

Limestone Community High School Band Booster Meeting

September 16, 2013

The regular meeting of the LCHS Band Boosters was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on Monday August, 2013, in Bartonville, Illinois by Jennifer Goble, president presiding.

Officers present: Jennifer Goble, president; Terry Miller, vice president; Kim Dunham, treasurer; Adriana Bryan, assistant treasurer; Barb Richmond, secretary.

Members present: Meredith Caho, Micki Jackson, Mike Dunham, Stephen Cordes, Tammy Miller, Steve Dunaway, Jeanie Towle, Mike Stobough, Melinda Hudspeth, Rich Becker, Angie Becker, Tammy Barton, Sonja Ahrens, Dennis Ahrens, Julie Simmons, Brian Austin, Deb Willard, Beth Reidell, David Miller, Angie Perry, Michelle Jewell, Heidi Ho Wys, Jim Simmons and his evil twin Jim Nasieum, Olivia Radcliff-Tish, Troy Cary, Julie Haage, John Haage, Melinda Yepsen.

Approval of minutes: Minutes were read and approved. Motion was made by Michelle Jewell and properly seconded by Mike Dunham. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

- Our first competition was this past weekend and Mr. Empey couldn't be happier. The traffic was a problem, making us late, but it all worked out. We swept the class and the band was competing well with the 3A bands. Overall scores were: Bloomington High School 70.4, Normal West 70.3 and LCHS 70.1. The visual individual judge paid a high complement to the group. Mr. Empey added that he had never had a band this far along so early in the season.
- The Normal West competition at IWU is next Saturday. Itineraries were handed out. Mr. Empey talked about the importance of camaraderie when traveling to and from competitions and asked parents to keep that in mind. However, if a student needs to leave with parents from a competition, they must first fill out a permission to leave form in advance. The form will be on the website shortly.
- Rehearsal tomorrow (Tuesday) will be with Ted Richer again.
- Mr. Empey understands that we all get sick from time to time, but if a student can function, they are expected to be at a rehearsal or performance.
- Things are going great, Mr. Empey couldn't be happier! Thank you all.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer's report was read by Kim Dunham. It was motioned by Stephen Cordes and properly seconded by Michelle Jewell to approve. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Show-Me-Dough – Jennifer Goble : The order was delivered and sorted on September 4. We sold 505 items for a profit of \$2600. The profits were split between the student individual accounts and the band general fund.

New Business & Upcoming Events

- Holiday Wreath & Poinsettia Sale – Terry Miller: Terry explained what is involved in running this fundraiser and asked if anyone would be interested in heading it up. Freshman mom, Angie Perry volunteered. Thank you, Angie!

- Bands of America, October 18-19, 2013: Mr. Empey and Kim Dunham gave an outline of the trip. After speaking with students, it was decided to make this an over-night trip. School gets out early on October 18 because of term assessments, so we will leave between 2 and 3 that afternoon. We will check into the hotel, maybe go to the mall, return to the hotel for a pizza party (included in the fee). We will be staying at the Ramada Plaza Hotel (811 N. 9th Street, St. Louis), where we have reserved rooms for the students, staff and chaperones. The hotel serves a hot breakfast. Chaperones will need to pay for their rooms, tickets, etc. The performance will take place between 1 and 3 pm on Saturday. Julie Simmons mentioned that Metrolink is a good and easy way to get around downtown St. Louis. The complete itinerary will be available soon.

Current Business

- Annual Fall Raffle: Terry Miller reported that the tickets have been handed out. Already three freshman parents have asked for more tickets! Tickets and money for the early bird drawing need to be returned by 5:00 pm on October 11. The final drawing is at the Winter Band Concert on December 12.
- Field Competition on October 5, 2013: Stephen Cordes reported that the competition is just 3 weeks away. We will have 12 or 13 bands. The gates open at 2:00 pm and the bands should start arriving around 2:45. Our students (except pit and color guard) need to be here and ready to play in the auxiliary gym at 3:00. The guard and pit will need to arrive earlier since they will be helping with other jobs, including bus greeting, earlier in the afternoon. Awards will be either at 8:45 or 9:00, depending on how many bands will be here. Ad sales for the program have been great—thanks to all of you who have purchased or sold ads. Remember that students will need to stay after the competition to help clean up the grounds. Mr. Empey added that IEMA auditions are the morning of the competition, and the students who are auditioning will need an adult to serve as a chaperone. Please see him if you can do it.
- Mum Sale: Angie Becker reported that the orders were due last Friday. 73 plants were ordered and they will arrive Tuesday at 3:30 for sorting. If you can help, please contact Angie.
- All-Purpose Building: Rich Becker spoke eloquently about the need to relieve the band room storage problem. An all-purpose building that would be built where the concession stand on the north side of the football field has been proposed. There would be a big room and then smaller rooms that the various groups would use. Unfortunately, this location would not be convenient for the band. So, we are trying to come up with ideas that would benefit the band program. We were the only academic program in the proposed group—all others were junior sports leagues and the high school sports boosters. Rich invited anyone interested to gather after the meeting and discuss the problem.

Questions & Answers: Michelle Jewell reminded freshman parents that the easiest way to get up-to-date information is to go to the high school website and click on band. The high school calendar lists our activities and all information about the band is posted on limestonebands.com.

The Tastefully Simple fundraiser by Julie Haage will take place after the competition and will finish by October 25. Julie will donate the hostess gifts earned for a basket to be auctioned off at Stompin' at the Savoy.

Adjourn: It was motioned by Jeanie Towle and properly seconded by Troy Carey to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried.

Next meeting October 21, 2013 @ 7p.m. - LCHS café