

Liberty Music Boosters (LMBA)

Meeting minutes- June 10, 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, Lori Parfenchuk, Rebecca Sharlow, John Scherer, Doug ONeal, Travis Hicks

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Diane

Directors' Report

Doug reported that there are 2 highly qualified final candidates for the LSH Strings Director position. The Chorale fall retreat to Cincinnati will be September 13th and 14th pending Transportation Department approval and then LMBA approval to write checks for expenses that will be reimbursed by student fees less the cost of theater tickets. The NYC trip is planned for April 4th and 5th which is a one night decrease to control costs. Plans are to stay at the Travel Inn on 42nd Street and to use the same travel agency as Rachel Ferrel did for the Strings trip, resulting in only one bill for the LMBA treasurer. Doug has had to cancel the order he placed in March for student awards that were still not available when he contacted the company in May. He subsequently placed the order with a new vendor who rushed the awards for seniors and the rest will be distributed to students in the fall.

Travis reported that percussion rehearsals have begun. The dates for band camp (July 27th to August 1st) and precamp (4:30 to 9pm July 21st to 24th – Guard 9am to 9pm & new members 2 to 9pm (Dinner provided)) have been given to students and the front office. He will be sending an email to parents and kids regarding dates and help needed for backdrop and scaffolding assembly. New LMS Director/LHS Assistant Director, Mr. Givens, is still under contract with Centerville but will probably be at the meeting next month. The new Strings Director at LMS is Leslie Dedrick and Rachel Ferrel will be at HMS.

Minutes/Secretary Report

Minutes from the May 2008 meeting were reviewed by all in attendance, Betsey noted from Travis's report that a correction was needed for Mr. Givens' title of Assistant Director rather than tech. Diane motioned and John seconded approval of the minutes as submitted with the correction. The motion was carried by unanimous voice approval with no objection.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Budget Report 31-May-08 was reviewed by all in attendance. The cash balance is ~\$31K. \$2.5K has been set aside for Orange HS to be presented to Joe Taylor when he can attend our meeting last month. It was noted that the SCRIP "income" will really be accounts for individual families toward their child's music program trip/camp expenses with a \$7.50 monthly FedEx fee paid by LMBA. The anticipated final Drumline net loss after additional payment to techs is made and income from t-shirts and the tarp sale is received will be \$500 more than the \$2K previously budgeted due to unanticipated fuel costs. Winterguard net loss is anticipated to be \$2.3 more than the \$2K previously budgeted once the final Wendy's fundraiser income is received. 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 ACTIVITIES:

- Band Pre-camps and Band camp
- August: Parent band night (it was confirmed with Travis during the meeting that the date will be August 12th and that it should not be the same day as for pictures)

LMBA DATES:

- July 8th: July LMBA Board meeting
- Mid-July: Fall concession and Pride day Sign-ups begin on-line
- August: Fall concessions begin August 9th (football scrimmage), August 21st (soccer) and August 22nd (football game) [there was discussion noting the early need for volunteer sign-ups/ need for directors to send email requests to parents as well as sign-ups at band camp and choir nights]

Old Business

- Opportunities to fill chair person slots
 - Band finance chairperson: liaison for money collection, winter budgets, etc. (John Taylor volunteered)
 - Fruit and Wreath Chairpersons: 1 fall event w/ \$ going into individual student trip funds (Susie volunteered)
 - Restaurant Fundraiser Chairperson: schedule Wendy's nights, etc for LMBA
- SCRIP Roll-out and Communication update (see notes under budget & John asked for notification of events where he can post information)
- Financial Assistance form being required for all future financial assistance granted
- Update of after school music lesson, and discussion of roll-out to middle schools (There was discussion about putting this in the back-to-school newsletter sent by school. Doug noted problems in finding voice teachers. Rebecca said she could share some names with Doug. Travis said percussion instruction has already started with our techs and Brass is already referred to Larry Griffith. Travis and Doug also noted that we want to be careful not to pull students from their current private instructors)
- Donation to custodians (Susie reported that she discussed this with Mr. Bell and found that there are 10 custodians for the building but they work various shifts. Discussion continued on the merits of various gifts with giftcards agreed upon as the most prudent. John motioned and Diane seconded to allocate \$250 for gift cards to all custodians with greater amounts for the 4 that have provided special consideration for our practices/events to be purchased by Susie.)
- MEPA contest sign-up date (Travis reported that we lost one event due to a schedule conflict and that we need to attend the June 21st MEPA meeting to put our school in for consideration.)
- Update on Professional stadium events for small group special fundraising opportunities (Diane reported that she is working with an incoming 8th grade parent to schedule.)
- Newsletter out in May. Next one for Back-to-school packets sent out last week of July. (Can we have ready for schedule pick-up day or included in music student's back-to-school paperwork?)(Discussion on this included note for need of publishing software for our reporter, Ruth Tacket. It was also noted that Ruth collected the information on seniors for the choir night :)

New Business

- Fall Dates and Planning.
 - Fall Pride Day: evening of Thursday September 18th (This date was set to avoid M/W band practice – even though Doug has a conflict due to his church choir practice, therefore all in attendance agreed because this was the best available date overall, we would need to understand his absence.)
 - Fruit Sale: Signed up for 2nd week of December delivery.
 - Will set up Wendy's night during July Pre-camp (Wednesday July 23rd) and then other music groups in the fall.
 - Need to verify same volunteers this fall for Friday Home Stand, Friday Away, Volunteer Coordinator, Band Dinners, and Band Uniforms
 - Need to have fall concession schedule on website soon to get started for sign-ups
 - Need date for Band parent Night (as per above – Tuesday August 12th)
- Set up of Kroger Card to complement SCRIP program (if we can find a new person to chair)
- Purchasing a new outdoor/indoor sound system for band program 08-09 budget (Travis noted that the model under consideration was used by the Caviliers. John made a motion but later withdrew it based on discussion about issues to consider in 08-09 budget, including ~\$5K unspent in 07-08 choir budget and whether it is fair to take it all back and start from scratch in the 08-09 budget. The final decision by the board was to continue discussion asap on a day following this evening's meeting to resolve these issues in the best interest of all concerned.)
- SCRIP roll-out and Communication update 1st order taken and Patriot Parent
- Financial Assistance form being required for all future financial assistance granted.

Sheri motioned and John seconded for adjournment of the meeting at 9:22pm. The motion was carried by unanimous voice approval with no objection.

Next Meeting

Will be Tuesday, July 8th at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Betsey Farquhar-Bradish, LMBA Secretary

Follow-up Board meeting: June 11th

The board voted per John's motion and Betsey's second to: give \$4600 to the choir activity fund that Doug has established and allocate up to \$3500 for the band outdoor/indoor sound system excluding speakers. John will loan his speakers to the band accepting liability (and perhaps seeing if that can be covered by the school) until further funds are allocated for the separate purchase of quality speakers.