

**L.A. Ainger Band Boosters**  
**4/7/2021**  
**LAMS Band Room**

**Board Members Present:** Mr. Ostrow (Band Director), Veronica Grannan (President), Kathy Mortensen (Treasurer), Jennifer Heeg (Secretary)

**Other Parents Present:** Amanda McGinty (Communications Coordinator)

**Meeting Called to Order at 6:03pm**

1) Treasurer(s) Report

a) Treasurer(s) Report

- I. Booster Account: \$3,170.27 as of 3/31/2021– EB&T
- II. Trip Account: \$1,434.34 as of 1/31/2021- EB&T
- III. Purchases last month:
  - AIM (Liability Insurance) \$475
    - We will not do this next year
  - Cadence Music \$138.85
  - Amazon (band room supplies - microphone) \$129
  - State of Florida \$61.25
  - Domino's Pizza \$241.90
  - JM Todd \$211.12
  - Quicken \$51.99
  - Sam's Club \$53.53
  - Staples (Return Shipping for 2 wrong parts) \$29.20
  - TOTAL March expenditures: \$1,341.68
- IV. Ms. Mortensen is currently trying to reach Mark Knauf who is our accountant.
  - We have completed our taxes
  - Tax exemption renewal is due 5/31/21

b) Internal School Band Account

- I. Referendum Account: \$0

2) Old Business

a) Recruitment Drive at Elementary Schools

- I. As "Step Up Day" and Registration Night were cancelled this year, Mr. Ostrow created a 40 minute presentation for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders. In March, in honor of "Music in Our Schools Month", Mr. Ostrow visited each school for a 5<sup>th</sup> grade assembly where he modeled instruments and played video shorts of professionals. Due to COVID19, Mr. Ostrow was not permitted to bring a performing ensemble.
- II. Students were provided a form to complete that would indicate their interest in taking band in Middle School. The data is below:
  - In-Person - Englewood ES: Did not collect. Received a handful of forms including **5 Yes** and **5 Maybe**
  - Online via Google Meet – 95 Myakka ES: **12 (13%) Yes**, **40 (42%) Maybe**, 43 (45%) No
  - In-Person – 79 Vineland ES: **37 (47%) Yes**, **21 (27%) Maybe**, 11 (14%) No
  - In-Person – 6 Island School: **4 (67%) Yes**, **2 (33%) Maybe**, 0 No
- III. Looking at the data collected above, we would only have a **potential 58 students that would consider registering for band in 6<sup>th</sup> grade if it remained an elective**. We have a potential 126 that said yes or "maybe". In conclusion, the data shows that **if we offer Beginning Band as an exploratory class with the option to continue, our band numbers will likely more than double**.
  - This information has been shared with administration. Using a Google Form that will be posted to the school website (not yet posted), students will have a 1-4<sup>th</sup> choice for exploratory classes. Administration plans to fill two sections of Beginning Band with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice ranks for the first semester of 2021 up to 88 (44 per class). In December, parents will sign off if they want their child to continue with band as an elective.

b) BGWC Grant Request

- I. Mr. Ostrow met with the board on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 8am and requested the following in order of importance:
  - Copy machine service and maintenance fee, \$1,400
  - Band Trailer, \$5,500
  - Percussion Mobile Workstation, \$1,395
  - Percussion Tour Box, \$1,795
  - Jazz Fronts, \$600
    - Total of \$10,690
- II. A letter and a check are often received in April or May. Mr. Ostrow will let the board know and ask Mrs. Mortensen to purchase the requested items ASAP.

3) New Business

a) Board Voting

- I. Review the Bylaws for each position
- II. Vote for Positions
  - President
    - Veronica Grannan nominated. Passed.
  - Vice President
    - No one nominated.
  - Secretary
    - Jen Heeg nominated. Passed.
  - Treasurer
    - Kathy Mortensen nominated. Passed.
- III. Vote for Committees

- Communications Coordinator
- IV. Outgoing board members will be thanked and incoming board members will be recognized at our Spring Concerts. Both outgoing and incoming boards should also plan on attending our last meeting in May. At this final meeting we will organize and discuss:
    - Performances and Events for the 2021-22 School Year.
    - Summer preparation for school opening in August.
- b) Spring Concert
    - I. Boosters to help:
      - Show parents where their seats are located.
      - Decorate the stage (before 5pm if possible)
      - Help Mr. Ostrow set up the stage (4:30-5pm)
    - II. Mr. Ostrow needs a parent to haul the trailer to and from LBHS for each concert. Meet Mr. Ostrow at 3:30pm at the trailer.
      - Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>
      - Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>
    - III. Mr. Ostrow, LAMS principal, and Mr. Eyrich will work the script.
      - The script will be sent to the board for review.
    - IV. Mr. Ostrow will create the program.
      - We will print a paper program and ask for donations/sponsors with an envelope.
      - The program will be sent to the board for review.
    - V. Mr. Bunnens will oversee the students in the black box theater.
    - VI. Students will be able to rent to own instruments at the beginning band concert as early as 5:30pm.
    - VII. The students have a check list of their responsibilities.
  - c) Purchase Requests:
    - I. 2 Directors Award Plaques <https://store.theinstrumentalist.com/product/director-s-award-for-band-student-award/>
    - II. 2 Jazz Award Plaques <https://store.theinstrumentalist.com/product/herman-student-award/>
    - III. 8 Musicianship Certificates <https://store.theinstrumentalist.com/product/musicianship-certificate/>
    - IV. 8 Merit Certificates <https://store.theinstrumentalist.com/product/merit-certificate/>
- 4) Good of the Order?
    - a) NA
  - 5) Closing Time
    - a) 6:52pm
  - 6) Next Meeting Date/Time/Place
    - a) Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Band Room