

Liberty Music Boosters (LMBA)

Meeting minutes- April 8, 2008

President – Diane Pax

Vice President - John Scherer

Treasurer – Sheri Burke

Secretary - Betsey Farquhar-Bradish

Member at Large - Susie Norris

Present: Diane Pax, Sheri Burke, Susie Norris, Betsey Farquhar-Bradish, John Scherer, Earl Burke, Travis Hicks

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 by Diane

Directors' Report

Doug reported that Chorale will be performing early at the OMEA state contest April 26th. He will be submitting the department budget this Friday, requesting ~\$13K more from the school budget that will remain at the same \$ amount from last year. Strings will be leaving on Thursday on their trip to NYC and returning Saturday. They will be taking in opera and Broadway show performances.

Travis reported that Drumline and Winter Guard competed last month in Dayton at the WGI MidEast Regional with a judge commenting that he is looking forward to our Guard's continued growth. When the Drumline attends the WGI World Championship competition next week they will NOT need ALEs as their absence on Thursday will be considered a field trip. ~20 students have signed up for Jazz Band auditions via Mr. Hick's email and due to a glitch in the system, he has been unable to send out emails including the announcement for PRIDE Day. He has only received names of incoming freshman band members from OHMS. Sketching of the upcoming outdoor season has begun including props with consideration for weather, etc. Rachel will also be taking her OLMS students to the Columbus Symphony and performing a spring concert.

Minutes/Secretary Report

Minutes from the March 2008 meeting were reviewed by all in attendance, Diane motioned and Susie seconded approval of the minutes as submitted. The motion was carried by unanimous voice approval with no objection.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Budget Report 31-Mar-08 was reviewed by all in attendance, Susie motioned and John seconded approval of the budget as submitted. The motion was carried by unanimous voice approval with no objection.

Important Dates (per meeting Agenda)

NEXT MUSIC CONTESTS & EVENTS:

- April 10-12th: Winterguard WGI Finals
- Sunday April 13th at 2:45: Winterguard performance at Spring Arts Festival
- April 17-19th: Drumline WGI Finals
- April 26th: State OMEA Contest
- May 20th at 7:00PM: Beatles vocal pop concert
- May 22nd: Orchestra Spring Concert
- May 26th: Memorial Day Parade

OTHER DATES:

- Apr 9th: Middle School Columbus Symphony Trip
- April 12th: Spring Pride Day at 9:00AM

(discussion during meeting noted that choir parents got email notification on this but there are a LOT of conflicts with ACTs, Drumline, Winterguard, etc. All students needing to be excused need to put it in writing and have it signed by their parents)

- May 13th: May LMBA Board Meeting
- May 28th at 6:30: Chorale Induction / Senior Spotlight
- May 29th: Band End of Year Celebration
- NYC Strings Trip 16-20

Old Business

- Opportunities to fill chair person slots
 - Positions filled since last meeting:

- Choir Finance Chair: Susie Norris
- Newsletter Reporter: Ruth Tackett (retack59@yahoo.com)
- SCRIP Co-Chair: Ruth Tackett – works at the library Tuesday evening but is aiming to attend our May meeting
- Next positions to fill:
 - Fall Concessions Extras (beads, face painting, etc)
 - New Freshman Coordinator (get seniors to call all incoming freshmen to welcome themMay time-frame)

(Travis noted during the meeting that there would be some concern about giving out student phone numbers. Perhaps students can give their names and numbers themselves to their section leaders. Band camp information is on the website and the LMBA Brochure has gotten great feedback.)

- Band Prop Chair (designing platforms, etc)
- SCRIP Roll-out and Communication update

(John noted during the meeting that he will provide flyers for students and a link on the website in addition to mass emails via Cathleen_peirce@olentangy.k12.oh.us the district webmaster.)

- Update of after school music lesson

(Diane shared during the meeting that this will have to wait until after winterlines because the kids are too busy. Diane will send this information to the 8th graders as well. Instructors will need several lessons grouped on a given afternoon to make it worth their time.)

- Update from 8th grade band meeting.

(Diane commented that there was a pretty good turn-out despite the weather. She and John plan to email LMBA information through MS directors (once the new one for LMS is named) and give it out at Band Camp meeting.

New Business

- Concession dates and volunteer status

(Betsey noted that John's online sign up is helpful. Tom G mentioned that LMBA may want to provide concessions at the LMS for Girls Field Hockey which is well attended. Betsey said that would require another dedicated parent volunteer concessionaire possibly working from a food vending truck. We are looking into the particulars of the opportunity of LMBA parent volunteers to work at the LHS vs OHS FB game held at the Crew stadium this fall.)

- Fiscal 2008/2009 preliminary budgets due from the music directors by May 15th

(This will need to wait until the school budget is available first – should be by July. (Addendum post meeting: school budget is now complete.))

- Fuel discussion update

(Diane has been confirming with the district transportation department that LMBA does not have to pay fuel costs for truck usage. Costs for drumline to date have been \$421.)

- Financial assistance form update
- Spending to tune up golf cart

(This has been done for \$465 and hadn't been done in 5 years. It has also been determined that it is cheaper and more practical to continue to rent versus buy scaffolding for a cost of ~\$1100.)

- Communication of scheduling conflicts to administration

(John and Susie talked to Mr. Raiff about drumline practice schedule for next year and asked that it be part of the official schedule on the school website. They also noted that the custodians have been VERY helpful this year.)

- Middle school arts cuts due to scheduling

THE FOLLOWING WAS ADDED AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING

- Pride Day brochures will be printed with an attachment (for a Paypal website (that John set up) to those houses where no one answers) by Betsey.
- John is working with Travis to set up a used marching band shoes bank.
- Travis saw Colman-type water bottles at Walmart that may be good idea for band camp – Betsey will help follow-up on this.
- There have been no takers to advertise on the band trucks.

Sheri motioned and Susie seconded for adjournment of the meeting at 9:20pm. The motion was carried by unanimous voice approval with no objection.

Next Meeting

Will be Tuesday, May 13th at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Betsey Farquahar-Bradish, LMBA Secretary