



## ***Boosters Meeting Minutes***

***Monday, Nov 9, 2009 @ 7:00***

**Call to Order:** 7:00 pm

**Music Director's Report** (Ms. Jason)

### ***Marching Band***

- ACC's – Band placed 9th out of 49 Group II bands in TOB (Top 27 bands competed at ACC's)
- We had a great season! We moved from Group I to Group II (larger size). We had a lot of freshman, new to Marching Band, and some playing instruments that were new to them. It was also overheard that some of the other schools had Marching Band as a regular class during the school day. Some schools have so many kids who try out for MB that they actually have "cuts". We don't turn anyone away - instead we teach them! This speaks volumes about our program and staff.
- The 20+ year long tradition of the shirtless run-through before ACC's (Thursday evening) became an issue because of a parent complaint. Ms. Jason will try to start a new tradition in it's place.
- Trunk or Treat was GREAT!!! We should do it every year!
- On Nov 20 ORMS comes to LHS and MB will do several shows for groups of 8th graders throughout the day. (Not going to ORMS this year. They were overwhelmed with others trying to do what we did.)

### ***Other Upcoming Music Dept Events/Discussions/Updates***

- All County auditions are coming up next week. Strings on Tue, 11/17. Band on Thurs, 11/19. Both at West Middle School (not Westminster HS)
- Disney Trip – Second payments were due 10/30. Need Permission Slips for Travel Agency. This is a new form dealing mostly with Travel Insurance. Ms. Jason will get Travel Insurance costs.
- Musical – Nothing yet

**Treasurer's Report** (Colleen Dove/Lynne Barr)

- Everything looks good. We made more on Giani's Pizza Sales this year than last. We also made a lot of money on MB ticket sales. Communication (emails) and regular ticket sale times helped immensely. MB ticket sales pretty much paid for the MB breakfast buffet the kids got on Sunday (which was a worthwhile treat for them.)

### **Fundraising Events (Past)**

#### ***Marching Band Competition Ticket Sales***

- About \$1100 profit from all ticket sales (including ACC's)

### **Fundraising Events (Current)**

#### ***Craft Fair (November 21, 9am to 3pm / Load In 6am)***

- Coordinator – Lynne Barr
- 170 Vendor Spaces – Full (Some vendors take more than one space)
- Signs are up. Lynne will email flyers to put in car or around town on boards, etc. She did email some of us already and requested that we forward it to everyone we know.

### ***Craft Fair (Continued from page 1)***

- Concessions – Barb Demers
- Volunteer Coordinator – Margie Rose
- Student sign up is on board in Band Room
- Set up - layout booths & run electric on Friday night @ 5pm
- Donna will do notice for school email announcements
- Steve needs to include info on website (volunteers, donations...)
- If vendors sign up for BOTH shows next year by 3pm on 11/21, they get both for \$75
- Lynne wants to do next year's because it is the 25th one. She has big plans for it. We need someone to shadow her next year and take her place the year after.

### **Fundraising Events (Upcoming)**

#### ***Battle of the Bands?***

- Coordinator – Tim Kestel
- Best date would be January 30th. Ms. Jason will check with front office in Auditorium.
- Idea is to have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards that will be donated from music stores, recording studios, etc.
- Need to know what rules or conditions would apply (lyrics, dress code, etc.). Ms Jason will check.

#### ***Gift Card Bingo – Feb 19***

- Coordinator – Steve Kahn – But need someone to shadow him for next year.
- Per Mr. Cimino, the Talent Show is 2/26, so our Bingo date is good.
- (Are we using fire station? Need to reserve soon? Or is that done?)

### **Website Report (Steve Kahn)**

#### ***General***

- BCI (Booster Communications Initiative) - Email and our website. From Steve's email:
  - › I have implemented a forum on the website, which most of you have seen. I am trying to get it set up so if a post is made to the "Leadership" topic, for example, that an email will be generated with the text of the post and will be automatically sent to the Leadership email list. I actually have this part working. Obviously we would limit those who could post to these topics to the board members. What I am trying to figure out now is how get it to automatically get the forum to include any file attachments in the email. This is going to be tricky. I think we would definitely need this.
  - › So this would take care of our need for one-way email blasts out to the masses. Then we would implement forum topics for specific events such as Extravaganza, Craft Fair, Bingo, etc. I see this as a secondary need, so I am not putting much effort into it right now. The main issue I see is that it will be difficult to keep information flow going through the forum for those that are not able to get to the forum throughout the day. Email chains work a bit better because emails can be received / sent easily from wherever you are if you get email on your Blackberry or iPhone. More thought needed.
  - › The email doc that Jim created actually works quite well to send out information "blasts", we just have to maintain the list. Problem is at the beginning of each year.
  - › Donna also created a template of something that we might put on our website so that parents can sign up for email notifications. Trying to eliminate having to go through big student list from Ms. Jason at the beginning of each year. Need to ask Steve.

- Donna has updated Scholarship form and emailed it to Steve to post. Once that is done, Donna will send notice to LHS Counseling Office.
- FAQ's...
- Are we going to move the Sponsor an Instrument "virtual plaques"?

### **General Discussions and Ongoing Items (Current Topics)**

#### ***Other Fundraising Ideas***

- n/a

### **Future Ideas (New Business)**

- CD recording in process. Going to be a "Best of LHSIMP" with Marching Band show and selections from 2 Winter Concerts and Pops Concert. Cromers are doing it. Not a fundraiser. Was going to pay \$1000 to another person to just record. Cromers can do CD's and labels. Thinking about \$10.00 per CD. Can discuss more later.

**Adjournment:** 9:00 pm