

# Liberty Music Boosters (LMBA)

## Meeting minutes- May 12, 2009

*President – John Scherer*

*Vice President - Seth Joseph*

*Treasurer – Sheri Burke*

*Secretary - Betsey Farquhar-Bradish*

*Member at Large - Cathy Epervary*

*Present: Laura Sams, Donna Roach, Betsey Farquhar-Bradish, John Scherer, Cathy Epervary, Sheri Burke, Earl Burke, Jill Bixler, Seth Joseph*

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

### Directors' Report

Doug notified the board that he and Travis could not attend this meeting but Jill would and sent the following report via email:

Three Choirs attended State Contest:

Varsity Chorale: Superior rating (all superior ratings from all judges)

Women's Chorus: Superior rating

Men's Chorus: Excellent rating

Pop Concert is Wednesday, May 20 at 7 PM

(after school rehearsal on Tuesday, May 19)

Chorale Induction and Senior Spotlight is Wednesday, May 27 @ 7 PM

Sounds of Liberty also performs

Varsity Chorale members receive their Varsity Letter

Seniors receive a plaque (thanks to Music Boosters) commemorating all choirs they participated in while at OLHS.

No invoices or bills this time, however I will have a couple to give you in a couple weeks (senior plaques, engraving for state plaques, concert recording, any last minute concert supplies).

In regard to Pride Day and the school calendar:

Thursday, May 14 is an Orchestra Concert

Tuesday, May 19 in evening is Senior Recognition night

I am unavailable on Thursday eves

Tuesday, May 26 is Baccalaureate Service for Seniors

Wednesday, May 27: choir event

then we are into exam time (and the students aren't with us)

PLEASE remember that I am always a phone call or email away. I really strive to return any phone call or email requests within a business day.

Travis shared through John that upcoming band events are the Memorial Day parade and Graduation.

Jill reported that the plan for next is separate orchestras will have their classes over 2 ½ periods. Chamber ensemble will have a final concert Thursday. Monday they and other solo & ensemble participants will be featured during the end of year awards celebration. Only 2 incoming freshmen will be coming from Hyatts Middle School (4-6 will be going to OHS). The biggest concern of all directors is decreasing student participation in Middle School due to the decreased time for music, language and arts classes. Discussion followed regarding this topic.

### Reports

#### Active Members

John and Betsey said that the list will be posted/circulated at each meeting and emailed to the current active members with hopes that they will notice if there were any errors. Email addresses will also be added to the spread sheet.

#### Minutes/Secretary Report

Minutes from the April 2009 meeting were reviewed by all in attendance. No corrections were requested.

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by all in attendance. Seth asked if the (\$2490) for the DL (Drumline) line was for hotel, techs, or other expenses. John said that there was ~\$2600 in parent donations to offset the hotel expenses and therefore DL will be only ~\$300 short of the \$1K that needs to be paid back but the \$3K is the difference in what anticipated fundraising was to bring in and fundraising will continue this summer.

### Winterguard and Drumline

Donna reported that WG (Winterguard) made ~\$100 after the ~\$50 in expenses selling beaded jewelry at the Powell street market and they plan to use up supplies and do it again in June. Jill asked about the Delaware Arts festival on Saturday and/or the Powell Farmers' Markets. Donna said that the Delaware festival has a fee for booth participants and the Farmers' Market wants food sales.

### Scrip and Kroger

John reported that we've had normal nominal activity with our Scrip account and have been returned the \$25 overcharge. Kroger will be a general fundraiser since individual activity will no longer be able to be tracked although any fundraising via this program will be difficult as it will now compete with the LHS Athletic Boosters. There was discussion regarding fundraising in general to include: Seth said the LHS Athletic Boosters raised ~\$3400 at Noodles & Co because it was a one time grand opening promotion allowing all profit to be given to the boosters. John said that there is a new burger store, Graffitis near 270. Seth asked if we'd tried Culvers. Jill said Noodles & Co gave coupons out during Enrichment Day. Cathy said Tria is helping with elementary school PTO fundraising and Betsey said they also help with animal shelter fundraising. Sheri asked if we'd ever followed up with offers from Minuteman pizza?

John motioned and Betsey seconded approval of all the reports. The motion carried by unanimous voice approval with no objection.

### Important Dates (per meeting Agenda)

- May 14: OLHS orchestra concert, 7pm
- May 16: Saturday: Prom
- May 20: OLHS choir pop concert, 7pm
- May 22: Friday: Last day for seniors
- May 27: Chorale induction, 7pm
- May 28: Band awards, 7pm
- Next LMBA meeting: June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30

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

- 2009/2010 Directors' budget - John does not have this information yet. He shared his draft budget which he said could be a first working version that then may be "reset" after we know what we earn during football concession season. Jill asked why the choir budget is >\$7800 and orchestra \$2500? John said it was partially historical, partially a reflection of parent participation (also mentioned by Betsey) in fundraising and partially because it covers a fraction of cost for choir retreats and master classes. Sheri asked what Jill requested in her school budget. Jill said she asked for \$11K and got \$5K. Jill added that at OHS all the orchestra budget comes from boosters. Seth said he notices that OHS does music summer camps as fundraisers but his understanding is that LHS directors have said "no" to this idea although he thinks it is a good idea for recruitment as well. Jill said she went to the OHS Supper Saturday Strings last year, when she was at Port Clinton the program grew and she is willing to consider doing this. Cathy said that we should consider using community spaces such as the Powell amphitheater like Otterbein music staff do. Jill said we also need to consider coordination with OHS rather than to compete with them for participation. We could divide up by age and/or services such as instruction, concessions, and other items such as t-shirts - I.e., we could do an all city orchestra. John said he would forward all these ideas to Michelle and Laura as well. Dona said Michelle is working on guard camps for younger kids. Motivation for increasing numbers in guard include that when they compete, small mistakes by individuals are harder to spot by judges. Jill asked about LMBA coverage of cost for flowers for senior night and having awards engraved. John said orchestra is \$500 under budget for the year so she can just submit those costs for reimbursement. Jill said the orchestra is going on a retreat in February to see Cleveland

Orchestra, have a class at Case Western, visit the R&R Hall of Fame, etc. at a cost of ~\$250/student. This fall Jill is using Central Resources fundraiser and would like to funnel it through the LMBA. John said that shouldn't be a problem and there should be a parent bookkeeper. John added that band has the greatest needs. He asked that comments on his draft be submitted to him by May 18<sup>th</sup> and we will vote next month.

- Truck rental repayment status - Betsey questioned whether Earl's plans to spend ~\$1K to replace the back door. Earl said it had been damaged last year and there are sponsors that need to be taken off since they aren't continuing to pay. Betsey said we've managed to use the door for a year and a much cheaper alternative could be using contact paper to cover the sponsors. John agreed that this expense isn't a priority at this time. Laura said we should work again on getting sponsors and/or use easily changeable magnetic signage.
- Kroger program update - Sheri asked what happened to the old cards. John said he is buying.
- Pride Day - After review of calendar dates provided by John Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> was chosen.

#### New Business

- Election of new officers - John said he received no nominations for new positions so he motioned and Sheri seconded approval of all officers in their current positions. The motion carried by unanimous voice approval with no objection.
- Reschedule Pride Day - was necessary due to weather.
- Car wash - John will organize for DL and WG for June
- Other fundraising (Michelle/Laura) - are developing a 12month calendar
- Seth said that Mark Marinalli, LHS Industrial Design teacher, is working with his students on a design for the Legacy Paver project and it should be ready before our next meeting. Seth said he would like to start the project this summer. Laura said we need to tell families, etc several times to be sure to get the word out.
- LMBA meeting dates may change so as not to conflict with Olentangy School Board meetings. We will try moving the meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday beginning in July. Betsey said she would see that it was put on the LHS list serve.

#### Online Sign-up Information

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

John motioned and Sheri seconded for adjournment of the meeting at 8:55pm. The motion was carried by unanimous voice approval with no objection.

#### Next Meeting

Will be Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Betsey Farquhar-Bradish, LMBA Secretary