

Board Members Present: Veronica Grannan (President), Trey Creech (VP), Kristen Fisher (Secretary), and Kathy Casale (Treasurer)

Other Parents Present:

Meeting Called to Order at 6:11pm

- 1) Treasurer(s) Report
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 - I. Booster Account: \$6,567.10 as of 02/06/2020 – EB&T
 - II. Trip Account: \$6,307.36 as of 02/06/2020- EB&T
 - b) Internal School Band Account
 - I. Referendum Account: TBA
 - c) All 5/3 accounts were closed as of 12/30/2019 - \$3960.89 (general), \$1201.48 (trip) transferred to Englewood Bank.
- 2) Old Business (January Review)
 - a) Special Note
 - I. There was no January meeting as Mr. Ostrow had family health concerns.
 - b) Honor Band
 - I. What went well – LA Ainger students did an excellent job.
 - II. What needs in improvement + suggestions:
 - The MS Band had too much music (7 pieces).
 - All of the High Schools did not pay their student fees prior to the performance. There has been no confirmation that they will.
 - The HS Band did not receive the music until the week of the event.
 - III. Outstanding Payments – 4 Students – Total owed \$80.00 – Letters already mailed home
 - c) Articulation with LBHS Band
 - I. Dallas Brass Performance
 - Mr. Ostrow could not be there as he was with his wife who was hospitalized. Mr. Ostrow asked Mr. Eyrich and the DB to come to Ainger and rehearse the band. Mr. Eyrich then conducted them for the evening performance.
 - What went well - Great experience for the kids, performance was amazing.
 - Suggestions for improvement – Ensure administration is present, supervision for the kids during the performance.
- 3) 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. The trailer is not necessary!
 - This year we have 13 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 Manatee HS.
 - A Remind text was also sent out to parents informing them of the website link.
 - 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 \$260 (13 students) + (\$50 for gas) for a total of \$310.
 - IV. S & E unpaid balances – 3 students total \$135.00 – Letters already sent home.
 - b) Jazz MPA
 - I. Review the Newsletter
 - II. Need two chaperones – Kristen Fisher, Mrs. Chisezi
 - III. Walter Fisher will haul the trailer. Arrival at 2:30pm and depart at 3pm.
 - c) Recruitment with Elementary Schools
 - I. The winter concert with VES was a good idea, but only on Mr. Ostrow's terms.
 - Performance can be streamed into the black box to accommodate extra seating for parents
 - Beginning band remains in the theater throughout the performance to watch intermediate and advance bands
 - II. Ms. Betz has instruments on loan since January so students can play test them with her.
 - III. MRES and VES have asked us to be present for an “Instrument Test Drive” and performances at spring events at their schools including:
 - MRES – STEAM Night, Friday, March 12th from 5-7pm.
 - VES – Heron Hoopla, Saturday, February 29th from 10:30-3:30pm.
 - Mr. Ostrow will run an instrument test drive with S&E students at VES.
 - IV. “Step-Up Day” for 5th graders is tentatively scheduled for February 27th and 28th.
 - 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 advanced band perform.
 - V. 6th Grade Registration Night is Thursday, March 5th.
 - Students and parents will begin in the gymnasium. Mr. Ostrow will give a ten minute presentation in the Gym about band with a jazz band performance. Following the introductions and jazz band performance, parents will tour the campus. Students will be able to play test instruments in the band room.
 - Board Members to guide and direct to the band room and answer question at our board.
 - Mr. Ostrow will request help from Mr. Klispie, Ms. Betz, and Mr. Kraus who will be in the band room with jazz band student helpers testing students.

- Our informational bulletin board will be on display in the cafeteria.
 - Mr. Ostrow requested meetings with administrators. Mr. Konrardy is in charge of the master schedule.
 - Although Mr. Ostrow pushed for the “exploratory” beginning band, Mr. Konrardy did not accept it; however, he did agree that there will be a band AND option on the form. Mr. Ostrow did ask to see the form when it is finished.
 - d) Concert Band MPA
 - I. See the February Newsletter for Advanced Band Members
 - Rehearsals are listed. We need to move our full ensemble rehearsal on Wednesday, March 4th. That night is 9th grade registration at LBHS.
 - Thursday, March 5th was moved to Tuesday, March 10th to accommodate 6th grade registration at LAMS.
 - _____ is coming to work with Mr. Ostrow and the Advanced Band for both full ensemble rehearsals.
 - Mr. Ostrow needs a check for \$100 for _____ (\$50 per rehearsal).
 - Chaperones – Ms. Hill will contact
 - Chaperones from 4:15-9pm
 - Trailer – Ms. Hill will contact
 - 4:30 pick-up, return around 9pm
 - e) Universal Trip Update
 - I. 42 of 52 Students are going. 4 of the 44 have not paid in full.
 - II. We have 3 Flutes, 9 Clarinets, 2 Alto Saxes, 1 Tenor Sax, 1 Bari Sax, 1 Bass Clarinet, 2 Bassoons, 3 Trumpets, 5 Horns, 4 Trombones, 3 Euphoniums, 4 Tubas, and 4 Percussionists.
 - 2 students will receive scholarship, 2 trumpet players.
 - 1 student will no longer be attending per behavior concerns outlined in the original form.
 - III. All outstanding debts must be paid to attend the Universal trip. Including uniforms, honor band and S & E.
 - Letters were sent home with students.
 - Students who are not paid in full will receive a refund of the Universal trip minus any outstanding balances and will not be eligible to attend.
 - IV. Tax form needs to be sent to Universal – Sent in October 2019
 - V. Chaperones
 - 5 Board Members
 - + Mr. Ostrow + an Administrator + 3 additional chaperones
 - Mr. Ostrow will send a link via Remind for parents to sign up on a google form. Parents must have participated this year in helping the band program and will be required to do a background check in the front office. The cost will be \$90.
 - Review letter about chaperone payments.
 - Chaperones must be paid in full by March 6th
 - VI. Bus
 - 1 bus to hold 55.
 - VII. Payment for students and chaperones
 - Due to Universal no later than March 13th for will call pickup at guest services.
- 4) Good of the Order?
 - a) Band lockers.
 - I. The original quote from CCPS with Wenger lockers was short \$3000 as they did not factor installation into the equation.
 - Mr. Ostrow will ask the BG Women’s Club as part of their grant.
 - The PTO has withheld their donation as a result of this issue. Mr. Ostrow will let them know he is seeking additional funding through another grant to meet the goal.
- 5) Closing Time
 - a) 8:05pm.
- 6) Next Meeting Date/Time/Place
 - a) Tuesday, March 3rd at 6pm