

Liberty Music Boosters (LMBA)

Meeting minutes- October 15, 2009

President – John Scherer

Vice President - Seth Joseph

Treasurer – Gary Bell

Secretary - Betsey Farquhar-Bradish

Member at Large - Cathy Epervary

Present: John Scherer, Dan Simile Jr., Susie Norris, Liz Shires, Belinda Simile, Becky Shatto, Cathy Epervary, Betsey Farquhar-Bradish, Doug O'Neal, Sheri Burke, Michelle C Fought, Judy Vires, Laura Sams, Denise Lahrman, Lori Parfenchuk, Ray Baker, Jane Davidson Bell, Cristal Lee

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by John.

Directors' Report

Doug reported that the first choir concert, last Monday, happily set the bar high for the year. There will be a Halloween Themed concert the last Saturday and Sunday of this month at 3pm each day (this is change for Saturday) featuring the 2 ensembles, Liberty Bells and Sounds of Liberty.

Doug reported that Travis couldn't be in attendance because he needed to be home with his wife that is ill with the flu. Band notes will come out this Wednesday.

Jill emailed her regrets in not being able to attend due to her and her daughter's illness. She will be at the concert but will need to be absent for the rest of the week. Nine members of the Orchestra made it into the East Central Regional Orchestra: Dorianne Ma, Rebecca Parsons, Sarah Gray, Alec Flemming, Ruth Whittington, Jessie Johnson, Aaron Shafer, Josephine Chen, and David Vinson. These members have been given the great honor of being accepted into the All-State Orchestra that will take place in Cincinnati in January: Ruth Whittington, Alec Flemming, David Vinson, and Josephine Chen. Rebecca Parsons is a first alternate, which means she has a great chance of going. Aaron Shafer is also an alternate for All-State. This is one of the highest honors that our musicians have for the state of Ohio. Our concert is tomorrow, October 21st at 7pm. All are welcome.

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 September 2009 meeting were reviewed by all in attendance and per review of all active members via email. John motioned and Cathy seconded approval of the report as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous voice approval of the voting members present.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of a treasurer (Gary is traveling on business and Mike is home with his son who has the flu), John presented the report. He noted that the cash balance does not yet reflect the encumbrance of band camp because there was an error on the invoice that we are waiting to be corrected; therefore after payment of this and other outstanding expenses the balance will be ~\$17K. Concession income was on track until the last game that was a big disappointment in terms of attendance due to the weather, even though it was Homecoming. Betsey noted that added events and return of unused Pepsi inventory should help us meet budget none-the-less. John said that Seth noted that due to these set backs along with the varsity field intercom being out, obstacles to getting the chair out on the track, etc., our chair raffle is behind too. He is working on getting the chair donated so that any take on the raffle will be positive. There was discussion on ideas for a last push in promotion of the raffle. John motioned and Cathy seconded approval of the report as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous voice approval of the voting members present.

Winterguard and Drumline

John reported that Drumline has a balance of \$1555 and Winter guard \$889. Michelle said Winterguard was planning to host a OYPA competition Sunday January 24th. There would be a \$300 participation fee. Jen is working with Chad on details and more would be known after a meeting in December but trophies need to be ordered before the holidays and sponsorship is currently being sought.

Scrip and Kroger

John reported that there is a balance of \$573.25 with ~12 participants and reiterated his need for a volunteer coordinator.

Fundraising Plan Update

Michelle and Laura reported that the Winterlines made \$409.12 through the Wendy's fundraiser in just 2 hours. The

next event will be November 3rd at City BBQ and return 25% of sales where a flyer is submitted when paying. Wendy's has other Tuesdays in January available and they are working on Skyline. There was discussion on ideas of other retailers. Michelle said she has investigated many and is working on some other deals.

Laura reported that only 20 students participated in the fruit sale fundraiser. We had hoped for at least ~100 to get a shipping discount. Susie said she thinks its more popular when there is a trip students' have in mind.

John said Seth now has the final dimensions, costs, etc on the Pave project and only needs the flyer finalized which can then go out on the list serve, etc. The Avon campaign is going forward but will be delayed by one week. (see notes related to the chair raffle in the Treasurer Report section above)

Scholarship Committee

Liz and Denise said they are following the LHS Guidance Office guidelines. Denise said they have been working with Guidance Counselor, Diane Best. They will recommend 1 male and 1 female recipient, that the recipients attend 4-year college but not necessarily major in music. The prompt for the essay may be something to the effect of "how has music influenced your life." The selection panel will review submissions blind and be composed of an odd number of individuals plus the directors and not including any parents of seniors. The selection should have at least 2 rounds. Cathy asked if recipients need to be in a LHS music program. Liz and Denise said "yes, for all 4 years." Liz said she will email details and John said he would include an outline for discussion at the next meeting.

Bylaw Committee

Liz and Michelle said they have not had a chance to work on this and Cindi has indicated her interest in helping as well.

Important Dates (per meeting Agenda)

- Next LMBA meeting: November 17th at 7PM

Old Business per meeting agenda - meeting discussion

- Raffle with athletics - John reported that he was not able to talk to Mr. Gerhardt but he understands thus far that their raffle was not as successful as hoped. John will pursue this none-the-less. Cathy asked if we would have a \$100/family participation fee like athletics? John said we would need to discuss. Laura said she has heard that the \$100 amount is a recommendation and not a requirement and that fundraising has been especially difficult this year.

New Business

- Bylaw change, reading only, to add Assistant Treasurer to the board - John said we would be voting on changing the by-laws for a change in meeting time and adding an Assistant Treasurer position to the Board. There will need to be a 2/3rds majority for the changes to become effective. Liz asked if we can make ad hoc changes? John said "yes, according to the bylaws," and it is necessary to take Mike Luers onboard to help with Treasury duties. Denise asked about having an even number of members on the Board. John said we can discuss further next month (also see related notes from the September 2009 Minutes).
- Chaperone approval (Doug O'Neal) - Doug shared that there has been a reassertion by the district that all chaperones have the proper documentation and Board approval.
- Sponsored competition events (Gary) - in Gary's absence John will move this to next month as well.

Online Sign-up Information

- Scrip Sign-ups online at www.shopwithscrip.com
- Volunteer for concessions at www.libertyconcessions.com

Cathy motioned and Betsey seconded for adjournment of the meeting at 7:50pm. The motion was carried by unanimous voice approval with no objection.

Next Meeting

Will be Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00pm in the LHS choir room.

Respectfully submitted by Betsey Farquhar-Bradish, LMBA Secretary