

L.A. Ainger Band Boosters
10/4/2018
6pm, Ainger Middle School Band Room

Board Members Present: Veronica Grannan (President), Heather Dragon (Secretary), Gabrielle Extejt and Laura Parla (Treasurers)

Other Parents Present: Kathy Casale (7th Grade mother of Alex Harris), Trey Creech (Communications Coordinator)

- 1) Call to order at 6:01pm
- 2) Treasurer(s) Report
 - a) Treasurer(s)
 - I. Booster Account: \$6,376.26
 - Copier
 - An annual contract was signed. We will conduct meter reads every quarter.
 - II. Trip Account - \$1,245.95
- 3) Old Business
 - a) Band Handbook Contracts and Medical Forms
 - I. We are still collecting these forms that were due on Friday, August 17th. These will be counted as a zero in the gradebook as a written assignment by the end of the quarter.
 - Four students have not turned them in. Mr. Ostrow is making phone calls.
 - b) Beginning Band
 - I. Retention
 - After MANY schedule changes at the beginning of the year, as of today, we are holding at 74 beginning band students. The schedule changes were for a variety of reasons and not always band related.
 - Mr. Ostrow and the front office agreed that students would not be able to change until after the test drive on August 20th and written consent would be required. This procedure was largely ignored for band and a variety of subjects.
 - Mr. Ostrow requested a meeting with administration which was held on Thursday, September 27th. We agreed to the following:
 - The drop request forms were creating instability across campus and would no longer be used.
 - It will require parent approval to move a child in or out of any class and will not be simply up to the students.
 - With the exception of the first few weeks of school, students will not be moved into or out of a class until the beginning of the semester or quarter.
 - The Ainger Leadership committee will bring this topic up at the next meeting to be held on Friday, October 12th.
 - This meeting was just postponed.
 - c) Sponsors
 - I. Sponsorships to be on the t-shirt ended on Tuesday, September 25th. Our sponsors have been posted on www.aingerband.org under the sponsor's page.
 - II. CCPS' Remind texting was used to reach parents as a final push for sponsors.
 - III. Currently at \$2,900.
 - d) Pool Party
 - I. Kids had fun and were well behaved.
 - II. About 60 kids attended.
 - e) All State Auditions
 - I. Both Julia and Nathan were prepared and played beautifully for the mock auditions we held on Wednesday, September 19th at LBHS in the band room.
 - II. Both Nathan Soto (clarinet) and Julia Lehman (trumpet) auditioned on Saturday, September 22nd. We will not know until sometime in November if they made it into the MS All State Band. Mr. Ostrow will receive an e-mail.

- III. Hotel – We should book two rooms with two beds in each at the La Quinta near the Tampa airport. January 9, 10, and 11. Mr. Ostrow will need one and the student and his/her parents will need one.
 - If both students make it, we will book another room.
 - If neither make it, we can cancel the second room.

4) New Business

a) Disney Trip

- I. See the newsletter to discuss fees. (NEWS tab on www.aingerband.org)
- II. The newsletter was approved by admin and disbursed the week of October 1st so that parents can prepare for the first payment.
- III. Mr. Ostrow will send out a separate Disney newsletter link.

b) MS Band Night at LBHS

- I. See the newsletter to discuss the event. (NEWS tab on www.aingerband.org)
- II. Thursday rehearsal
 - 4pm - Students stay after school and report to the band room.
 - Students will eat a pizza dinner.
 - Students will receive their band t-shirt for the performance on Friday.
 - 4:45pm – 4-5 Chaperones arrive and report to Mr. Ostrow for further instructions.
 - 4:45pm Load the sousaphones, marching percussion, and other large instruments onto the trailer.
 - _____ is hauling the trailer and will leave it at LBHS behind the band room.
 - 5pm we depart by bus to LBHS.
 - 5:15-6:45pm – The LBHS Band Director organizes the kids and we supervise.
 - 7pm – Return to the bus loop and go home.
- III. Friday performance
 - 5:45pm – Chaperones and students meet in the band room at LBHS.
 - Students warm-up with the LBHS Marching Mantas and walk out to the field together.
 - The students will perform the Star Spangled Banner with a presentation of the colors followed by the LBHS Fight Song.
 - For the remainder of the game, students will join the HS band in the stands.
 - Only students and chaperones may be in this zone. Chaperones can bring the kids water and walk them in groups to the restroom as needed.
 - Kids may not leave the stadium from here.
 - Students will be escorted by the chaperones back to the band room after the half time show or after the game. Their parents selected the option.
 - Students that received an instrument from the trailer must put it back in the trailer.
 - After the game, _____ is hauling the trailer back to Ainger.

c) Yankee Candle Fundraiser

- I. Packets will be distributed to the students on 10/22. Last accepted by 11/2.
- II. Our treasurers will come in on November 7th and collect/count the orders.
- III. The order form packets are in the front office.

d) Band trip to Marching Festival

- I. Saturday, October 27th from 2:50-10pm.
- II. See the newsletter for details. (NEWS tab on www.aingerband.org)
- III. Two buses were already ordered.
- IV. We need 8-10 chaperones.
- V. We will need to pay for our chaperones and Mr. Ostrow at the gate. Students enter for free.

e) CCPS Honor Band

- I. See the newsletter. (NEWS tab on www.aingerband.org)
- II. Students received the music and will be working on it in AB.
- III. A bus was ordered and we will take the first 40.
- IV. We need three chaperones to accompany the band.
 - Trey Creech will contact.

f) FAME Preparation

- I. FAME has asked LAMS and LBHS to coordinate volunteers. LAMS will handle tickets and t-shirts. Mr. Ostrow has a volunteer sheet with timeslots. LBHS will handle set up and tear down of the tents.
- II. Mr. Ostrow and Mr. Eyrich agreed to hold a meeting in the LBHS band room at 7pm on Thursday, November 1st to coordinate the helper and distribute vests for volunteers. Mr. Ostrow will ask Jim and Denise Pivovar to attend so there is no confusion.
- III. Trey Creech will contact the volunteers and ask them to fill out a google sheet for their time slots as well as attend the meeting on November 1st.
 - The google sheets can be found under the News tab on www.aingerband.org .

5) Good of the Order?

- a) Band lockers and music stands.

- I. Many are in bad shape. We need a welder to fix them.
 - II. Check with the CTC.
 - b) French Horn
 - I. Motion to pay Ms. Betz for Beginning Band French horn group lessons on a monthly stipend of \$25/group lesson.
 - Passed.
- 6) Closing Time
a) 7:10pm
- 7) Next Meeting Date/Time/Place
a) Thursday, November 8th at 6pm