

Liberty Music Boosters (LMBA)

Meeting minutes- July 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, Lori Parfenchuk, John Scherer, Doug O'Neal, Travis Hicks, Aaron Given, and Joe Taylor

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

Diane began the meeting by having everyone welcome and introduce themselves to our new LMS (Liberty Middle School) band director/LHS (Liberty High School) Assistant Band Director, Aaron Givens, and guest music booster president from OOHS (Olentangy Orange High School)/and previously OHS (Olentangy High School), Joe Taylor.

Directors' Report

Doug reported that the Varsity Chorale retreat has been approved by the district and will be using LMBA budgeted funds for show tickets. The show will be the Tony Award winner based on Jane Auston's Emma. The new Strings director has been chosen, Jill Bixler.

Travis reported that marching band pre-camp will be July 21st to 24th and band camp will be at ONU (Ohio Northern University) again this year from July 27th to August 1st. Check-in procedures will be the same as last year. The accommodations will move from the dormitory to campus apartments at the same cost as last year because the dorms are being renovated to remove asbestos. The outside doors will be locked and security will be the same as was in the dorms. Each apartment has 2-4 single rooms, 1-2 bathrooms, a living room and a full kitchen equipped with sink, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave and stove (Travis has requested that the breakers be turned off to the stoves, if that is not possible, he has been assured that there are sprinklers above each stove.). The field is located by the ONU President's house, the practice field and home bleachers with water & porta potties will be ~150 feet away from the apartments but the cafeteria will be at the same location as last year, a little further away. Sectionals can be near the apartments. The band handbook will be given to all members and they must return the medical section before leaving for camp. The LMBA section should be in to Travis by next Wednesday.

Minutes/Secretary Report

Minutes from the June 2008 meeting were reviewed by all in attendance. Sheri motioned and John 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 30-June-08 was reviewed by all in attendance. The cash balance is ~\$27.5K. Activity shows that we spent close to what we took in. Administrative expenses included \$2.5K for Orange High School Boosters. John motioned and Susie seconded approval of the budget as submitted. The motion was carried by unanimous voice approval with no objection.

Sheri has still not received the checks from the winter guard's Wendy's fundraiser or the Drumline's tarp sale. One student has turned in a request for financial aid for band camp. The handbook will instruct students to "see me" (Mr. Hicks) regarding these requests. Gift cards for the custodians have been purchased and will be given once the Thank You cards are purchased and written.

Guest Report: OMBA President – Joe Taylor

Joe thanked LMBA for the financial contribution and donation of the trailer to the new OOHS (Olentangy Orange High School) Music Booster Association. The trailer will be used for the 55 member band (Olentangy has 105 members), including 6 guard members, this year and they will rent a truck for the 30 member show choir. The orchestra will have ~the same membership as OHS (Olentangy High School's) since OHS lost membership due to AP course conflicts and again this year due to Language course conflicts. Two bands (Wind & Ensemble) second semester helps. OOHS's band director is Marc Zirille from Johnstown. OOHS Boosters have a tentative date of August 21st for when they will have access to the concession stand due to outstanding work needed for electricity. There is not yet a hot water tank, etc. Olentangy grossed ~\$82K in concessions last year with all the schools and a ~\$3.2K playoff concession. OHS Athletic Director pays \$37/hr each for 2 off duty sheriffs and boosters feed them.

OMBA has found that D level schools (such as Westerville Central) don't travel well but Dublin, Worthington & Marysville do. OMBA has found that bread sales around Thanksgiving and Spring Break generate a ~40% profit with students collecting \$ up-front and profit going into their individual trip accounts. The band also does a car wash and sells water during Fat Rabbit races at Alum Creek but they have backed off on working the Parade of Homes because the number of volunteers has decreased for fundraisers benefiting the general fund. The Show Choir does extra fundraisers like jewelry sales. OMBA and OOHS music boosters are working the Crew stadium games together. The athletics will take 2 years to make the same \$ as they would if the games were played at the home stadium.

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:

- August 12th : next LMBA Board meeting
- Fall Concession Sign-ups on-line at <http://www.mysignup.com/cgi?datafile=liberty>
- Pride Day Sign-ups will be online soon
- August 7th: Fall concessions begin
- Newsletter to be completed for Summer paperwork pick-up

Old Business

- Fiscal 2008/2009 Budget Discussion

Discussion on the proposed 2008-2009 budget included: merits of 1 vs 2 dates for Pride Day and times after school vs weekends where darkness needs to be considered – Travis said a second Spring date is important for capturing neighborhoods not covered in the Fall; in the past we had more drivers than students but lately we have more students than drivers – this Fall we are using an online sign-up for both vs having the Director assign students to drivers that day; other possible solicitation venues are Drugmart and Walmart; \$2500 has been budgeted for miscellaneous income – some ideas for generating this \$ were bread product sales (see OMBA section for details); possible need to increase student fees or decrease expenses in the winter programs; funding the show choir band director will allow Doug to be present on stage with the choir; choir concert/music review supplies are for backdrops, costumes, etc.; choir fall retreat expenses include bus driver hotel rooms and show tickets for ~80 students which are more expensive on weekends but necessary to avoid band conflicts; choir musician fees have previously been spent on gift cards for nonchoir students and others devoting appreciable time as accompanists; middle school allocation will be \$500 each for Liberty and Hyatts; administrative costs for fingerprinting assumes parents will pay for their own; Smart Music will be added under administrative costs for the middle schools only; and signs will need to be added under administrative costs as there are only 22 left. Diane motioned and Sheri seconded that the budget not be approved until next month's meeting, thereby allowing further time for review/revisions. The motion carried by unanimous voice approval with no objection.

Diane motioned and Susie seconded for adjournment of the meeting at 9:10pm. The motion was carried by unanimous voice approval with no objection.

Next Meeting

Will be Tuesday, August 12th at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Betsey Farquhar-Bradish, LMBA Secretary