

L.A. Ainger Band Boosters
3/14/2019
6:05pm, Ainger Middle School Band Room

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

Other Parents Present: Trey Creech (Communications Coordinator), Disney World Chaperones, Mr. Fisher

- 1) Call to order at 6:08pm
- 2) Treasurer(s) Report
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 - I. Booster Account: \$2,087.81
 - II. Trip Account : \$886
 - After Bus payment \$1,395 (About \$100 more than quoted)
- 3) Old Business
 - a) Solo and Ensemble, February 15-16th
 - I. All superiors with one excellent.
 - II. 100% participation.
 - III. All students received their feedback forms and their medals.
 - IV. Mr. Ostrow forgot to add gas money to Dr. Dederer's check for helping. Please write a check to Dr. Bill Dederer for \$50.
 - b) Articulation with LBHS - Fine Arts Showcase – February 28th
 - I. What can be improved and suggestions to improve?
 - The event was not organized.
 - The concert ended at 8:50pm instead of 8pm
 - No coverage of the other arts teachers
 - Provide tickets for the parents in advance
 - c) Concert Band MPA
 - I. What went well?
 - Kids played well
 - Kids behaved
 - Straight Superiors
 - II. Suggestions for improvement?
 - Keep Mr. Kraus away from the Sight Reading judge. He was looking over the judges shoulder while he was writing comments.
- 4) New Business
 - a) Recruitment with Elementary Schools
 - I. "Step-Up Day" for 5th graders took place on February 20th and 21st.
 - Our jazz band performed for a 5th grade assembly in the cafeteria for about 25 minutes at the start of the tour of Ainger.
 - A PPT "All About Band" was also discussed.
 - II. 6th Grade Registration took place on Thursday, March 7th.
 - Parents began in the gymnasium and then were sent to explore the campus.
 - Parents were welcomed to watch our rehearsal from the jazz band room or band room. The exterior doors will be opened to entice parents to come in.
 - Advanced Band performed from 5:30-6pm.
 - Jazz Band performed between 6-7pm.
 - We used Board Members to guide and direct to the band room and answer questions.
 - Mrs. Extejt handed out brochures as parents entered the gym.
 - Mrs. Dragon guided parents to the band room.
 - Our Band Board was on display in the cafeteria with other programs.
 - Admin had previously agreed to use a google form Mr. Ostrow developed for registration. Parents would register their kids in the media center after touring the campus.
 - As the webmaster for Ainger, Mr. Ostrow posted it to the homepage. Stating concerns with parents not being able to sign in, Ainger admin opted not to use it.
 - That night admin handed out a different registration form and explained it to the parents.
 - Band was clearly outlined as an "**Or**" class, meaning kids would have Math (1), Language Arts (2), Social Studies (3), Science (4), PE (5), MOST would have computers (6), and Band OR Art/Culinary/STEAM (7).
 - At the end of the night 48/128 opted for Band.
 - To maintain 150-200 student musicians to have full instrumentation with all parts covered, we need at least 70 beginners. Unfortunately, we also had low band numbers in beginning band this year after many students changed their mind about band the first week of school; therefore, we really need closer to 90.
 - Admin is expecting another 60-70 to register. Hopefully more sign up for band.
 - III. Suggestions to help recruit:
 - **Next year:** Band director will ask to speak/perform for 10-15 minutes directly to the parents at Registration Night.
 - The presentation would include an "All About Band" PPT and a jazz band or concert band performance.

- **This year:** Consider offering an instrument test drive in May. Students that already registered would also be invited. The process would include the "All About Band" presentation at the beginning followed by a test drive with adult clinicians.
 - Recommend computers become an exploratory class so kids can do band AND exploratory classes.
 - Recommend an 8 period day (41 minute classes) where kids can do band AND exploratory classes.
- b) Disney Trip Update
- I. 45 of 55 Students turned in their payments.
 - One quit. The parent of the student would like a refund.
 - One is not able to go and his parents offered his ticket to another student.
 - II. We have 5 Flutes, 1 Oboe, 7 Clarinets, 2 Alto Saxes, 1 Bari Sax, 1 Bass Clarinet, 1 Cello, 5 Trumpets, 3 Horns, 5 Trombones, 3 Euphoniums, 3 Tubas, and 4 Percussionists.
 - All students are paid up?
 - III. Review Update Letter
 - IV. Chaperones
 - 4 Board Members + Kathy Casale + Johanna Zalopany + Tonya Huber + Matt Grannan + Julie Lowder + Mrs. Andres.
 - All chaperones are paid for
 - + Mr. Ostrow + Mrs. Betz (VES Music Teacher)
 - Pay \$100 to L.A. Ainger MS for Mr. Ostrow's sub.
 - Give the check to the principal's secretary in the front office.
 - Mr. Ostrow plans to use Remind with our cell phones to communicate.
 - text @7a3bek to the number 81010
 - If this doesn't work, try texting @7a3bek to (941) 343-8992.
 - V. Bus
 - 1 bus to hold 55 including a wheelchair lift (takes 6 seats)
 - Parents driving with students. They will meet up at the rest stop off I-4 in Lakeland on the way there and back.
 - Students: Cassandra H, Gray L, Savannah G
 - Parents: Julie Lowder, Matt and Veronica Grannan
- c) Boca Grande Parade
- I. Mr. Ostrow is meeting the woman's club board members to ask for grant monies on Thursday, March 21st.
 - See the grant application for details.
 - Mr. Ostrow needs a layout of our annual expenses. We also need to show that we purchased what we requested last year.
 - II. See the newsletter for details
 - Mrs. Extejt will contact Boca Grande about using a GIBA pass
 - Meeting at the Cape Haze Publix to get passes for parents vehicles
 - Trailer hauler
 - Mr. Fisher will drive the instruments in the morning and meet us at Publix as indicated on the newsletter.
- 5) Good of the Order?
- 6) Closing Time
- a) 7:57pm
- 7) Next Meeting Date/Time/Place
- a) Thursday, April 4th at 6pm?