

Liberty Music Boosters (LMBA)

Meeting minutes- July 21, 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, Sheri Burke, Lori Parfenchuk, Denise Lahrman, Martha von Hillebrandt, Liz Shires, Judy Vires, Angie Anderson, Cristal Lee, Michelle Fought, Travis Hicks, Seth Joseph

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 by John. Attendees introduced themselves and stated the grade and program in which their child/ren are involved.

Directors' Report

Travis reported that the marching band is in the middle of precamp and doing M&Ms on the field right now. They will leave for band camp this Sunday at 10AM and should arrive at the school at 8:30AM. They will be staying again this year at the air conditioned Stadium View apartments. Meals will be accessed at the dining hall this year by each student's swipe card they will keep on a lanyard. Betsey will be the first aide chaperone. Return time is estimated to be Friday at 2PM. Travis said the band has its biggest lower brass section to date with 5 susas and 7 baritones. Other members are 2 field commanders, 8 front ensembles, 9 battery, 13 guard, ~25 woodwinds, and ~25 brass with a total of ~79 members as last year. We gained 7 freshman from HMS and ? from LMS. There will be 11 staff members attending band camp. Jill & Doug will not be here for this month's Pride Day.

Lori and Denise are helping with the band's Florida trip planning. Information packets will be given to students at band camp check-in. Travis said all students should have a copy of the season calendar as he has given out ~250 copies and it is also available on the website. Laura shared that the website is a bit harder to find because it is no longer accessed through a link to the performing arts on the main page for LHS, instead it can only be accessed through Mr. Hicks name listed under the staff roster.

Reports

Active Members

Betsey circulated the report of active and attending members (see separate report) as well as reminding everyone to sign-in.

Minutes/Secretary Report

Minutes from the June 2009 meeting were reviewed by all in attendance per review of all active members via email. Sheri requested corrections: add "LHS's" to the 3rd line of page three after "would come out of"; and to change "unanimous" to "majority" in the 10th line of page three. John motioned and Liz seconded approval of the report with the corrections requested. The motion carried by unanimous voice approval of the voting members present.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by all in attendance. Sheri asked that Denise and Donna respectively submit copies of their Drumline and Winterguard account statements even if there is no activity for the month. Both Denise and Donna agreed. John noted that he has paid some of the Band's line item expenses for which he will need to be reimbursed. The (1500) for the Drumline line item is the payback to the Band line item. Expenses for the Choir and Orchestra line items were primarily for awards. Lori requested and clarification was given that under the restricted category, the Fruit/Wreath Sales line items are balances of credits individual students hold for future trip expenses. John moved the agenda item from New Business at this time to discuss: Decide reporting of June cash payments for next budget year reporting. He explained that we will be reporting under the Band line item \$3440 in August but that expense should be considered as September with the beginning of the next school year. We have two options: 1) leave it as is which will lead to this line item ending under budget; or 2) switch it to the next month/year. Sheri said it will still have to be in the 2009 tax year and she would like to put it to a vote. John motioned and Donna seconded that June cash payments for 2009 budgeted for 2009/2010 on a reporting basis be reflected in the 2009/2010 budget. The motioned was carried with majority approval with Sheri voting "no." John then motioned and Liz seconded approval of the report. The motion carried by unanimous voice approval of the voting members present.

Winterguard and Drumline

Laura reported that she had a Pampered Chef party as a Drumline fundraiser.

Scrip and Kroger

John reported that there have not been any updates. One student was able to pay for band camp with their credits. Crystal asked where to find the information about using this program. John said instructions including the organization code can be found on the website.

Fundraising Plan Update (Laura/Michelle)

Laura & Michelle shared details of our community outreach at Frosh Fest on Thursday, August 20th at 5:30PM. Per Mr. Raiff's last list server message: The Liberty Music Boosters is hosting a brief question and answer session for parents of our freshmen students. This will give parents a chance to connect with "veteran" high school parents and get some questions answered in an informal setting. Parents will have an opportunity to visit the Activity Fair to see some of the opportunities their students have to get involved in our school community. We will have information tables manned by LMBA members to provide info for our group. The agenda for the tailgate is for attendees to eat hot dogs, popcorn and lemonade, be greeted with a brief speech by Mr. Raiff, and share pamphlets and other information at tables. Families will be greeted first and then students will rotate through the area. Laura & Michelle also shared plans for making LMBA shirts available to boosters. All will include a music staff logo with "Liberty Music Booster Association" The three styles to choose from are: a \$30 cool wicking polo, a \$20 cotton polo, and a \$12 t-shirt. Six purchases are necessary to place an order. John asked about progress on a list of restaurants with which LMBA can fundraise. Michelle said they are first concentrating on a calendar of fundraising activities. They have talked with the new Noodles restaurant that is willing to do a 25% share of sales during one day, the manager added his enthusiasm as a percussionist ☺ Laura shared that Mr. Gerhardt said there was nothing on the calendar to date for restaurant fundraisers and the calendar was open. Tentative plans are also for a Wendy's fundraising day every ~3 months. Sheri cautioned that there has been some difficulty in getting the earnings from Wendy's. Lori & Betsey suggested that Minute Man Pizza owner, Eric Logan and manager, Daniel are eager to work with us on fundraising including mini ovens to prepare fresh cookies.

Seth said he is still working on how to begin sales of an entertainment book. He said we could begin with the older version at the concession stand and the full year book will be available the 3rd week of August to include coupons that say they are effective January 2010 but can be used immediately. Books sell for \$20 and we earn \$10 for each sale. Liz and Laura asked if there is any inventory upfront or other costs to us. Seth said no. Seth said he thinks sales will peek at about the 3rd home game. Betsey asked if profits will go to the general LMBA fund and if we ask Cathy to add this to sales from our face painting table? Seth said yes. Denise said we should investigate the Macy's cards again this year as well.

Scholarship Committee

Liz said she is communicating via email with a friend in Wisconsin that has a music scholarship at their school. Ideas are asking students on their application how they have used music in community service. Denise said they are also looking at putting together a chart by September of scholarship requirements of similar programs and to get input from the LHS guidance department that disseminates this information to students.

Important Dates (per meeting Agenda)

- Next LMBA meeting: August 18th at 7PM

Old Business per meeting agenda - meeting discussion

- Distribute directors' line item - (given as h.o. at meeting) Travis took props and band dinners out of his budget and is planning on assessing a band dinner fee.
- LMBA family fee update - John said we will talk about this next month.
- Paver update - Seth is continuing to work with Mark and should have a draft of the design next month with the delay due to a change in participating students and a ~30% increase in costs from Mr. Mulch. Michelle suggested we ask Mr. Raiff who the Athletic boosters used for their paver fundraiser. Laura said it would be nice to have them available for sale at the Frosh Fest because she has found information that families are more likely to spend money on these sorts of things in the fall.
Seth said he is also still working on the chair, etc for us to raffle and trying to get it donated or at least at cost from his company.
- Paver update - Seth reported that he has gotten calls of interest ☺, is working with Mark Marinelli, still hasn't got the final design but it will be on the west courtyard, will be using Mr. Mulch and should begin the 3rd week of July.

New Business

- Concessions - Betsey said Judy provided sign-up sheets at band camp sign-in. Lori said we used to do it at a band performance preview night before the beginning of the school year along with house sign sales and refreshments. Betsey said that she has done that and is willing to again but she doesn't have any information about a preview night this year. John said he would look into this.
- Approve sign purchase (Laura) - Laura provided hand outs of what this tent sign will look like and cost estimates explaining that it can be used at the Frosh Fest, Football Games, Paver Sales, etc... John moved and Judy seconded that the expense be approved and taken from the administrative line item. The motion carried with unanimous voice approval of the voting members present.
- Car wash, August 15th at 5th3rd Bank - John said this will be a fundraiser for the Winterlines and is at the Powell/Sawmill location beginning at noon. Discussion included benefits of charging a set price

versus just asking for donations.

- Summer pride day make-up, Saturday July 25th - Denise said kids should take their instrument, or other equipment. John said Cathy has routes but will not be available so Seth said he would get them and distribute along with helping with collecting and documenting \$ collected. John motioned and explained that said since this is an added fundraiser and it would be difficult to make it mandatory as usual for students, we will credit the student's program in which they participate with the money they collect as motivation to participate. Laura seconded the motion which passed with majority voice approval of the voting members present.
- Mr Hicks to review and approve (initial for approval to pay) Ohio Northern before paying - John explained that Mr Hicks wants to see the invoice from ONU before we pay the bill.
- Meeting with directors, board and Raiff (Seth) - Discussion occurred to hold meeting with directors and Mr. Raiff. Consensus was to not have the board speak on behalf of the members of LMBA.
- Approve Band Trip Account - John moved and Liz seconded approval that with the LMBA treasurer, Lori will take lead for the accounting issues using a separate 5th^{3rd} account. The motion passed with unanimous voice approval of the voting members present.
- House signs - Lori said we only have small inventory of signs available to our students which we purchase from School Pride Ltd. and in turn sell at cost. John motioned and Judy seconded that we purchase 25 signs at \$15 each. The motion passed with unanimous voice approval of the voting members present.

Online Sign-up Information

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

John motioned and Betsey 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, August 18th at 7:00pm in the LHS choir room.

Respectfully submitted by Betsey Farquhar-Bradish, LMBA Secretary