

L.A. Ainger Band Boosters
2/12/2019
6pm, Ainger Middle School Band Room

Board Members Present: Veronica Grannan (President), (Secretary), Gabrielle Extejt (Treasurer)
Other Parents Present: Kathy Casale, and Johanna Zalopany

- 1) Call to order at 6:10pm
- 2) Treasurer(s) Report
 - a) Treasurer(s)
 - I. Booster Account: \$10,386.77
 - Waiting on Disney Payment
 - \$6845.18
 - Verify JWP music order
 - ~\$1,100
 - II. Trip Account : \$1,882+ Many Deposits
- 3) Old Business (December Review)
 - a) Honor Band
 - I. What went well:
 - All of it, especially the conductor.
 - II. What needs in improvement + suggestions:
 - 2 High Schools and 1 Middle School did not pay their student fees prior to the performance. There has been no confirmation that they will.
 - CCPS should pitch in \$3k.
 - Once again, no high school students stayed to assist in clean up after the performance. Mr. Eyrich did ask his students to help.
 - b) Jazz MPA
 - I. What went well:
 - The kids played GREAT! Straight Superior Ratings from three judges.
 - II. What needs improvement + suggestions:
 - We need extra cables for our amplified instruments. If a cable goes bad, we need a backup cable. The bass cable was not always working during our performance of our swing tune.
 - III. Medals
 - We need to order medals for the students to wear at their spring concert.
 - Gabrielle and Laura will coordinate with Mr. Ostrow.
 - 32 Superior Jazz Medals
 - 58 Superior Concert Band Medals
 - Will order in advance. If we don't earn a superior this year, we will have them available for future years.
 - c) Articulation with LBHS Band
 - I. Peach Bowl Meeting on January 22nd
 - Mr. Eyrich, LBHS Band Director, wants students that are interested in attending the Peach Bowl to know that they can begin fundraising for the LBHS band to reduce their cost in March. See e-mail.
 - II. See the MPA Newsletter for the "Fine Arts Showcase".
 - LBHS will pay for the bus and dinner as well as provide tickets for each student and one adult parent/guardian.
- 4) New Business
 - a) Solo and Ensemble
 - I. The student contract this year does not allow for ensembles unless all of the members are taking private lessons.
 - Parents drive the students this year. No trailer necessary!
 - This year we have 19 solos and 2 chamber ensembles.
 - All information is posted on our website under the "News" tab. Students have received paper copies of their checklist, performance time, their judge, and even a campus map of BRHS.
 - II. Dr. Bill Dederer will be assisting Mr. Ostrow during the school day. He will be paid \$15/student and will come in the three weeks leading up to Solo and Ensemble.
 - Mr. Ostrow will give Dr. Bill Dederer a check for \$195 (13 students) + (\$50 for gas) for a total of \$245.
 - III. Mr. Jack Sternisha has agreed to play piano with the soloists. He will be on campus to work with the soloists during their band classes in the final two weeks leading up to Solo and Ensemble. He will be paid \$20/student and will rehearse with each student twice as well as perform with the kids at the event.
 - Mr. Ostrow will give Jack Sternisha a check for \$380 (19 students) + (\$50 for gas) for a total of \$430.
 - b) Recruitment with Elementary Schools
 - I. Mr. Ostrow took the jazz band to Vineland ES.
 - On Friday, February 1st, we performed for an assembly of 5th graders, showed the kids a video of five instruments (flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion), and Mr. Ostrow had the kids prepare their air and embouchure for those instruments.
 - On Monday, February 4th, jazz band students assisted Mr. Ostrow in allowing the 5th graders to play test the instruments.
 - A sign-up sheet was left with Ms. Betz, VES music teacher. We also left some instruments and sanitizer so Ms. Betz could allow the students to play test more instruments.
 - Twenty nine 5th graders signed up with a large line that wanted to sign up. We simply ran out of time.
 - II. "Step-Up Day" for 5th graders is tentatively scheduled for February 20th and 21st.

- Our jazz band will perform for about 25 minutes at the start of the tour. We will perform for an assembly each day in the cafeteria. If administration allow, Mr. Ostrow will also have the beginning band perform "Power Rock" by Queen and "Star Wars" by John Williams.
 - Students interested in taking beginning band will be placed on a list.
 - (Gabrielle) Fliers will be sent home stating "you're child signed up for band. Here's what that means!"
 - Mr. Ostrow will get addresses from the front office and print the fliers.
 - Volunteers need to stuff, stamp, and mail the envelopes to the students' parents.
- III. 6th Grade Registration Night is Thursday, March 7th.
- Parents will begin in the gymnasium and then will be sent to explore campus. Parents will be welcome to watch out rehearsal from the jazz band room or band room. We will open the peripheral between the two rooms. The exterior doors will be opened to entice parents to come in.
 - Advanced Band will perform from 5:30-6pm.
 - Jazz Band will perform between 6-7pm.
 - Board Members to guide and direct to the band room and answer question at our board.
 - All elective classes have been asked to provide an informational science project board. Our band board should have the following:
 - Classes Offered
 - Beginning Band (mostly 6th grade, class sizes of 30 or less, 3 sections)
 - Intermediate Band (mostly 7th graders, class size of 30 or less)
 - Advanced Band (mostly 8th graders, class size of 50 or more)
 - Jazz Band (mostly 7/8th graders, class size of 30 or less)
 - Musical Experiences
 - Social Experiences
 - Fun Facts
 - Research about participating in band
 - Largest organization on campus
 - Frequently Asked Questions
 - See Flier
- c) Concert Band MPA
- I. See the February Newsletter for Advanced Band Members
 - Rehearsals are listed. We moved the brass and percussion sectional to Monday, February 25th due to a conflict with LBHS AP Registration.
 - Mr. Kraus is coming to work with Mr. Ostrow and the Advanced Band for both full ensemble rehearsals. He also came to work with the jazz band.
 - Mr. Ostrow needs a check for \$125 for Mr. Les Kraus (\$50 per rehearsal and another \$25 for jazz band).
 - Chaperones – Mr. Creech will contact
 - Chaperones from 4-9:30pm
 - Trailer – Mr. Creech will contact
 - 3:30 pick-up, return around 9:30pm
- d) Disney Trip Update
- I. 45 of 55 Students turned in their payments.
 - II. We have 5 Flutes, 1 Oboe, 7 Clarinets, 2 Alto Saxes, 1 Bari Sax, 1 Bass Clarinet, 1 Cello, 5 Trumpets, 3 Horns, 6 Trombones, 3 Euphoniums, 3 Tubas, and 4 Percussionists.
 - All students are paid up?
 - III. Chaperones
 - 5 Board Members + Kathy Casale + Johanna Zalopany + Tonya Huber + Matt Grannan + Julie Lowder + Jennifer Hancock
 - + Mr. Ostrow + Mr. Konrardy/Mr. Eyrich
 - Review letter about chaperone payments.
 - IV. Bus
 - 1 bus to hold 55.
 - Consider having an additional Enterprise rent-a-van.
- 5) Good of the Order?
- a) Band lockers and music stands.
 - I. Many are in bad shape. We need a welder to fix them.
 - Consider checking with the CTC.
 - b) Mr. Ostrow suffered two heart attacks over winter break. He has been instructed to physically take it easy and "do less." There was damage to the heart, but it appears to be minimal. Unfortunately, there is a 10-15% chance of recurrence.
 - I. The heart attacks were caused by an upper respiratory virus and he was diagnosed with Myocarditis.
 - II. After an echo (ultrasound) took place in late January, the results showed normal heart function!
- 6) Closing Time
- a) 7:12pm
- 7) Next Meeting Date/Time/Place
- a) Thursday, March 14th at 6pm?