

L.A. Ainger Band Boosters  
9/2/2021  
6pm, LAAMS Band Room

**Board Members Present:** Tim Ostrow (Band Director), Veronica Grannan (President, had Open House for her Students), Melissa Cantrell (VP), ~~Jen Heeg (Secretary)~~, Kathy Mortensen (Treasurer)

**Other Parents Present:** Lisa Aaronson (Communications Coordinator)

Meeting Called to Order at 6:06pm

1) Treasurer(s) Report

a) As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

I. General Account: \$10,474.22

- The band trailer has not been paid as of yet.
  - Total cost of \$6,778
  - LBHS Band Director has offered to submit a check for the difference above the \$5,500 from the BGWC grant. A check has not been submitted for the difference yet.
- From our August booster sponsor drive, we have received \$2,860 in donations including:
  - 2 (\$500) Maestro
  - 6 (\$200) Performing Artist
  - 7 (\$100) Principal Player
  - 2 (\$50) Patron of the Arts
    - Please include sponsors from the April Spring Concerts.

II. Trip Account - \$1,434.46

b) Internal School Band Account

I. \$5,954.22

- Mr. Ostrow is looking into purchasing a piano and drum cart. Both will be on wheels so that the jazz band can move instruments in and out of the floor space in the back room. The percussion ensemble is very large (26 students) and we will need the space to fit them!
- When this account runs dry, the boosters will pay for basic things like instrument repairs and busing. Mr. Ostrow wants to clear this account before December so that the county doesn't try to move it around to other departments.

2) Old Business

a) Band Handbook Contracts

I. Some parents preferred a paper copy of the Handbook Contract.

- Lisa will plug Handbook Contracts into the Google Form.
- Mr. Ostrow will check the Google Form for completion and mark them complete in FOCUS. Parents will be contacted by Mr. Ostrow if they have not been turned in.
- This form is used for any before/after school and off campus events for reference in addition to bus travel forms.

b) Band Parent Pizza Social

I. What went well?

- The pacing was great!
- We got a ton of volunteers and donations/sponsors

II. What's in need of improvement?

- We need to order more pizza. We ordered 22 and then another 22 pizzas and have 180 in the band.

c) Beginning Band Basic Training

I. What went well?

- 90+% of students attended.
- Having two clarinet teachers helped
- Ms. Cantrell helping
- All of the clinicians showed up!

II. What's in need of improvement?

- The pizza came too late!
  - We need more paper plates!
- d) Band polos were returned washed.
- I. Thank you to Ms. Cantrell and Ms. Mortensen who each took two boxes to clean.
- e) Beginning Band Instrumentation:
- I. Students used the Jupiter testing kits and balloons to practice producing a sound and forming an embouchure. In the first week and a half, we reviewed the core and pathway instruments. Then students were asked to pick their top two instruments and test on them with Mr. Ostrow. Mr. Ostrow put a movie on and called them to the back room to do small group auditions on each instrument using the test kits. Students were then recommended to play the best of their two picks. A handful of students insisted on their second pick.
  - II. Of the 95 Beginning Band students:
    - 13 Flutes, 25 Clarinets, 22 Trumpets, 18 Trombones, 3 Euphoniums, and 12 Percussionists
      - If all students were to stay in band in January:
        - 13 Flutes would become 11 Flutes and 2 Oboes
        - 25 Clarinets would become 17 Clarinets, 6 Altos, 2 Bassoons
        - 22 Trumpets would become 16 Trumpets and 6 Horns
        - 18 Trombones would become 12 Trombones, 3 Euphoniums, and 6 Tubists
        - Percussion would stay the same!
      - Please note, Mr. Ostrow will need more tubas and intends to ask FAME.
    - In 7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade, all wind players have the option to join percussion ensemble.
    - 7/8<sup>th</sup> Graders - Jazz band is by audition and is based on their December and May Exam scores.

### 3) New Business

- a) Band T-shirts for 2021-22 (Sponsor Shirts)
- I. Every student in the band program will receive a black band shirt with an orange and white logo on the front with sponsors on the back.
  - II. Students were sized for Band t-shirts during class. We need to order:
    - Small
    - Medium
    - Large
    - XL
    - 2XL
  - III. Mr. Eyrich, Band Director at LBHS, has been sent our students shirt sizes for the Advanced Band and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Percussion Ensemble members. He intends to purchase special "Future Marching Mantas" t-shirts for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for our joint performance at a football game in early October.
- b) All State Students
- I. We had 7 students that were interested in auditioning for All State this year.
    - 2 never showed for the Monday morning rehearsals.
    - Of the 5 students, Mr. Ostrow believes that 2 are more prepared than the rest.
    - Parents, Mr. Ostrow, and Mr. Harvey have received and signed participants contracts.
      - Kathy will need to send a check for \$50 (\$25/student) to our FBA district chairperson tomorrow, Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> along with the forms.
- c) Middle School Band Night at LBHS for AB and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade PE
- I. Review the Newsletter:
  - II. Lisa is working with the volunteers.
    - Needed Thursday at 4:45pm-7p:30pm
    - Needed Friday at 5:15pm to the end of the game.
    - We will use Booster Volunteer Lanyards for Parents. They are in the booster room.
  - III. Other
    - Mr. Eyrich has asked us to provide water for Thursday and Friday for our students.
    - The LBHS Band will purchase our students pizza for the rehearsal on Thursday.
    - We need to use our trailer to pick up 5 sousaphones from VMS from Mr. Ackroyd.
      - Lisa will contact someone to pick up the sousaphones from Venice MS the week of Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please return them after the game to VMS.
    - Trailer hauler – Lisa to Contact
      - Pick up on Thursday at 5pm. (Battery percussion, sousaphones, water)
      - Return to Ainger Friday after the game.

- The sousaphones can be returned at a later date.
  - d) Pledge to Practice for IB/AB/PE
    - I. We need to make envelopes. Making 100.
  - e) October Fundraiser
    - I. Contact Yankee Candle
      - <http://yankeecandlefundraising.com/>
      - We have 180 Individual Band Students that we need Candle Order Forms for.
      - Look into see if they are operating.
    - II. 70% will go towards the Universal Trip in May.
    - III. 30% will go towards the General Account.
- 4) Good of the Order?
  - a) NA
- 5) Closing Time:
  - a) 7:39am
- 6) Next Meeting Date/Time/Place
  - a) Wednesday, October 6 at 6pm.