

# Liberty Music Boosters (LMBA)

## Meeting minutes- March 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, Betsey Farquhar-Bradish, Lori Parfenchuk, John Scherer, Denise Lahrman, Michele Fought, Cathy Epervary, Sheri Burke, Earl Burke, Jill Bixler, Seth Joseph*

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 by John

### Directors' Report

Jill reported that all LHS orchestra and band participants got 1s or 2s at the February 14<sup>th</sup> Solo and Ensemble Contest. Chamber Orchestra received a 1 ☺ Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at State Contest the Blue Orchestra received an Excellent and the Chamber & Silver Orchestras received Superiors. Jill will ask for help regarding the use of the LMBA equipment including moving the golf cart, using the tie downs, etc. She will also be requesting parent chaperones for the bus.

Travis reported that the OMEA competition will be Friday in Newark at 7:40 for Concert Band who will be leaving at 5:00 and 9:40 for Wind Ensemble who will be leaving at 6:45. Dr. Griffin, Director of Bands at Ohio Wesleyan University and adjudicator, came in Monday and Wednesday to provide critique. He likes the what he's hearing from the Wind Ensemble and gave suggestions for Concert Band. The parent/student meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> but HMS 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be on their DC trip (this was much earlier than we have been used to with LMS and so did not anticipate this conflict). Band Camp dates are July 26<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup> at Ohio Northern. We're not currently sure what the dorm accommodations will be or the exact cost. Pre-camp will be the week prior and Travis is working on dates for sectional camps as well that will not conflict with Strings, summer school, etc. He is looking at fewer days but longer times and including an outing like the Powell Pool. He is also coordinating the dates for winds with Aaron Given. Post-camp will be 2-3 days a week (M-R) after school.

Doug submitted a report that the Large Group Contest will be Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at Granville HS. We will have 4 groups attending; 2 in class C, 1 in class B, and 1 in class A. There will be a choir dinner and preview show Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Doug emphasized that the students really enjoy this and thanks the boosters for funding!!! And Susie Norris for arranging!!! The auditions for choirs will be Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. The NYC trip will have 70 attendees, 61 of whom are students. They will attend 3 Broadway shows, perform 3 times in 3 special venues, tour Lincoln Center and much more!! Auditions for Sounds of Liberty and Liberty Belles will be the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you boosters for your continued support! We would have just the basics if it weren't for this organization!!

Denise said Drumline needs to raise ~\$1.5K. Parents are committed to working through the summer on fundraisers if necessary.

John reported that he is working on getting a new Color Guard treasurer as the previous one's child has resigned from Guard. They are on schedule to pay back their \$3K and had to buy a 2<sup>nd</sup> set of ruffles and silks but that was covered in the individuals' fees. Sheri reported that she has received the February credits.

### Minutes/Secretary Report

Minutes from the January 2000 meetings that were waiting for approval due to its length. John motioned and Cathy seconded approval of the minutes as submitted. The motion was carried by unanimous voice approval with no objection. The February minutes were reviewed by all in attendance. John motioned and Sheri seconded approval with no objection. The motion was carried by unanimous voice approval with no

objection.

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report from January was also waiting approval for extra time in review. The February report was reviewed by all in attendance. Discussion included: John said we would revisit the options for moving our accounts in our next fiscal year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. The February budget's beginning balance was \$24,334 and ending balance was \$22,154. The \$216 under fall concession income was for reimbursement of OYAA ball boys/girls food bought on account. The \$313 of large item expense was for the Orchestra. The charter bus expense under winter guard will be corrected/revised to explain further. John motioned and Seth seconded approval of both reports. The motion was carried by unanimous voice approval with no objection.

### Important Dates (per meeting Agenda)

- Pride Day: April 21, 6-8pm

#### NEXT MUSIC ACTIVITIES:

- Wednesday, March 11 Choir Dinner and Contest Showcase at 6pm
- March 13/14 OMEA HS District Band and Choir Contest LMBA Dates:

#### LMBA DATES:

- Next LMBA meeting: Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

### Old Business per meeting agenda (meeting discussion)

- Status of Indoor Drumline as official group
- Band director parent meeting March 18 (John said we need to get this communicated)
- Paver fundraiser update (Seth worked with Michele at Tyler Run and brought a copy of the flyer they used previously. Seth still needs to follow-up with Mr. Raiff and Andy Kerr wants to see the designs for the courtyard that Raiff has arranged with the Art students to draw-up. The project will include all performing arts, use kids and parents service. John asked when the project may launch? Seth said he's not sure yet and won't be able to firm things up with the supplier, Mr. Mulch, until after Spring Break. He is working on things like what type of engraving will be on the stones, the size and price of the two offered. Projected costs will be \$9 & \$13 with project selling prices of \$15 & \$50. John will work on the promotional website with Seth. Seth is planning on calling the project Legacy Pavers. Seth also initiated discussion on another fundraising idea for a raffle of his company's sports logo merchandise. He said he may be able to get a good deal from Baseline and/or Milliken Residential Rugs and we could then sell raffle tickets for ~\$10/ticket with the prize value of ~\$700 and/or a whole sports basement package. John said we could work on a plan for the first football game. Seth said he could get more information by the first week of April.)
- Financial review (John reported this was completed by Lori Kaiser who is an accountant and is on the districts financial committee with he, Sheri and Betsey in attendance. A suggestion were: to change the bylaws to align the budget with the fiscal and school year term July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> (Travis said that current terms were initiated to provide continuity in leadership from one year to the next) There was discussion about the best timing to make the change with the consensus being that at the next meeting in April we will take nominations for officers and hold the election in May.
- Spring Pride Day Committee (John said we are looking for parent leaders from Orchestra (Jill will look to recruit), Band (Steve Schnulo has volunteered), and Choir. Discussion of other fundraising included investigating a robo-call system with a lead parent coordinator and the need to find a replacement for Judy Vires as the volunteer coordinator as her youngest child will be graduating next year.)
- Middle School Curriculum advocacy (John initiated and discussion followed. Cathy said if we decide to do this it may require a change in our bylaws and a dedicated point parent/volunteer. Her experience has been that in NY her PTO engaged in this activity but her child's elementary PTO here does not. Michele said she would like to see changes in the bylaws to include voting rights for all members and feels it may help decrease apathy. Seth said he feels performing arts are slighted because they are not priority money makers. Cathy said as literature supports, we need to be proactive before our programs face threats. Betsey said that Cathy's newsletter is a great tool that can

be used as a backbone of information when we are lucky enough to get media/other attention. Travis said that OMEA has a workshop on parent advocacy, fundraising, etc. usually over the MLK weekend. John said Cathy could research proposing an amendment for the next meeting.)

### New Business

- LMBA newsletter (Cathy said she modeled it off the Scioto Ridge Elementary Newsletter. She has information from Mr. O'Neal and needs to collect from Mr. Hicks & Mrs. Bixler as well as submissions from others like re: concessions. Due to confidentiality she can't put in information about kids but can put in quotes, pictures, etc. from directors. She is reserving the back cover for upcoming dates and put it out on the list serve to all of LHS and possibly LMS & HMS.)
- Change term of board to align with school year (see notes under financial and MS Curriculum above)
- Loss of 2<sup>nd</sup> home football game (fall 2009) (Betsey apologized and corrected this as she misunderstood that the first game of the season to be played at OSU was an away game anyway and so is the vs. Olentangy @ the Crew stadium.)
- Band Camp dates (see notes under director's Update above)
- BD Mongolian BBQ Fundraiser for Winterlines Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$20 prepaid (\$5 profit) in addition to a tip jar and possible silent raffle items. Advertising will be on the dedicated website where tickets can be purchased through PayPal, on the school list serve and in our newsletter.
- Kroger card program update (John explained that Kroger is changing the program to pooling the information about our organization's registered users giving us a lump sum donation based on our group participation at the end of the year, therefore we can no longer track and give individual trip \$ credits.)
- Band expense: front ensemble microphones (due to time, John deferred this item to next month)
- First request of 2009/2010 Director's budget due April meeting (due to time, John deferred this to next month)

### Online Sign-up Information

- Scrip Sign-ups online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)
- BD Mongolian tickets [www.libertygrillers.com](http://www.libertygrillers.com)

John motioned and Sheri seconded for adjournment of the meeting at ~10:05pm. The motion was carried by unanimous voice approval with no objection.

### Next Meeting

Will be Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Betsey Farquhar-Bradish, LMBA Secretary

### **Post meeting executive board meeting:**

John motioned and Betsey seconded approval for use of the format cover sheet for our budgets as provided by John. The motion carried with objection from Seth and Sheri.

John noted that he sees a total of all program expenditures for next year to be ~\$60K