

L'ANSE CREUSE HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2006

Executive Board Members Present:

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

Executive Board Member Absent:

Tony Giordano, Vice President

Parents in Attendance –26

Director Present – Russell Hilton

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**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REPORT:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by Gloria Zalewski.

All parents are encouraged to checkout the LCHS band website for up-to-date information on competitions, practice dates and times as well as other useful information. The site is much easier to get into this year and all band students are required to create an account on the site. Student assignments, quizzes and music are also on the web site. (Web site is [www.lchsbands.org](http://www.lchsbands.org))

**SECRETARY'S REPORT AND TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Secretary's report of June 2, 2006 was presented by Gail Sellers and Treasurer's report for period ending August 31, 2006 was presented by Larry Dishman. Motion made by Louise Borkowski and seconded by Linda Jozefiak to accept both reports as written.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Hilton handed out September 2006 Director's report.

New assistant director of bands position will be filled by Mr. Pat Conaton. Mr. Conaton is a graduate of OU in music education. He attended band camp last month and will be officially starting as soon as all paperwork and new hire processing is completed.

Marching Lancers – The Michigan Invitational will be held on September 16. Maps and itinerary is available on the web site. Props – parents are working to have props ready by 16<sup>th</sup>. Color guard uniforms are – beautiful! Drill Camp – itinerary on the web. Attendance is required. Jazz Band – there are enough students for 2-3 bands Disney World Trip –still time to sign up. Make deposit payable to LCHS rather than the travel agency. Will need at least 80 students to attend to make up a marching band. Wind Symphony has also been invited to play. As of this date we only have approximately 100 people total (including students and families). A final deadline will be posted on the web. Web Site – will be changing servers in about 6-8 weeks. Will try to do this with minimal downtime. Channel 2 – Best Marching Band Nominations – LCHS Marching Band received an overwhelming number of votes! (Thanks Cindy Mullins!). Channel 2 will be filming the marching band for broadcast on September 27. Specific details will be on the web. Replacement for Big Blue – Bob Turner has been researching trailers to replace Big Blue. He will speak to his recommendation later in the meeting. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend the marching band performances!

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Raffle Tickets (Chris Hishon): So far 55 kids have sold 20 or more tickets each and 5 students have sold over 30 tickets each. There have been 1200 tickets sold to date. First early bird drawing was held at band camp. The next drawing will be held at drill camp.

Band Camp (Gloria Zawlewski) went very well. Thanks to all parent chaperones, drivers and also parents who visited.

Parent Handbook (Gail Sellers) There are still copies of the 2006-07 parent handbook. Good source of information, phone directory on the last page. It is also available on the web site.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Fruit & Water Donations (Sue Dishman): Are needed for each competition. Last year we spent \$100 on fruit for each competition and that cost has doubled this year. Parents can donate money for Sue to purchase fruit, or can purchase fruit and have it to her by the Thursday before competition. Fruit should be washed, cut into small pieces and easy to eat (i.e., not messy). Large and small size water bottle donations are needed. Please do not put cases of water in the uniform room because there is no space for them. Sue will be at the band room every Tuesday and Thursday to accept donations.

Pit & Props (Jeff Henk): Prop building is in progress. There will be 4 pyramids plus one very large pyramid (35' x 52'). Parent volunteers are working hard to get the 4 smaller pyramids done in time for the first competition on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The large pyramid is presenting some challenges due to its size. Jeff reviewed the routine of placing pit equipment and props on the field within a 4 minutes timeframe and how parents help

with this process. Note: This is Jeff's last year with props and will be looking for a replacement.

Entertainment Books (Sue Rosenthal): There are 40 books left. They are \$20.00 each with a \$7 profit - \$4.67 into student activity account and \$2.33 to the band booster account. Books can be ordered on-line for out-of-town family and friends. Last day of the sale is September 21.

Uniforms-Marching (Sue Rosenthal): Thanks to all parents who helped out with uniform fittings. Almost all of the uniforms had to be altered in some way (special thanks to Kathy Turonek and Pam Fowler for alterations). Help will be needed during drill camp to sort and pass out shoes and gloves. Additional help is always needed before and after football games and competitions to oversee the kids getting their uniforms and hanging them up properly. The uniforms stay in much better condition now that they are kept at the school.

Uniforms-Concert (Louise Borkowski): Approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the students have not turned in a cleaning receipt for their concert uniform. Need approximately 25 more tuxedos for freshmen. Will be able to purchase from President Tuxedo at a cost of \$99.00 new vs. \$110 for used. They will come in and measure students at our convenience. There is a 3-4 week timeframe from ordering to delivery. At this time we are not sure whose budget will be used to pay for the uniforms. There are enough concert jumpsuits for the girls.

Pizza Kits (Betsy Gerling): Deadline is extended until September 12. Pick up will be September 21 from 5-7 p.m. Delivery will be at 4:00 and help is needed. It was suggested that this is a good opportunity for students to get community service hours.

Chaperones (Pat Yee): A chaperone sign up sheet was passed around for those who wish to help chaperone at the competitions.

Drill Camp (Gloria Zalewski): Drill camp is this Friday and Saturday. The itinerary is on the web. Pizza will be serviced Friday and Hot Dogs will be served at lunch on Saturday. Donations of food are appreciated. Each student should bring \$1.00 on Saturday for lunch.

Homecoming Parade and Game (Gloria Zalewski): Itinerary is posted on the web. Pizza will be served after the parade. Again, donations of other food items are appreciated.

Senior Night (Gloria Zalewski): Senior night is October 13 at the football game. The band will perform a portion of their show during halftime, and then each senior will be recognized with their parents during a special ceremony at half time. Also, 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students from MSC and MSC are invited to march on the field with the LCHS band and perform the opening ceremony. Food is also provided, and again, donations are needed.

Marching Band Competition Tickets (Gloria Zalewski): The band must pay an entry fee to participate in each competition. To help offset this expense, the hosting school sometimes provides complimentary admission tickets to each participating band. If they are available the E-Board members sell these tickets in advance of the competition so that the admission money goes to the band boosters rather than the host school. Parents are encouraged to purchase these tickets. When tickets are available, they can be purchased after practice on Tuesdays & Thursdays. There are no advance tickets available to the Michigan Invitational Tournament on September 16.

Replacement for Tony Giordano, Vice President: Unfortunately Tony's daughter cannot participate in band due to health reasons and a replacement for his position of Vice President is needed. The duties of the vice president were read from the Band Booster Bylaws. Kathy Turonek and Cathy Troia were named as possible replacements. Gloria will ask each person if they are willing to take on the position and if they are, an election will be held at the next meeting.

Sewing (Kathy Turonek): The fabric for the flags has been ordered. There are 60 flags that need to be sewed. Kathy has two sewing machines and has found that in the past setting up an assembly line system worked well. A volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around.

Semi-Tractor Trailer Replacement (Bob Turner): Big Blue is a 1970 tractor trailer that was donated to the band and is in need of replacement. Bob has been doing research on an affordable replacement and has found one that can be purchased from National Leasing Semi Corporation. Pictures were passed around. This is a 1996 trailer, is 56' long (13' longer than BB) and the asking price is \$6,000. Lengthy discussion was held about the trailer. Motion was made by Kim Crooker to purchase the 53' semi-tractor trailer from National Leasing Semi Corporation at a cost not to exceed \$6,000. Motion seconded by Kathy Turonec. Motion unanimously passed. A corporate sponsorship letter will also be given to National Leasing.

## **COMMITTEES**

Kroger (Christa Schapka): From June 11, 2006 – July 8 there were \$12,591 in Kroger refills. \$629.56 went to the band and of that \$420.56 went to student activity accounts \$209 into the band booster account. July 9, 2006 – August 5 there were \$14,693 refills -- \$734 to that band -- \$490 into student activity accounts and \$244 to band boosters. There have been 190 Kroger cards issued to date.

Meijer (Sue Rosenthal): The Band Boosters received the following: May - \$112; June - \$67.21; July - \$46; August - \$83.19. Eighty-eight people have signed up but only about 20 are regular users.

Scrip Sales (Kim Turner): Scrip sales have resumed. Forms are printed on pink paper. Kim submits orders on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month. The last orders put in amounted to \$92.27 in student activity account and \$32.12 for Band Boosters

Merchandise (Marion Dywasuk): The following proceeds from merchandise sales were reported: August 31 football game \$245 and \$110 for bracelets; June 3 freshman orientation \$152; May concert \$252; March teacher conferences \$153. Lancer flags are being sold with profits to color guard. Also, there are some show shirts (long sleeve and short sleeve) available for purchase. See Kim Turner for long sleeve and Sue Rosenthal for short sleeve.

Bingo (Pat Yee): Labor Day weekend was surprisingly good but need more participation. Have paid \$3700 into student activity accounts for parents working. See Pat Yee to sign up to work bingo and earn \$20 for student activity account for each full shift worked (Sunday, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Corporate Sponsorship (Gloria Zalewski for Rick Darling & Keely Final who were working on building props): Pamphlets are now available to distribute to companies and organizations.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Publicity: Thank you to Cindy Mullins ([cinders10@wowway.com](mailto:cinders10@wowway.com)) for doing a great job at publicity. Contact Cindy if you have any information that you want to share – she is able to send out a mass email to most of the parents.

Cookie Dough Fund Raiser: Discussion about having a cookie dough fund raiser. No volunteers to chair; tabled.

50/50 Drawing. There was no 50/50 drawing this meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Louise Borkowsky and seconded by Kathy Turonek to adjourn.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Sellers  
Recording Secretary