

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

Executive Board Members Present:

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

Director Present – Russell Hilton

Guest Speaker – Renee Rolfs-Radke, L.M.S.W., Supervisor of Special Education,
Grief Counselor

Parents in Attendance –25

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REPORT:

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by Gloria Zalewski. Gloria opened the meeting by stating that this has been a very difficult week for the band family and to thank everybody for all of the support that has been shown to the families of the students involved in the automobile accident.

SECRETARY'S REPORT AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

Secretary's report of November 2, 2006 was presented by Gail Sellers. The Treasurer's report for period ending November 30, 2006 was presented by Larry Dishman. Motion made by Norma Kosmala and seconded by Linda Jozefiak to accept both reports as written.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Hilton distributed the director's report for December 2006. Summary of the report is as follows:

Holiday Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. at JPAC.

Honors Band: CMU – Danielle Fowler, principal flute; EMU – Jake Nurse, Bob Erickson, Steven Rish, Justin Cilia, Kyle Smith, Jimmy Frink, and Steve Dishman. WSU – TBA, directors to nominate.

MSBOA All State: Justin Cilia, third trumpet. Out of 200 high schools State-Wide only 70 students are accepted.

State Capital Performances: Saxophone quartet with Jake Nurse, Steve Rish, Alex Da Via, Jon Krause was invited to perform at the Governor's Christmas party in Lansing this evening and the flute choir with Danielle Fowler, Krista Flanders, Chrissy Verkest, Courtney McNulty, Emily Schapka and Katie Hummer will be playing at the State legislature Christmas party on December 12.

Solo and Ensemble will be held on February 10, 2007 at Rochester High School. Chamber ensembles are on February 3, 2006. We have 143 events signed up. The average high school last year had 11 events. Please encourage students to arranged ensemble rehearsals and schedule help on their solos. Students should be refining their work.

MSBOA Concert Festival is scheduled March 2 & 3, 2007, time TBA. One hour sectional required per week will start in mid-January. Pre-festival concert is February 15, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.

East Side Fury – Check their website for competition dates.

LCHS Handbells will be a year-round ensemble conducted by Margie Moore. Rehearsal started last week. This group will perform at concerts and handbell festivals as well as community service events. They will be performing at the holiday concert on the 18th.

Inspiration winter colorguard currently has 29 members and show selection is underway. There are plans for a middle school winterguard.

2007 Marching Band – Pre-band camp is scheduled for August 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9; Band camp is August 11-18, 2007. Planning has already begun.

Miscellaneous items:

It is time to start recruiting at the middle schools – updates to follow.

Please check with Mr. Hilton, Mr. Kosi or Mr. Conaton regarding “upgrade instruments”

Staff can suggest many music/band related stocking stuffer ideas.

Staff continuing to build a list of lessons teachers. Lessons make THE difference – please ask. We now have more students in lessons than ever at LCHS.

Practice is essential to success. Encourage students to play – it makes it more fun! (Don't say practice – it can sound like a dirty word).

Band reed and supply account: Mr. Hilton requested that funds be allocated from the band booster account to purchase band reeds and misc. other small supply items for the students. Discussion was held and motion was made by Chris Hishon that the revenue received from the bake sale, water sale and 50/50 drawing at the holiday concert on December 18, 2006 be given to the band's internal school account. Motion seconded by Sue Dishman. Motion approved.

Cordless telephone replacement. Santa Zalewski can the band staff get a replacement cordless phone set with 3 handsets? The band office is only allocated one telephone by the school. In addition to the school's telephone they have an old multi-phone cordless set that is used by staff and students and it has worn out (buttons not working, etc.). Discussion was held and it was agreed that Santa Zalewski would purchase a cordless phone with three handsets at a cost not-to-exceed \$100. Merry Christmas Mr. Hilton from the band boosters!

Caitlin Brideau Memorial Award/Scholarship: There will be an annual award and/or scholarship in Caitlin's name which will be given at the band banquet. Details to follow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Raffle Tickets (Chris Hishon) There are four more drawings left. Approximately \$23,000 in ticket sales have been turned in. This month's winners are as follows: \$50.00 winners – Kevin Til, Clinton Twp.; Maria Gust, Clinton Twp; Jeane Grumard, Clinton Twp; \$150 winner – Jerry Verhaeghe, Harrison Twp; \$500 winner – Mike Bernier, Mt. Clemens. Angela Arnold won a \$25 gift card from Best Buy in the student drawing.

Concert Uniforms (Louise Borkowski) There are still some freshmen students that have not paid their deposits for their concert uniforms and there are some outstanding payments for tuxedo shirts. Students who have not paid their deposit may use a uniform the day of the concert, but must return it immediately after the concert. Louise will be at JPAC to issue and collect uniforms. Louise is still trying to collect dry cleaning receipts – less than 40% have been returned. Remember – the concert uniforms belong to the school. The \$25 deposit is a school policy, if uniforms are not maintained or not returned the deposit will be forfeited at the end of the student's senior year. There was a small profit from sale of tuxedo shirts and Louise will be using those funds to replenish her inventory of bow ties and cumberbunds.

Poinsettia Fund Raiser (Darlene Kirsten) Students had \$4278 in poinsettia sales. Of that \$2139 was received in profit -- \$1426 went into student activity accounts; \$713 went to band boosters. Teachers complained that they were not aware of the poinsettia

sale – no band students approached them. Darlene left an order form in the office and she extended the sale to 3 p.m. December 8 and she will personally pick up and deliver the plants to the teachers. (Thanks Darlene!).

Holiday Concert (Gloria Zalewski) as mentioned earlier, this year's holiday concert is on December 18, 2006 at 7 p.m. at JPAC. Michelle Lindsey is coordinating the bake sale. She requested that donations be packaged in small quantities. It was decided that we would request a donation for baked goods rather than individually pricing items. Other items at the concert will be a table with band merchandise, Kroger cards, water sales, 50/50 raffle and Pat Walgrave will have updated student activity account statements. Parents of students going to Disney World need to see Pat and sign a form indicating their preference to use activity account funds for Disney World.

Texas Hold-em (Ken Verkest/Kathy Troia) Ken updated those present on the status of the Texas Hold-em fundraiser. It is scheduled for Saturday, January 20. Last meeting minutes incorrectly stated that K of C members would be dealers. Band Booster members will have to supply dealers and volunteers to help with food, etc. A discussion was held regarding preselling tickets, incentives for preselling tickets, profits going into student activity accounts, and paying workers (approved by State – similar to paying bingo workers). Motion was made by Gail Sellers that we would not presell tickets and all profits would go to the band booster account for the January 20 Texas Hold-em fund raiser. Motion seconded by Linda Jozefiak. Motion carried.

Brick Pavers - Darlene Kirsten has agreed to chair this committee. Geri Prichard's son will also be involved in this activity as part of his Eagle Scout project.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business discussed.

COMMITTEES:

Kroger (Christa Schapka) A check was received November 28 in the amount of \$838.52 with \$559.02 going into student activity accounts and \$279.50 to band booster account.

Meijer (Sue Rosenthal) Received a check for October receipts of \$119.47; anticipate receiving a check for November receipts of \$59.65 next Monday (Dec 11).

Scrip Sales (Kim Turner): Friday, December 8 is the deadline for ordering for Christmas. Last two orders turned in totaled \$12,630 -- \$490.02 went to student activity accounts and \$234.01 into band booster account.

Merchandise (Marion Dywasuk for Cindy Frink) Look for new merchandise at the band concert on the 18th.

Bingo (Pat Yee): \$1000 profit since the last meeting. State has approved increased payouts from \$2,000 to \$3,500. Would have to revise prices of game sheets to accommodate increased payout. Not sure if this would be a good idea or not.

Corporate Sponsorship (Rick Darling & Keely Final) hasn't had any response to requests from businesses. Help is needed to seek potential donations and sponsorship. Currently it is just Rick and Keely working on this committee. New brochures are available for anyone to use to solicit donations and potential sponsorships.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Benefit Concert for Caitlin and Chelsea (Gloria Zalewski) There will be a benefit concert on December 9 in the small gym. There are 4-5 local bands made up of LCHS high school students who will be performing. There is a \$2 admission along with a donation box. Entrance and exit will be via the small gym door by the band room. Parent volunteers are needed to chaperone.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Ms. Renee Rolfs-Radke, L.M.S.W was invited by the band boosters to speak to parents about how the automobile accident and death of Caitlin Brideau has affected our children and us as parents. She addressed the topic of how teenagers cope, grieve and behaviors that are typical and not so typical. She also provided suggestions on how we as parents can help our children through this difficult time. A question and answer session followed. Anyone with questions or concerns may contact her:

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Band Boosters present thanked her for taking her personal time to attend our meeting and provide helpful information during this difficult time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Sellers