

L'ANSE CREUSE HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 2, 2007

Executive Board Members Present:

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

Director Present – Russell Hilton

Parents in Attendance – 18

Executive Board Member Absent – Larry Dishman, Treasurer

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REPORT:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Gloria Zalewski. Gloria opened the meeting stating that in an attempt to reduce the length of the meetings the agenda has been changed to have the committees report in the beginning of the meeting rather than at the end. The E-Board also is requesting that we all try to limit the amount of time discussing a topic and to be considerate and not talk while someone has the floor and is speaking to the group.

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

Secretary's report of December 2006 was presented by Gail Sellers. The Treasurer's report for period ending December 30, 2006 was presented. Comments regarding the meeting minutes were that Sara Healy also participated in the EMU Honors band and that Gloria Zalewski did purchase a portable phone (AT&T) with four handsets for the band room and to thank Jeff Henk and Michelle Lindsay for their donations. The cost of the phone set was \$80. Motion made by Louise Borkowski and seconded by Sue Henk to accept both reports as written.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Hilton distributed the band director's report for January 2007. Summary of the report is as follows:

Inspiration (winter color guard) show is partially learned. Numbers remain up. "First Circle"

Middle school winter guard – "Inspire Me" 18 members and will perform at two shows this year. Kids are having a great time. Mr. Hilton asked if the band boosters

would pay the \$200 membership fee and \$220 fee to participate in the two shows. He noted that the winter guard account consists of monies raised by the winter guard (fundraisers) to support their activities and they should not pay for the middle school winter guard fees. Motion made by Pat Yee and seconded by Linda Jozefiak to have band boosters pay \$200 membership fee and \$220 show participation fee for the middle school winter guard.

Solo & Ensemble is February 10, 2007 at Rochester High School and the Chamber ensembles are February 3, 2007. We have 143 events signed up. Students should have music selected. Accompanists will be assigned and posted soon. Please make sure that students have a copy of their piano part available. Please see Mr. Kosi if you do not have an accompanist and have not spoken to him previously. Solos MUST be accompanied. On January 17, 18 & 19 we are having all students perform a portion or all of their S&E music in class. Be prepared. Please encourage them to arrange ensemble rehearsals and schedule help on their solos. Students should be refining their work.

MSBOA Concert Festival March 2 & 3, 2007. Time TBA. 1 (1 hr) sectional required per week will start in Mid-January. Pre-festival concert – February 15, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

LCHS Handbells – Performed at the holiday concert. This group will perform at concerts and handbell festivals as well as community service events.

Winter guard Trailer – Would like to purchase a small enclosed trailer (10 ft. range) for winter guard, jazz, etc. Using little blue is “overkill”. Mr. Hilton has set aside \$1000 within his school budget plus will use the money that was donated in memory of Caitlin. Mr. Hilton requested that band boosters approve not more than \$1,000 to purchase a trailer for winter guard. Trailer would be named “Peanut” in memory of Caitlin (peanut was her nickname). Motion made by Pat Yee and seconded by Steve Boegehdd to approve funds not to exceed \$1,000 for the purchase of a winter guard trailer.

Middle school recruitment – it’s time to start. Mr. Hilton met with Dr. Pellerin and Dr. Wunderlick and they assure him that they intend to make opportunities for students to participate within our program throughout high school.

Guest appearances and commissions – Mr. Hilton has been in contact with numerous guest artists and composers regarding appearances and commissions for the LCHS Bands. It is time to move forward with these opportunities, (Kevin Sedatole, Mike Haithcock, Doug Bianchi, Greg Cunningham, Scott Boerma, Sam Hazo, Sgt. Maj. Woody English).

Fall Calendar – have begun working on it. Will have information soon.

Hosting a show this fall – is this something we want to do? It is quite a process and the deadline is February 23. Discussed lack of parking/space for a show. Mr. Hilton suggested that we could sponsor a joint show with LCHS – North. They have adequate parking and space to accommodate. Discussed the amount of coordination and preparation. No decision made.

WSU Honors band – rehearsals are scheduled for this weekend. Mr. Hilton just received information today. Apparently WSU staff did not mail out confirmation letters. They only have room for 10 students. List will be posted in the band room tomorrow.

Disney Trip – This will be a concert performance only. Students will wear their concert attire. There are not enough participants for a marching performance.

**COMMITTEES:**

Kroger (Christa Schapka) Kroger cards were sold at the holiday concert. Check for December was delayed because of the holidays. Will report next month.

Meijer (Sue Rosenthal):.Received \$79.35 for December and \$59.68 for November.

Scrip Sales (Kim Turner): Scrip sales for December were \$10,800. Of that amount \$462.56 went into student activity accounts and \$224.44 to band boosters. New scrip order forms for 2007 are available.

Merchandise (Gloria Zalewski for Cindy Frink): Total merchandise sold at the holiday concert was \$249.00

Bingo (Pat Yee): Bingo was able to give boosters a check for \$1000 last month. 4<sup>th</sup> quarter just ended. The following is a summary of income since bingo started November 2005:

4 <sup>th</sup> quarter 2005	- \$1,557
1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2006	+\$3,929
2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter 2006	+\$5,304
3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2006	+\$1,424
4 <sup>th</sup> quarter 2006	+\$7,733

There are still a few dates available for those interesting in signing up to work at Bingo.

Corporate Sponsorship (Gloria Zalewski for Rick Darling & Keely Final) No updates at this time. Brochures available.

Brick Pavers (Gloria Zalewski for Darlene Kirsten) A design has been drafted and a rough estimate of cost has been submitted to Mr. Hilton for review.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Raffle Tickets (Chris Hishon) The January drawing will take place on January 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Concert Uniforms (Louise Borkowski) All deposits for concert uniforms have been received. Need to purchase additional bow ties and buttons. Tuxedo shirts are available for purchase. Louise noticed several students who were not wearing tuxedo shirts at the holiday concert.

Holiday Concert (Gloria Zalewski) Concert was very nice. Donations from bake sale items were \$503. Thank you Michelle Lindsay and all who helped her. Water sales and 50/50 raffle tickets generated \$389. Money received from the holiday concert will go to Mr. Hilton's band reed and supply account (see December 7 2006 meeting minutes).

Texas Hold-em Fund Raiser- January 20, 2007 (Ken Verkest) We have received the license from the State. Flyers are available. Ken will send a mailing and we will ask Cindy Mullins to send an email to band parents. We **will** have tickets available for presale early next week (Jan 8). Mr. Hilton will distribute tickets to students. Money and ticket stubs should be put into an envelope with "Texas hold-em" written on the front and placed in the lock box in the band office. Checks are accepted and can be made payable to LCHS Band Boosters. Chris Hishon volunteered to be a dealer, still need 3-4 more.

Benefit Concert (Gloria Zalewski) Five bands consisting of high school students performed at the benefit concert for Caitlin and Chelsea on December 9, 2006. Kids did a great job. All in attendance were well behaved. The concert raised \$1225 for Caitlin's family and \$465 for Chelsea's family. Thanks to all the parents who helped chaperone.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Tag Day (Gail Sellers) Tag Day is tentatively scheduled for March 16 and 17, 2007. This is a fundraiser where band students go to local businesses with canisters and ask for donations. The first \$50 raised goes into the student's activity account and any additional money is given to the band boosters. It has been difficult getting area businesses to allow the kids to do this. Most major retailers have a policy against this type of solicitation. Kroger has been one of the better stores to go to. Last year there were negative repercussions from customers at stores located outside the L'Anse Creuse school district. Gail is looking for assistance in finding local businesses that will allow this type of fund raiser.

Band Banquet (Gloria Zalewski) Band banquet is scheduled for May 11, 2007 at the Imperial House on Groesbeck. Sue Henk and Sue Dishman will co-chair this event. The Imperial House has new owners and has made improvements in the facility. Cost of the banquet is \$25. This is not a fund raiser or "money maker", but an event that

recognizes student accomplishments over the past year. Some of the activities include dinner, award presentations, scholarship presentations, video/picture presentation highlighting the past year's activities, memory booklet and Chinese auction. This year's Chinese auction will be refined so that auction winners will be notified in a timely manner.

Small Trailer Purchase – See Director's report

Grant Request Volunteer (Gloria Zalewski) Mr. Hilton is looking for someone to volunteer to help with in grant writing. There are many companies that have grant programs that benefit school activities, but this is time consuming and Mr. Hilton would like some assistance in this area. Anyone interested in this can contact Mr. Hilton.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Winter guard bowl-a-thon will be held on January 6, 2007 at Continental Lanes on 13 mile and Gratiot. This is a fund raiser to raise money for inspiration winter guard.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Kathy Hammers and seconded by Linda Jozefiak to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Sellers