

Liberty Music Boosters (LMBA)

Meeting minutes- April 20, 2010

President – John Scherer

Vice President - Seth Joseph

Treasurer – Gary Bell

Secretary - Betsey Farquhar-Bradish

Member at Large - Cathy Epervary

Present: Earl Burke, Cathy Epervary, Betsey Farquhar-Bradish, Denise Lahrman, Cristal Lee, Lori Parfenchuk, Laurie Parsons, Donna Roach, Laura Sams, John Scherer, Liz Shires, Belinda Simile, Martha von Hillebrandt

Directors: Doug O'Neal, Jill Bixler

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by John. John asked if Earl was again audio recording the meeting so that all could be informed if that was the case. Earl said he was not.

Directors' Report

Doug shared congratulations to Travis & Jennifer Hicks on the birth of their daughter Emma Grace yesterday. He reported that all 4 choirs competed at State contest and received superior ratings. Two guest instructors, Richard Schnipke from OSU and Lynda Hasseler from Capital, provided helpful feedback prior to the competitions. The Senior celebrations at 6pm for Orchestra and 7pm for Choir now on Monday, May 17th were rescheduled due to addition of the Senior trip to the school calendar. The following weekend will be the Pop concert, this year entitled Glee. The theater musical production of Grease will be performed this weekend and next. At Ohio Wesleyan University on April 25th all production members are leading a group performance of the number Hand Jive in an attempt to break the world record for the number of people participating at once.

Jill reported that the Chamber orchestra received a superior rating at State competition. Plans are to form a Olentangy Schools district-wide honors orchestra with auditions on May 4th and selection of 24 participants so that the group will be eligible for competition as an ensemble group. Rehearsals will be Thursdays after school.

Reports

Active Members

Betsey circulated the report of active and attending members (see separate report) as well as reminding everyone to sign-in. Thank you Martha for updating the active list during the meeting ☺

Minutes/Secretary Report

Minutes from the March 2010 meeting were reviewed by all in attendance and per review of all active members via email. Cristal motioned and Martha seconded approval of the report as submitted. The motion carried by unanimous voice approval of the voting members present.

Treasurer's Report

No April 2010 report was available in Gary's absence but John reported that \$600 have still yet to be paid to the district for OIPA janitorial services and that we have \$19,556 in the bank. Betsey confirmed that we are on track to make the income from Spring concessions as budgeted.

Winterguard and Drumline

Denise reported that there are just a few outstanding expenses for this season and the account should be able to be closed out next month. There should be some unspent money from fundraising that can be carried over for expenses next year for things like a tarp and/or a vibe.

Scrip and Kroger

John said there was no activity/report for this month.

Important Dates (per meeting Agenda)

- Next LMBA meeting: May 18th at 7:30PM

Old Business

LMBA Arts in Our Schools/SOS Task Force

Martha was the only member to be able to make all the meetings of the Olentangy Music Coalition this past month. She said a report has been developed with the help of consultant, Dr. John Benham, on the current and proposed music education in Olentangy Local Schools. The Coalition is asking everyone who is interested/supportive to come to the BOE meeting April 28th where we will again be asking: 1. That the plan to move elementary string instruction to after school be rescinded. And 2. The an alternative solution for cost savings be worked on with the help of teachers and Coalition members.

- Scholarship Committee

Lori, Martha, Liz and Doug reported that 2 recipients have been chosen from 5 very qualified applicants. Based on a blind vote, the committee was unanimous in their decision. The committee is working on assigning a system of points per criteria for next year. Cathy agreed and added that the rubric should be shared with all applicants. This year names of applicants were not crossed out because it was felt that based on the applicants reported activities, their identity would have been obvious anyway. Discussion followed about this and the consensus was that applicant identity should be crossed out anyway next year. John will be presenting the award at the LHS Senior Awards night May 24th. Lori noted that although all applicants have a GPA of at least 3.67 necessary to be invited, if there is a winner in the future without such a GPA, LMBA will need to let them know that they should attend to be given the award.

- Spring Pride Day

Cathy is heading this fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, May 8th at 10am with a pizza party planned for participating students at the conclusion ~slightly after noon. She has posted sign-up sheets in the hallway outside the choir/band/orchestra rooms and there is a driver sign-up online that the directors have emailed their lists urging parent participation. She is planning on assigning the historically best routes that were not covered in the Fall of this year.

- Bylaw Committee (Liz/Belinda/John)

John shared copies of the proposed new Bylaws. Liz motioned that the At Large Communication Trustee position be changed to Communication Trustee and that the requirement be for them to have a child in high school such as was described for the President and Treasurer position. The motion passed with a vote of 8 yeas to 5 nays of the voting members present. With unanimous approval a clarification in wording was made to Article II 3. That the Trustee “begin” at the April meeting and “conclude” after elections in May. With unanimous approval a change in Article V to remove in 4. The last sentence “Ad Hoc Committee disbursement privileges will no longer be authorized as of July 1, 2010.” and in 2. After “Board of Trustees” add “or as requested by a majority of the active members.” With unanimous approval an addition to Article VII was made to add an item 10. Stating “Once every 2 years, the President shall create a committee to review the bylaws and the date of all amendments noted on the document.”

New Business

- 2010-2011 Board Nominations

John opened and accepted the following nominations:

President - Cathy

Vice President - Donna

Secretary - Betsey

Treasurer - (nominated in absentia) Ed Meixner

Communications - none

- 2010-2011 draft LMBA Budget

John shared copies with all in attendance. A correction was made to the line item for Orchestra from \$4,000 to \$5,000. Cathy motioned and Martha seconded approval of the report as submitted with the one correction. The motion carried by unanimous voice approval of the voting members present.

- 2010-2011 Pride Day replacement fundraiser

John shared that in light of receiving no other suggestions he proposes a coupon fundraiser. He shared a written proposal (see attached) with all in attendance.

Online Sign-up Information

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

Earl motioned and Betsey seconded for adjournment of the meeting at 8:34pm. The motion was carried by unanimous voice approval with no objection.

Next Meeting Will be Tuesday, May 18th at 7:30pm in the LHS choir room.