

Liberty Music Boosters (LMBA)

Meeting minutes- February 10, 2009

President – John Scherer

Vice President - Seth Joseph

Treasurer – Sheri Burke

Secretary - Betsey Farquhar-Bradish

Member at Large - Cathy Epervary

Present: Travis Hicks, Rebecca Wolfe, Susie Norris, Betsey Farquhar-Bradish, Lori Parfenchuk, John Scherer, Denise Lahrman, Michele Fought, Cathy Epervary, Sheri Burke, Earl Burke, Jill Bixler

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 by John

Upon the invitation of Seth, a representative of ETC (Enjoy The City) Fundraising presented a coupon book that we could use. He provided samples and said students will be given an order form in an envelope and one sample book to use in taking orders. They should collect the money up front and then deliver the books afterwards. ETC will not charge for a loss of up to 20% of the sample books and then will deduct \$2/non-returned book over 20% from the profit's the group raises. Delivery of books once orders are turned in usually take 10 days to 2 weeks. Travis said there are 98 band students and ~75 strings. Susie said there are 198 choir students. John said the tentative plan would be for a 2 week campaign for willing students and we would survey them to determine the number before hand. Lori noted that the expiration dates on several coupons like GFS have passed for 2 of the 12 months. The representative said several businesses are good for more than one location and that most coupons are for 12 to 15 months. Earl noted that some businesses have already closed. The representative said new books next year will have more businesses to replace those and will include those such as bowling alleys. He said incentives for students include a free book for sales of 5 or more books and perhaps the organization/LMBA could provide a choice of gift card to those selling 10 or more books.

Directors' Report

Travis reported for Doug that the Show Choir will be performing Saturday, February 25th at 7pm and Sunday, March 1st at 3pm. The large group band and choir contests will be March 13th or 14th. The choir preview concert will be March 11th. This Saturday is solo and ensemble competition for band, choir and strings. The band preview concert will be Wednesday, March 4th. The Winter lines are going well and getting pretty good luck with securing practice space. They have used HMS and ISE as well. One of our custodians came to our MEPA contest again this year and brought his grandson ☺ Laura said that Mr. Gerhardt felt things were going good as well. Michele said that he is donating 25 t-shirts and money to the Winter Guard from academic banners. Travis said he would help with getting both groups set to perform at a home basketball game if we (Betsey) emails him with the dates.

Minutes/Secretary Report

Minutes from the January 2000 meetings were reviewed by all in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report 31-Dec-08 was reviewed by all in attendance.

John suggested due to the length of the reports and that this was our first opportunity to review the budget, that the board take that time and then proceed with questions/approval during a conference call before the next meeting.

Drumline Report

Denise reported that she has paid out most of the expenses including hotels, charter bus and staff but can't pay back the \$3K to LMBA until we do more fundraising through the summer. There is not money for food for trips. John will get with Jeremy and parents regarding fundraising needs.

Winter Guard Report

Rebecca shared her report and said that as of February \$1300 of the \$1750 in fees have been collected discussion included that the fees of \$500 times the 14 members should be \$7K. John said and Rebecca agreed that we should have \$5600 by the end of March. The \$1200 budgeted for overnights may vary.

Important Dates (per meeting Agenda)

- Pride Day: April 21, 6-8pm

NEXT MUSIC ACTIVITIES:

- Friday 13 Theater Winter Show at 7pm OLHS Theater
- Saturday 14 Theater Dinner and Winter Show at 5pm and 7pm OLHS Theater
OMEA Solo & Ensemble Contest
- Sunday 15 Winterguard, MEPA: Miamisburg
- Sunday 15 Theater Winter Show at 2pm OLHS Theater
- Thursday 19 Orchestra Concert at 7pm OLHS Theater
- Saturday 21/Sunday 22 Drumline Dayton Regional
- Friday 27/Saturday 28 OMEA State Orchestra Contest
- Saturday 28 Show Choir Revue at 7pm OLHS Theater
- Saturday 28 Drumline MEPA Lebanon

LMBA DATES:

- Next LMBA meeting: Tuesday, March 10th at 7:30pm

Old Business per meeting agenda (meeting discussion)

- Financial reporting - finalize agreement on reporting format
- Status of Indoor Drumline as official group (per John: Becky Jenkins with the district office said that supplemental positions are not likely to be approved until the new Superintendent begins in

March and they should be coordinated with the OHS drumline. Lori asked if the district will really give us priority for these positions. Travis has talked with others i.e., Findley staff regarding this and their treasurer said the tarp, uniforms, yearly silks, etc still have to come from student fees, the boosters or other fundraising. Earl asked how requests to the district are determined and since there was more money from the levy we should be asking for more. Travis said the district knows what is spent whether it comes from them or boosters.)

- Band director parent meeting March 18 (will include incoming 8th graders who will be watching the drumline while he meets with parents/guardians)
- Paver fundraiser update (Seth wasn't present)
- Scrip banner (John found that best price was through GLS)
- Entertainment book fundraiser (see notes above from representative)
- Kroger card (John has them now. Laura suggested that we use permanent marker on each card to put the user name on them as the LMS PTO does. Lori asked why we get 4% if the website says 5%. John said boosters are taking 1% for a processing fee. John made a motion that we begin making the cards available to our families to earn rewards towards their individual trip accounts, Betsey seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous voice approval with no objection. John said we need to track all these fundraisers in individual accounts. Laura said that LMS PTO has one account for these and separate volunteers to track reports on each program. Lori agreed that we need a designated person to manage overall. John said he will put this \$ into a separate account.)
- Financial review Monday, February 16 at 7pm in LHS cafeteria (John said this will be done by Lori Kaiser who is an accountant and is on the districts financial committee)
- Band expense: drumheads (John said we still need info from Jeremy)

New Business

- Close 5th 3rd savings account (John motioned and Betsey seconded approval to do this and thereby avoid an adm fee while we wait for Sheri's comparative report and recommendation on switching to Delaware Bank)
- Prior years wreath/fruit fundraisers (Susie inventoried sales by student and a check has gone to the choir trip travel agency for all students traveling. Eight other students not in chorale have money in account for use another time. Last year Rob's form was for the orchestra trip only and non-orchestra students' earnings went into a band(\$465)/choir(\$594) general fund)
- Spring "pride day" committee (may morph into a general fundraising committee with a parent representative from each program for routes, drivers, etc)
- Band expense: front ensemble microphones (will cost ~\$1K and come out of the outdoor band budget. Once the invoice is available John will ask for approval)
- Middle school curriculum advocacy (discussion included: is this a done deal? Can letters, etc help? We should work with OHS on this)
- Recognition of Central Crossing drumline (1st) and winter guard (2nd) place finishes (Earl asked about if the schedules will be posted on the websites. John said Rebecca is doing this for winter

guard and he will do it for drumline)

- Hosting Ohio Indoor Performance Association Feb 15th event (Travis needs someone to go to the MEPA meeting to get upcoming dates)

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Online Sign-up Information

- Scrip Sign-ups online at www.shopwithscrip.com

John motioned and Sheri seconded for adjournment of the meeting at 9:05pm. The motion was carried by unanimous voice approval with no objection.

Next Meeting

Will be Tuesday, March 10th at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Betsey Farquhar-Bradish, LMBA Secretary