

L.A. Ainger Band Boosters
8/29/2019
6pm, LAAMS Band Room

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

Other Parents Present: Andie Hill (Communications Coordinator), Bethany Ramirez-Lopez

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00pm

1) Treasurer(s) Report

a) Treasurer(s)

I. Booster Account: \$8317.38 as of 08/29/2019

- In addition to our approved purchases from the last meeting, we purchased accessories for students in need.
- Mrs. Christian reached out to Venwood and inquired about the missing Woody Herman Jazz Award Plaque. \$42.50 owed to Venwood.

II. Trip Account - \$1293.57

b) Internal School Band Account

I. \$1,571 for Repair and Maintenance, Account ID 7200.

- Removed and not able to use.

II. \$2,500 for Repair and Maintenance from the Reynolds Arts Grant, Account ID \$29300

- Removed per Ellen Harvey and not accessible.
- Mrs. Harvey plans to use the money to help music teachers and students with the FMEA convention.

III. \$8,493.60 (*this number is not accurate*) from the Referendum. To be used to purchase new instruments and repair and maintenance. Mr. Ostrow is working to request this account can be used for purchasing instrument lockers to replace the black lockers in the band room.

- We spent \$5,756.40 on brass summer repairs at Cadence Music.
- We spent around \$750 for woodwind summer repairs from Larry Mynett.
- Mr. Ostrow also purchased lyres and flip folders for AB as well as some other needed accessories.
- This number will be updated at the next meeting after invoices have cleared.

2) Old Business

a) Scheduling for 2019-20

I. 3 beginning bands, intermediate band, advanced band, and jazz band.

- As of 8/1, the front office scheduler reported 65 currently in beginning band, 44 in intermediate, 55 in advanced, and 32 in jazz band.
- As of 8/29 we currently have 82 (+17) in beginning band, 50 (+6) in intermediate band, 52 in advanced band (-3), and 28 (-4) in jazz band.
 - Our recruitment efforts at open house resulted in gains in most classes.
- Mr. Ostrow also directly recruited 7th graders in period 2 Home Economics, and 6th graders in period 6 and 7 art. This was a one for one swap and did not affect any of the core classes. Mr. Ostrow will definitely do this every year.
 - Mr. Ostrow only recruited students for instruments that were low (trombone, percussion, and trumpet) after the Instrument Test Drive.

b) Band Parent Pizza Social

I. We had lots of parent volunteers on the laptops. The google forms are also posted on the website and we can send a Remind if we are short on volunteers for an event.

- Andie will work with Mr. Ostrow to find out what he needs for each event, then she will contact the volunteers and tell them what to do.

II. Other pizza count – 28 were purchased and we could have used more.

c) Instrument Test Drive and Basic Training

I. Most students attended both events. All but two students now have instruments and all of their accessories.

II. We have achieved a balanced band with:

- 11 flutes, 21 clarinets, 6 altos, 11 trumpets, 6 horns, 9 trombones, 3 euphoniums, 6 tubas, and 8 percussionists.
- III. Recommendations for next year:
- Have a refreshments table by the stage and near the Teacher's Lounge
 - Stagger start time or provide clearer expectations on wait time for parents
 - Hire at least two clarinet clinicians and maybe one more closer for the Teacher's Lounge
- 3) New Business
- a) Band Night at LBHS for AB
- I. Andie is working with the volunteers.
 - Needed Thursday at 4:45pm
 - Needed Friday at 5:15pm
 - II. Mr. Ostrow ordered a bus and acquired sousaphones from VMS.
 - III. Mr. Eyrich is getting shirts for band students! Thank you Andie for sizing the kids!
 - IV. We will use Booster Volunteer Lanyards for Parents.
 - Kathy Casale has them.
 - V. We need to bring some cases of water.
 - VI. Trailer hauler – Walter Fisher
 - Pick up on Thursday at 5pm.
 - Return Friday after the game.
- b) Pledge to Practice for IB/AB
- I. We need to make envelopes. Making 100
- c) Sponsor Drive for All Bands
- I. Thank you letters and a picture of the band needs to be mailed or delivered to last year's sponsors. We will include the new sponsorship form if they want to help out this year again.
 - II. Sponsorship Forms were handed out at the Parent Pizza Social. Few were received.
 - III. We need boots on the ground...
- d) Middle School All State Band and Middle School All State Honor Band
- I. The first is by audition, the second is by nomination. If we do not have a student make the AS Band, one of them will be selected by the state committee to be in the AS "Honor" Band.
 - II. Auditions will take place in the morning of Saturday, September 21st at LBHS.
 - III. We have four students that have been registered and paid.
 - Lauren F – Percussion, Sarah C – Bassoon, Alex H – Clarinet, and Hunter A - Horn
 - IV. The students will meet with Mr. Ostrow every Monday beginning at 8am. If they are not ready by the audition, they will not audition.
 - V. Mr. Ostrow needs the boosters to renew his membership in FBA. **APPROVED**
- e) Universal Studios EOY Advanced Band Trip – Disney is lined up as a backup
- I. See the newsletter from the last time we attended Universal.
 - II. The Booster VP and/or Treasurers will contact Universal Studios and All Around Charters (1 bus for 55) and see if we can book a date for an early morning or late evening performance and a day in BOTH parks.
 - Aim for Friday, April 3rd
 - Use the example newsletter to work out pricing and due dates.
 - Check out food plan option for pricing
- f) 5/3 Bank – not a fan, unnecessary issues
- I. Mrs. Christian will interview local banks to see who offers the best services – Preference Englewood bank and trust
- 4) Good of the Order?
- a) Mr. Ostrow needs help moving sousaphones into the band room! - Done
 - b) 86" flat screen still needs to be installed and must be done by county tech person. Perhaps it wasn't installed due to Hurricane Dorian's near arrival?
 - c) Backpack racks – Mr. Ostrow will meet with the treasurers and purchase wood from Home Depot, Walter to get locking washers.
 - d) Jazz Deck on wall in Jazz room – Matt Grannan will finish hanging on the wall.
- 5) Closing Time:
- a) 7:29pm
- 6) Next Meeting Date/Time/Place
- a) Thursday, 10/03/2019 Beginning at 6:00pm.