

L'ANSE CREUSE HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 3, 2007

Executive Board Members Present:

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

Director Present – Russell Hilton

Parents in Attendance – 15

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REPORT:

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Gloria Zalewski. Gloria expressed her appreciation for the flowers, cards and kind words that were expressed to her and her family during the recent loss of her stepfather.

SECRETARY'S REPORT AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

Secretary's report of April 5, 2007 was presented by Gail Sellers. The Treasurer's report for period ending April 30, 2007 was presented by Larry Dishman. Motion made by Sue Henk and seconded by Norma Kosmala to accept both reports as written.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Spring Concert – May 15, 2007 – JAPAC; 7:00 p.m., \$3 per person, \$10 per family.

Banquet – May 11, 2007, Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m.

Color guard – Open house auditions on May 17 from 5-8 p.m. Regular schedule will be announced at that point.

Percussion - Battery has been practicing on Mondays; Pitt will be practicing on Mondays & Wednesdays starting May 7.

Band Camp – Bluewater Camp Awaits - August 11-18, 2007. Many do not have deposits in yet. Planning of chaperones, meals etc., needs to be done. We need to acquire a camp license this year from the State of Michigan. Inquiring about the process.

Items for Discussion

Calendar will be available at the Ice Breaker. Don't have the district's calendar yet.

Have many ideas for the show. Ready to plan and make some things happen. Title for this year's show is "What goes around, comes around"

Parent/Student open house, orientation and band booster meeting will be on Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. All members of the band should be in attendance. Will discuss the show, distribute music and instruments and measure for uniform. Lunch will be served. A flyer will be sent home.

Marching uniform changes – will be changing the color of the plumes to black, will have black gloves, and a black accent for the jackets. This is being done to enhance the visual effects.

Expected Budget for 2007-2008 was distributed for a total amount of \$60,000. It was presented in hopes that a goal can be set to have the means to acquire these funds. This will allow us to plan for contingencies as well as general improvement of the program a year ahead of time. It gives the directors the added benefit of knowing what is available for the entire year and planning in advance and adjusting accordingly as the year progresses. These plans do not account for costs associated with band camp, including instruction, as those costs have always been separate from the school year. Expected staff costs at camp: \$10,000. Discussion was held on various budget items. Motion made by Pat Yee to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Marion Dywasuk. Motion passed (unanimous).

COMMITTEES:

There will be a change in how committee reports will be presented at the meetings. In an effort to save time during the meetings, routine reporting by the chairperson will not take place, only those chairpersons/committees that have a specific need to address the members will be reporting. Committees and chairpersons and their telephone numbers with email addresses will be listed on the back of each meeting agenda (starting with next month's meeting).

Bingo (Pat Yee) – Bingo was able to pay back in one year the \$6,700 that was borrowed from the band boosters for start-up costs and have also paid the boosters \$7,560. Discussion was held regarding paying of workers and chairpersons. Currently chairpersons, record keepers and callers are paid \$20, the same as workers. The State of Michigan allows bingo organizations to pay up to \$50 for each worker and chairperson. Workers start at 10:45 and work until 4 p.m. and chairpersons start at 10:15 and also work until 4 p.m. It is becoming difficult to find people who are willing to work each Sunday and therefore it was requested that rate paid for workers be

increased to \$30 and the rate for chairpersons, record keepers and callers be increased to \$40. Motion made by Marion Dywasuk and seconded by Mr. Hilton to increase the rate as requested, to be effective immediately.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Brick Paver Project – The cost of the project will increase \$1.00 per square foot due to the change in bricks used for engraving. Discussion was held about the project and in order to proceed we need to have a formal bid with specific costs and timeline. The band boosters are eager to start this project and recommended that Linda Jozefiak coordinate this project. Linda was not in attendance at this meeting however, Gloria Z indicated she was contact her about obtaining a formal bid.

Calendar Fund Raiser (Pat Yee) – Orders are due June 2. Advertising space is still available.

Tag Day (Chris Hishon) – Not able to coordinate a tag day this spring. Will look at this fund raiser again next year.

Band Banquet (Sue Henk) – Chinese raffle items are still needed. Would appreciate help in setting up the room on Friday (May 11) starting at 1:30 p.m.

Little Caesars Fund Raiser – Not as much participation in this as in past. Only 11 students sold items. \$267.15 went into student activity accounts, \$133.85 to boosters.

Spring Concert – Don't forget to bring items for the bake sale. Please have items pre-packaged. Will need help at front booth and back door to collect admission fee.

Concert Uniforms – Uniforms from the Florida trip are cleaned, but not pressed yet.

Piano Tuning - tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

Bulk Mailing Coordinator – Looking for somebody to coordinate the bulk mailings. We only have 1 or 2 each year. Anyone interested may contact Pat Walgrave.

Scrip Sales - Cindy Mullins will be taking over the scrip program. Thank you Kim Turner for all your work with this fund raiser.

Nominations to E-Board (Gloria Z) - This is the time of year that we are accepting nominations for any of the executive board positions. Contact Gloria Z for more information.

Ice Breaker/Next Meeting – June 2, 2007 (Gloria Z) Discussion was held regarding the combination ice breaker and band booster meeting to be held on Saturday, June 2 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The band booster meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. This is an opportunity for incoming freshmen parents (as well as all parents) to receive information about the band program, especially marching season, band camp, etc. Each committee will have a table with information/handouts. Lunch will be provided. Will be requesting donations.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Transportation Chairperson - Will need to find somebody to replace Bob Turner as transportation chairperson. Thank you Bob for all of your time and effort driving and coordinating the purchase of our new trailer. This individual will need to have a commercial driver's license. Anyone interested contact Gloria.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Geri Prichard and seconded by Gail Sellers to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Sellers