There will also be tables for band merchandise, Kroger cards, water sales, 50/50 tickets, etc.

Band Calendar Fund Raiser (Gloria Z) – Mr. Hilton presented two samples of a calendar to be used as a fund raiser. This is a school year calendar that has pictures of the band and incorporates the school calendar as well as band related activities. There is also space available for business advertising which would help off-set the cost. This fund raiser was favorably received by those present. Pat Yee has already volunteered to chair this fund raiser.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Al Katsampalis stated that he knew of somebody that customizes the inside of trailers to accommodate band equipment. Mr. Hilton indicated that he has very specific requirements based on the band equipment and instruments and is planning on using parent volunteers to customize the interior of the new trailers.

Discussion was held regarding keeping pit equipment on trailers for marching season competitions. Mr. Hilton stated that Jason Ihnat, pitt instructor, is not in favor of keeping the pitt equipment on trailers during a competition because: we have a very large pit and would need many trailers to accommodate all the equipment; trailers would be too restrictive by not allowing enough space for pitt members to move around to perform and also for specific instrument/equipment placement on the field.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Geri Prichard and seconded by Linda Jozefiak to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Sellers