

## Limestone Community High School Band Booster Meeting

April 16, 2012

The regular meeting of the LCHS Band Boosters was called to order at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2012, in Bartonville, Illinois by Michael Stobaugh, President presiding.

**Officers present:** Mike Stobaugh, president; Jennifer Goble, vice president; Lisa Forsman, treasurer; Kim Dunham, assistant treasurer; Barb Richmond, secretary. The members of the board introduced themselves.

**Members present:** Joanne Fortner, Diana Barger, Alan Barger, Melinda Yepsen, Wally Chicon, Angie Becker, Rich Becker, Merideth Caho, Angela Rendleman, Stephen Cordes, Mike Dunham, Brian Mullens, Danielle Bussell-Mullens, Todd Heathcoat, Ann Piper, Amy Pleshko, Darrin Rendleman, Lois Whitby, Dawn Hutchison, Michelle Guthrie, Theresa DeRagisch, Jim DeRagisch, Amy Hinshaw, Danelle Geraci, Tom Geraci, Steve Dunaway, Rick Strickler, Jeannine Strickler, Chris Sorser, Sherry Sorser, JoAnne Naples, Don Hill, Tiffany Stevens, Jennifer Buenneke, Bradley Buenneke, Tammy Barton, Craig Reavley, Tana Reavley, Beth Riedell, Deb Caruso, Liz Brown, Terry Miller, Marcy Fitzgerald, Trish Szentes, Jeanie Towle, Deelina Engstrom, Tod Hetzel, Valerie Welch, Michelle Copeland, Jon Ligon, Ron Thompson, Angie Thompson, Adriana Bryan, Lanell Tjaden-Huber

Mr. Empey started the evening by playing the video of the Marching Rockets performing *Legend* at Bands of America last November in Indianapolis.

**Approval of minutes:** Minutes were read and approved. Motion was made by Stephen Cordes and properly seconded by Angie Rendlemen. Motion carried.

**Director's Report:** Members of the Winter Guard were asked to stand so they could be recognized for their achievement this year—culminating with winning first place in their class at the Midwest Color Guard Circuit Championships in La Porte, IN. Coming events include the Wind Ensemble taking part in the Concert Band Festival, April 27 at Illinois State University. They are scheduled to play at 6:00 p.m. Details for the trip are posted on [www.limestonebands.com](http://www.limestonebands.com).

**Treasurer's report:** Treasurer's report was read by Lisa Forsman. It was motioned by Ann Piper and properly seconded by Stephen Cordes to approve. Motion carried.

Before continuing with the official agenda, Mike Stobaugh spoke about the purpose of the Band Boosters organization and what things are funded through the fundraisers.

### Old Business:

- Vendor Fair – final report: The chair, Wendy Bucklin, was not in attendance at the meeting, but Mike Stobaugh reported that there were 54 vendors filling the auxiliary gym and he thought that the profit from the event was \$2500-\$3000. Wendy did a terrific job and has our sincere thanks.
- Drive-Thru Dinner- initial numbers: Jennifer Goble reported that 251 tickets were sold—that's down by about 100 from last year. Total profit was \$780.31, after crediting \$1.00 for each ticket sold into the students (who sold the tickets) accounts, the band general fund received \$530.31.

### **New Business & Upcoming Events**

- 2012 LCHS Field Competition (Sept. 22, 2012): Stephen Cordes reported that there are ten bands signed up so far. 4-6 committees run the competition, so there is plenty of opportunity to get involved—concessions, grounds, hospitality, bake sale, etc. This is a great fundraiser for the band fund.
- 2012-13 Band Info Packets for students and parents: Lisa Forsman went over the packet and encouraged parents to attend Booster meetings to get all the latest information. While covering the summer schedule of rehearsals, pre-band camp and band camp, Adriana Bryan spoke of volunteer opportunities and donations for those times. She passed around a sheet for people who wanted to sign up and designate what they'd like to do/bring. Lisa commented that for those who have credit balances in their personal accounts, they may apply funds from those accounts to the last payment of their band fees. Mr. Empey added comments about the expectations of working hard, practicing and learning the drill. He also explained grading and gave information about other music courses offered at LCHS. Students who use school-owned instruments will be charged a \$25 rental fee per year.
- Disney Trip – Spring Break 2013: Lisa Forsman went over the information offered in the packet and emphasized that students will be responsible for paying for their meals during the bus trip to Florida and back home. To be eligible to go on the trip students must be enrolled in band for the full school year. Non-chaperone parents riding the bus can purchase the same option as students. No children under the age of five will be permitted on the busses. A travel package is also available for those who want to travel separately but stay in the same hotel. Students must ride the bus to Disney, but with proper pre-approvals, they can return home with their family after the performance. Mr. Empey added that this is not a required trip and will not affect the student's grade in band.
- Marching Band Uniform Prep for 2012 Season: Kim Dunham extended an invitation for parents to help with managing the uniforms and explained what skills are necessary (or not).
- March-a-Thon – during Band Camp, 2012: Mike Stobaugh explained how the March-a-Thon works—getting pledges per mile or a set amount before band camp starts. 15 miles is the top number of miles allowed for pledging—even though last year, the students marched a little more than 18 miles. 100% of the profits from pledges go into the students' personal accounts.

### **Current Business**

Recycling: Steve Dunaway is in charge of the ink cartridge/phone/PDA recycling. Darrin Rendleman takes care of the trailer for aluminum can, brass and copper recycling.

Kroger rebates: Kroger reloadable gift cards must be purchased from the Boosters. When reloading the card at the store, there is a 7-10 minute delay from the time the card is loaded until it can be used again. The method of using the gift card at the pump for gas purchases was clarified.

**Questions & Answers:** Tod Hetzel and Mike Dunham spoke about parents helping with props. Mike Stobaugh asked if there was anyone with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  or 1 ton truck that would be interested in pulling the big trailer for band competitions. Mr. Empey spoke about the 2012 show, Elemental Forces.

**Adjourn:** It was motioned by Stephen Cordes and properly seconded by Angie Rendleman to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried.

**Next meeting May 21, 2012 @ 7p.m. - LCHS café – Charms demonstration – Band fee drawing**