

L.A. Ainger Band Boosters

5/12/2021

LAMS Band Room

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

Other Parents Present: Amanda McGinty (Outgoing Communications Coordinator), Melissa Cantrell (Wesley's mom), Lisa Aaronson (Lily's mom), Tina McAskill (Samantha's mom)

Meeting Called to Order at 6:01pm

1) Treasurer(s) Report

a) Treasurer(s) Report

- I. Booster Account: \$11,277.84 as of 5/7/2021– EB&T
 - II. Trip Account: \$1,434.36 as of 5/7/2021- EB&T
 - III. Funds Raised last month:
 - \$10,690 – Boca Grande Woman's Club Grant
 - \$2,575 – Spring Concert Donations and Sponsors
 - Sponsors:
 - Donations:
 - IV. Purchases last month:
 - The Instrumentalist (Band Awards) - \$292
 - Amazon (misc. band room supplies) - \$296.58
 - Cadence Music - \$273.50
 - Dennis Mikell (Sound and Lights at Spring Concerts) - \$100
 - Black Box Theater Chaperones for Spring Concerts - \$100 (2 Teachers (Melissa A/Mike B), \$50 each)
 - 2 Percussion Cabinets (BGWC Grant) - \$3265.68
 - TOTAL April expenditures: \$1,341.68
 - V. Other:
 - Florida Exemption Certificate has been renewed through 5/31/2026
 - We still need to order a band trailer and jazz fonts to complete the BGWC grant
- b) Internal School Band Account
- I. Referendum Account: \$0
 - II. Announced that we will have \$15,000 July 1st for the Band Program at LAAMS.
 - Reviewed budgeted items by CCPS including instrument cleaning and maintenance, music, busing, and MPA's.

2) Old Business

a) BGWC Grant Request

- I. Mr. Ostrow met with the board on March 26th 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
 - Our full grant was approved and a check has been received!
 - We have already ordered and received the percussion workstation and tourbox.
 - Mr. Ostrow will get with Ms. Mortenson to order the remaining items.
- II. Ms. Heeg sent the BGWC board a thank you card!

b) Spring Concert

- I. Good
 - It was great!
- II. Bad
 - The decorations disappeared between concerts! They have still not been located.
 - At the next winter and spring concerts, we will take down decorations between concerts and store them in the booster room.
 - We will need to buy new decorations!
 - Ms. Mortenson can purchase \$100 in decorations of her choice.

3) New Business

a) Recruitment, 6th Grade Registration

- I. Currently posted at <https://www.yourcharlotteschools.net/lam> on the homepage.
 - Our Band FAQ's were mailed to students and parents of children that showed interest in taking band.
 - Mr. Ostrow's wife made a recruitment video that will be played at the elementary schools and is currently in the Preference form.
 - Students have 4 choices in 6th grade: Art/Steam, Computers, Beginning Band, PE
 - As of today:
 - 32/88 students placed band as their 1st or 2nd choice
 - 48/88 students placed band as their 1-3rd choice
 - 39/88 did not select band at all
 - Anticipating 200, 6th graders next year. Goal of 88 in Beginning Band!

b) Retention

- I. Exit slips were completed and exit interviews were conducted after the Spring Concerts:
 - Only 20/42, or 48% of 8th graders are continuing with band in High School.
 - Articulation into the LBHS band continues to be an issue even though marching band is no longer mandatory.

- Mr. Eyrich is hosting a Freshmen Band Orientation and Parent Meeting on Saturday, May 22nd.
 - 44/44, or 100% of 7th graders have opted to continue.
 - 38/41, or 93% of the 6th graders have opted to continue.
 - The three that did not are all in the same family.
 - II. A letter was sent home for parents to complete to show communication that the parents approve of their child playing X instrument in X band next year. In addition, parents of students still using core instruments have been asked to rent to own or purchase their own instrument so that next year's exploratory beginning band students will have instruments.
 - c) May Exams
 - I. Students will be taking their band exams early as they are performance based and school instruments will need to be returned the last week of school during exams.
 - Students will perform their scales for chair and ensemble placement as we begin to return to normal!
 - d) Performances and Events for the 2021-22 School Year
 - I. Review the proposed calendar. It is now posted on <https://www.aingerband.org/calendar.html>
 - Rehearsals
 - BB (2), IB (2), AB (5)
 - Performances
 - BB (2), IB (2), AB (5), JB (5), PE (4)
 - The LBPAAC has been requested for booking on the proposed dates.
 - District MPA's
 - All State Auditions in September
 - Solos and Ensembles on two separate dates
 - Ensembles in February
 - Solos in April
 - Jazz MPA in February
 - Concert MPA in March
 - Social Events
 - Pizza Social/Basic Training
 - Lock-in/Rehearsathon
 - Universal Trip for 7th and 8th grade band students (no performance and on a Saturday)
 - 2 Park Pass (Group Pricing, 10 Adults)
 - Go to park without a performance!
 - Fundraisers
 - Sponsors (Continue through September 1st)
 - 6th grade Beginning Band parents might want to sponsor the band.
 - Students sized and t-shirts ordered after September 1st.
 - To be handed out at the Parent Pizza Social in August.
 - Pledge to Practice with All Bands in September
 - Yankee Candle in October
 - FAME Festival in November
 - Boca Parade in March
 - e) Summer preparation for school opening in August.
 - I. The week of June 1-4th, Students will be asked to return:
 - School instruments
 - Take-home instruments (Tubas, euphoniums, and horns) to the front office.
 - To be cleaned and repaired over the summer.
 - SRO to acquire if not returned.
 - Band Method Books (Sound Innovations)
 - \$10 if not returned
 - Band Polos
 - Will need to be washed.
 - Clip-on Tuners
 - IB/AB only.
 - \$15 if not returned.
 - f) Purchase Requests:
 - I. Complete the BGWC. Trailer and Jazz Fronts.
 - II. We will need to buy new decorations!
 - \$100 approved.
 - g) Vacant Positions
 - I. VP - Kathy Mortensen nominated Melissa Cantrell. 2nd was McAskill. Passes.
 - II. Committees
 - Communications Coordinator
 - Melissa Cantrell nominated Lisa Aaronson. 2nd was Kathy Mortensen. Passes.

4) Good of the Order?

 - a) Kudos to Mr. Ostrow and the board for surviving this year and doing really well!
 - b) Thank you for the boosters for helping get us there!

5) Closing Time

 - a) 7:29pm

6) Next Meeting Date/Time/Place

 - a) Wednesday, August 4th at 6pm in the Band Room