

L'ANSE CREUSE HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 2. 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

Parents in Attendance – 30

**CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REPORT:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by Gloria Zalewski.

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

Secretary's report of September 7, 2006 was presented by Gail Sellers. The Treasurer's report for period ending October 31, 2006 was presented by Larry Dishman. Larry indicated from a financial standpoint we are doing a little better than last year at this time. Motion made by Sue Henk and seconded by Linda Jozefiak to accept both reports as written.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Hilton handed out the November 2006 Director's Report. Summary of the report is as follows:

EMU Clinic Day is November 18. This is an annual event open to sophomores and above, which consist of all day sessions with EMU faculty, faculty recital, EMU bands fall concert and EMU honors band auditions. Students and staff will car pool.

Holiday Concert is scheduled for December 18, 7:00 p.m. at JAPAC. This includes freshmen band, symphony band, wind symphony and jazz bands. Concert attire required. Note: website calendar incorrectly lists December 1 as a concert date.

Encourage students to practice! Now that there are no rehearsals on regular evenings, student practice regiments suffer greatly. Practice is homework. Please ask your student if they have practiced their instrument.

Concert attire fitting is nearly complete. We will phase in new ladies attire over the next several years. They have discontinued the current style therefore, the new ladies concert uniform will be a long black formal dress as chosen by Mr. Hilton.

Marching Lancers State Finals October 28. Thank you to all who helped in every way – uniforms, props, costumes, flags, Big Blue, pit crew, chaperones and fund raisers -- 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish was great. This was a super season. Photos from Jolesch are at [http://joleschorders.com/view\\_event.asp?EVENTIT=13508](http://joleschorders.com/view_event.asp?EVENTIT=13508) .

End of year requests: move helmets, etc., on to little blue to big blue. Time to think about refitting the new trailer. Equipment needs to be winterized.

Inspiration – (winter color guard) winter guard is similar to color guard with dancing, props, to recorded music with indoor competitions. It is open to all band members and not just to fall guard. It is also open to other schools. It is a “pay your own way” so costs are divided among membership and fund-raised. They compete January – March (only 4-6 times) Auditions are being held.

Solo & Ensemble. Performance date is February 10, 2007 at Rochester High School. Sign-up is November 6-15. It is highly recommended that students participate and will likely be used as a final exam grade. Students may use multiple instruments and it is encourage that students use “traditional” ensembles (brass quartet, trios, etc.) Solos are also recommended. State rules state that solos have to be accompanied by a pianist. Costs will be posted on the website.

New Band Camp Location in Lexington, Michigan, August 11-18, 2007 with precamp the week before. This is a much cleaner and better maintained camp with dorms for the girls and cabins for the boys. There are also facilities available for indoor practice. Food will be purchased by the camp staff and parents will be cooking in a commercial kitchen. There are 60 camp-sites that included electricity, sewer and water hook-ups. Parents are welcome. This camp is approximately \$100 per student cheaper than Camp Seagull. More details to follow.

Oakland University Concert. Working on a date of November 13, 14 or 15 at JAPAC. This will be an opportunity for OU to showcase their program for our students.

Disney trip is a go! Data for all people that have their information into Mr. Hilton will be forwarded to New Horizons within the next week. Payments will be set up with NHTT and you should be able to make payments online within a couple of weeks. If you need to set up alternate plans, please speak to their representatives. They are usually quite flexible as long as payments are complete 45-30 days prior to travel.

Composite Photo. North American Theatrical Photographers have completed the Lancer Bands photo shoot. Proof viewing days are December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. You are not obligate to purchase anything.

Upgrade instruments. Please check with Mr. Hilton, Mr. Kosi or Mr. Conaton regarding upgrade instruments. They are able to help procure instruments that are the best instrument for the student as well as good resale value for parents.

Private Lessons – the difference maker! It is strongly encouraged that students take private lessons. Look at the website and also in the band room for opportunities. Also, please arrange for a tuner/metronome for your students. You can order through Mr. Hilton who can get them cheaper.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Marching Season (Gloria Zalewski) Thank you to all parents who helped make this a phenomenal season. Your support is so appreciated. Also, thank you to the Directors and staff. DVD's of State Finals may be purchased through Mr. Video. Pat Yee is organizing a group purchase so that the cost is \$35 vs. \$45. See Pat at the end of the meeting if you are interested.

Raffle Tickets (Chris Hishon) we have collected \$22,000 in raffle tickets which is slightly lower than last year at this time. Winners for this month's drawing are as follows: \$50.00 winners: Jeff Furton, Warren; David Spranger, Harrison Twp.; Mario Puzzavar (no location given). \$150 winner was Dawn Cichoski, Harrison Twp., and the \$500 winner was Vicky Eslinger from Shelby. Danielle Yoder won the student drawing of a \$25 gift card.

Pizza Kit Sales (Pat Walgrave) No final figure available. Betsy Gerling still has 4 pizza kits in her freezer for anyone interested in purchasing a kit.

Marching Uniforms (Sue Rosenthal) Thank you to all the parents who helped out with uniforms this season. Raincoats need to be washed and Sue is looking for volunteers. Coats are bagged and in the uniform room for anyone who wants to help out. They can be put in the washing machine but must be air dried.

Concert Uniforms (Louise Borkowski) All freshmen have been fitted. Will be purchasing 12 tuxedos from Wesner Tuxedo at a cost of \$99. We were short two uniforms for the girls. Larger uniforms will be altered to fit the two girls. A \$25 deposit is due from all freshmen students. The deposit will be refunded their senior year if the uniform is returned in satisfactory condition. The boys will have to purchase a tuxedo shirt at a cost of \$18. Thanks to Kathy Turonek and Jan Macon for assisting with fittings and alterations. The ladies concert uniform is no longer available so the school will be purchasing a small amount of a new style (picked out by Mr. Hilton) each year so that eventually they will all be replaced.

Senior Night (Gloria Zalewski) There was 81 middle school band students that participated in the senior night program during the football game. The students were very impressed with our band program. Thanks again to all who helped with food donations, serving, clean up, etc.

Semi-Tractor Trailer The trailer has been purchased. Outfitting, painting, new doors will be started after the first of the year. Discussion was held about having a contest to name the trailer.

Poinsettia Sales (Gloria Z for Darlene Kirstein) No information available. Look for flyers and announcement on the Web.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Holiday Concert (Gloria Zalewski) Scheduled for December 18 at John Armstrong Performing Arts Theater starting at 7:00 p.m.

Bake Sale (Gloria Zalewski) in the past the Band Boosters have had a bake sale in conjunction with the concert. Michelle Lindsay volunteered to coordinate it again this year. She requested that all donations of baked good be packaged in smaller quantities. Last year monetary donations rather than a set price was accepted and seemed to work out well -- will probably do that again this year. Michelle will send out an email asking for baked goods prior to the concert.

### Upcoming Fund Raisers (Gloria Zalewski)

Texas Hold-um: Ken Verkest spoke to the group about having a Texas Hold-um Tournament as a fund raiser. Ken is a member of St. Hubert's K of C and has coordinated this type of fund raiser in the past. He explained in detail how the tournament would be conducted; stated that there was no risk and no upfront costs. All prizes and expenses would be covered by entry and tournament fees paid by the participants. The tournament would be held at St. Hubert's activity center with K of C members as dealers. They would provide cards, chips and other supplies needed. Food and beer/pop are served as well. Proceeds would be split between the K of C and LC Band Boosters. They have a mailing list and would make arrangements for publicity. Band Boosters would need to apply to the State of Michigan for an application to hold the fund raiser. Ken stated he will help with the paperwork. Discussion was held with all in attendance stating that this sounded like a worthwhile fund raiser. Motion made by Chris Hishon to have Texas Hold-um Tournament fund raiser jointly with the St. Hubert's K of C after the first of the year. Motion seconded by Keely Final.

Other Fund Raisers – spring flower sale in May. Also in May is the bowling tournament – the date will be determined as soon as the date for the band banquet is finalized.

## COMMITTEES:

Kroger (Christa Schapka) Received in October (for September 2006 revenue) was \$874.53 which was divided into \$583.31 for student activity accounts and \$291.22 to band boosters. Anticipate receiving a check in November for October revenue is \$852.50 which will be divided into \$568.34 for student activity accounts and \$284.16 to band boosters. There were \$17,490 in refills in September and \$17,050 refills in October.

Christa reminded all present that Kroger cards can be used at Kroger stores all over the country. Out-of-town relatives and friends can purchase a Kroger card through the LC band boosters and the money generated will go into the booster and student activity accounts.

Meijer (Sue Rosenthal): It is too early in the month for a Meijer report

Scrip Sales (Kim Turner): Last order turned in was for \$1,420. Of that amount \$51.57 went into student activity account and \$18.78 to band boosters. Remember that the holidays are coming! Please note that Wendy's gift cards are temporarily unavailable until after the first of the year. They are changing over from paper to plastic cards.

Merchandise (Marion Dywasuk/Cindy Frink): Received \$225 in sales revenue. Cindy Frink will be taking over band merchandise. New items arriving. Will have a table set up at the holiday concert.

Bingo (Pat Yee): Bingo has been able to pay back the band booster loan in full (\$6,700). In addition bingo has been able to pay out \$6,720 to student activity accounts in payment for parents working at bingo. Contact Pat if you are interested in working at bingo. Parents who work a full bingo shift will have \$20 put in their child's student activity account. There have been some questions about why parents and bingo chairperson are paid. This is considered a business and the State mandates payment for both workers and chairpersons. LCHS Bingo is separate from the LCHS Band Boosters and must comply with State and IRS regulations. Both have very strict rules and regulations. Like any business, there were start-up costs. In the summer months our bingo could only pay the bills. Now that fall and winter are here business is improving and anticipate increased revenue. We do need more parent participation in playing Bingo. The purpose of starting a bingo was to have less fund raisers, reduce out-of-pocket expenses and also relieve the stress of having to have fund raisers.

Corporate Sponsorship (Keely Final) Nothing new to report. Corporate sponsorship brochures are available and parents are encouraged to use them to help obtain corporate/business donations. Mr. Pharis, who has a student in the band, works for Tamaroff car dealership. They will give the boosters \$100 for every car purchased/leased through him.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

A parent stated that some of the other high schools' marching band pit and tuba students wore berets and thought they looked nice. Has this ever been considered for our band? Nobody present could answer that question and it will be forwarded to Mr. Hilton.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Linda Jozefiak and seconded by Kim Turner to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Sellers