

LREBB General Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2019

- Location: LRHS Band Hall

In Attendance:

- See sign in sheet attached.
- Quorum *was* established.
- Meeting Called to Order by Scott Hargrave at 7:01 pm.

Agenda Approval

Approval of the Agenda was motioned by Nancy Castellanos, and seconded by Cass Mortimer. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the minutes read by Nanette Thompson. Motion made by Nancy Castellanos, and seconded by Cass Mortimer. Motion carried.

Budget and Finance

Please see budget by Jennifer Brandt attached. Note amendments reducing the carnival and carry over balance.

Treasurers Report

Please see treasurer's report by Paula Speece that is attached.

LRHS Band Fee Update

- Total past due balances of \$8814.33 total since 2016
- Considering ways to address the problem of not paying fees. Possibility of using a collection agency. Those who have moved and graduation will probably be a write off. Pay off schedule is proposed for the rest, and possibly a company that can handle the collection of fees for us. Jennifer Brandt made a call into the Cash America corporate office. Not sure if this is something they would be willing to do, i.e. working with schools. We are waiting to hear back from them to learn more.
- At registration for the 2019-2020 year the families that have an outstanding balance will be asked to pay their past balance before they pay for this upcoming year. Since they didn't honor the payment plans for previous years, we are asking for at least 50% down payment. Jennifer Cass said that this is a small majority of families. Most families have paid. The possibility of "fines" in skyward were discussed. The idea of student activity funds paying into these unpaid amounts etc. were also discussed. Another idea was implementing scholarships for families that honestly cannot pay. This would be something that our scholarship committee would need to look into. Jennifer Brandt did point out that these people have received an invoice on a monthly basis, and most of them have never contacted

us regarding payment. Laura Miller even personally called all of them with still no response.

2019-2020 Registration

- For the upcoming year our new payment plan is 50% down, 25% paid by September 15th and the remaining 25% on October 15th.
- The fee schedule for this upcoming year is available. Jennifer Brandt worked with Mr. Bonebrake and our form will be a little different. The form will be front and back and include fees for both the band boosters and Mr. Bonebrake. Two checks will need to be brought for registration. One for the Band Boosters and one for Mr. Bonebrake. On the back is an area for woodwinds, brass, percussion, and color guard. Both required purchases and as needed purchases will be listed. Questions can also be asked on the 3rd at registration.
- An explanation about F3 for our freshman parents was discussed.
- Juguzzi's were also discussed. Explaining what they are and if they want a jug in the stands during games then these are needed.
- Volunteer polo's were also discussed.

Audit Committee Update

Nancy Castellano's and Cass Mortimer reported that there was:

- Beginning balance of \$28,129.33
- Total received was \$211,896.17
- Total dispersed \$220,037.62
- Final balance of \$19,987.88
- Outstanding balance was \$10,105.55
- Recommendations were to make deposits more promptly. For example 72 hours. Also, a check register was not printed out so they couldn't check to see if some checks were cleared.

Fundraising Updates

- Music Alley Festival on September 7th – Since we are having the beer booth instead of food no chair person is needed. We just need 24 volunteers. All volunteers must be TABC certified. It's \$10.99 online and takes about 2 hours. Mr. Bonebrake asked that we do not wear anything Lake Ridge or band related. They will donate \$500 dollars to us, we sell beer bands for \$1 each and keep the profit plus tips. Certification is good for 2 years.
- Krispy Kreme- We will presell donuts for \$10 a box and we get \$5 per box. We will sell for 2 weeks and then deliver. Last year we made about \$500. Forms money are collected upfront and needs to be turned in by August 6th. Nancy Castellanos will be up at the school selling collecting money. Mr. Castellanos and Jennifer Brandt will pick up the donuts and deliver them to the school.

Volunteering

- We need several volunteers. Signups will be listed on the website. We will have a morning shift and an afternoon shift.
- Christi would love to hear from each of the chair persons with how many volunteers they want/need so she can list that on our website.
- Every time you volunteer you will earn a point to work off your \$75. Each time you volunteer you will sign in with the appropriate chair for that position.
- Donations of water snacks can also earn points towards the \$75.
- Anyone that would like to volunteer, needs to do an MISD background check. This background check has to be done every year.
- Christi will be making badges for the volunteer parents. Upcoming volunteer opportunities available are registration, DCI viewing party, and of course our first game.
- Christi will post the volunteer opportunities on a weekly basis.

Registration/Uniform Fitting on August 3rd

- Spirit Wear will be available for \$12-\$15
- Payment plans-100% of any past balance. Then 50% on the 3rd, 25% on September 15th and the remaining 25% on October 15th. You can also of course pay 100%.

F3 Meal Scanning

- New app to scan the student's ids to track the usage and make sure they are getting their food etc. Need to check with school admin to see if we can get the student id numbers. We will use their ids to check the students in as they enter to eat. This will help speed up the process. This will also notify us of any special dietary needs.

Chair Positions for the 2019-2020 Year

1. Uniform Committee-Johanna Gutierrez/Kim Bair
2. Meals/F3- Nancy Castellanos
3. Water/Ice/Snacks- Jennifer Cass/Brandt
4. Prop Crew- Brian Van Brocklin
5. Pit/Trucks- Ernie Molina
6. Nurse Committee- Roxanna Hargrave
7. Spirit Wear- Jennifer Brandt/Nanette Thompson
8. March-a-thon- Kim Bair
9. Musicfest Committee- Need 24 volunteers
10. Spirit Nights- Sarah Stevenson
11. Colorguard/Winterguard- Jennifer Cass/Paula Speece
12. Banquet- Jennifer Brandt/Cass
13. Fundraising/C. Sponsorships- Tracy Loredo
14. Scholarships- Shawna Williams
15. Jazz Dinner Dance- Colleen Koettel

Kona Ice/What's the Scoop

Margo Conrad explained that every other week through September on the last day of practice each week.

Meet the Band Night on August 23rd

- Parent Meeting will happen first.
- In-N-Out Burger tickets will be sold ahead of time for dinner that night. It will be \$5 for a burger, chips, and a drink. They bring a food truck and prepare the food onsite. They give us 75% of the ticket sales, and then they give 25% back to their charity. We will sell tickets on the 15th, 16th, and the 19th.
- The Band and Sectional performances happen after the meeting and dinner. An explanation of what this was described for the new parents.

New Business

- Ernie Molina is looking into signage for our trucks and any support pickups so we can get in and out of stadiums etc. easier. 3 vendors were contacted about making 18x24 magnetic signs. \$584.99 to \$252.10 were quoted. Ernie also got a quote for window decals. They ranged from \$17.34 to \$1200 for the largest one. A two day turn around will be required. The idea of flags were also presented.
- Remind our messaging app, is beginning to charge for large groups over 149 people. We need to find another type of communication or we have to pay for Remind. Currently we have around 800 people signed up. The fee is \$1250 for the year. It was presented that we can use the money we earn from Musicfest to pay for this fee. Nancy C. motioned for us to pay for from our band fees. Kim Simpson seconded and motion was carried. A budget amendment will need to be made for this at our August meeting.
- Kroger reward cards. Please attach your card to our band account and on a quarterly basis they will send us money. Market Street may be starting this soon as well. Jennifer Brandt and Christi McInnis passed out information. The new year for this starts on August 1st. Forms will be available at registration.
- Amazon Smile- If you use this on Amazon.com and click on lake ridge band we get free money for shopping on amazon and you can still use your amazon prime benefits.
- Car wash cards are still available to sell. It's good for 30 days on one vehicle. You can use as the card as much as you want for 30 days. The cards are \$10 each. The 30 days starts the first day you use it. Jennifer Brandt has them and will sell until they are gone.
- A question about the \$75 for volunteer points. You earn them for volunteering and in the event that someone does not earn them you would receive an invoice at the end of the year.

Meeting was adjourned by Scott Hargrave at 8:32pm.

A motion for this was made by Cass Mortimer and it was seconded by Christi McInnis. Motion was carried. Our next meeting will be on August 6th at 7:00pm at LRHS Band Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Full Band Camp Begins(7/25-8/2)- 7:00am to 4:30

- Eaglet Camp (8/1)-5:30-7:30
- Snap Fundraiser Begins (8/2)
- Registration/Uniform Fitting (8/3)- 8:00-7:00
- Full Band Afternoon Rehearsals (8/5-8/8)- 5:00-8:30
- Dunk Tank (8/9)
- Full Band Day Rehearsal (8/9) 7:00-3:00
- DCI Finals Watching Party (8/10) 5:00-10:00
- Full Band Day Rehearsals (8/12 & 8/13)- 7:00-12:00
- After School Marching Rehearsals Begin (8/14) 3:45-6:15
- Meet the Band Night (8/23) 7:30pm
- Home Game vs. OK Tulsa @ Vernon Newsom (8/30) 7:00pm
- Monday September 3rd Labor Day Holiday