

Upbeat Club Notes: October 16, 2012

(Meeting held after Freshman concert.)

President Sue Tanner called the meeting to order at 7:58pm.

Minutes read. Lori moved, Dawn seconded. Minutes approved.

Costs below budget so far this year. Donations to Tag Day are currently at Matching gifts can be submitted to

\$1000 from an anonymous donor for scholarship; \$1700 made on the parking fundraiser.

Director's comments:

- Awesome trip to Cedar Point. Thanks to Miriam Kassem and Malinda Anderson for organizing.
- Grand Champions at all 3 competitions attended. Scored out of 300 points 260 then 270 then 279.3 at Perkins. Skyline time is 280. Buckeye Invitational was 274. Will figure out when Skyline dinner is.
- Rehearsal is Thursday. Will practice at Freshman School because we cannot get in Stadium.
- Anderson is in afternoon; will be home early evening.
- No rehearsal on following Tuesday, rehearse Wednesday and Thursday, then East West game. Both bands will perform at half-time.
- Concert is Nov 1st in gymnasium; then will either be done or be ready for play-offs.
- We are one of few bands that have marching bands and concert bands going simultaneously.
- Winds from Ohio University were here to work with our bands today. Clinic planned with our students on Friday.
- Honor band try-outs are important.
- Solo and Ensemble will be hosted by Lakota West.
- Trip from Macy's
- Committee to pick new uniforms are Mr. Snyder, Mr. Chumley, and Mr. Racic. Final draft will probably be on line in next couple weeks. Fire theme in red and silver etc. Have saved up over \$100,000 for new uniforms. Will get all kids fit in either December or January. Will need a deposit for students that will be in Marching Band at this point so we order the correct number. Are not ordering a zillion because concerned about future of band programs with not starting 6th graders last year, losing 9 band directors, and numbers down due to 6th period day.
- Leaving Monday, November 25, miss school Monday and Tuesday. Will see a Broadway show, Rockettes, go to ground 0, statue of liberty. Worst part of trip is they have every band rehearse in front of Macy's between 2am and 6am on Thanksgiving morning. Will do sound light check, run show, and then go back to buses and take a nap. Then will have a Thanksgiving Dinner. Will get on buses Friday evening, bus through night and get back Saturday morning. Will keep it under \$1000. May have a followers trip if enough people want to do this.
- Will have selected chaperones (1:10, 1:8); the followers package will parallel this but not be with the band the time.

- Have to find out how they handle seats for band parents for the parade. Will find out what we can do here.
- Will stay across river in New Jersey; don't know where yet. Mr. Snyder will be checking things out at Thanksgiving this year. Early December we should have finalized itinerary with all details and cost.
- Chaperone cost is same as student cost. Chaperones will receive a background check right up front per Lakota policy.
- When would payments start: Will have an official payment schedule; will have account set up and you can start paying early in smaller chunks if desired.
- Can I take my kid there the weekend before or keep them there the weekend after and stay later? Yes, will have to figure out the price breakdown.
- Assume they will take a picture of whole band at Macy's Parade, don't have details yet.
- Going to try to pick 3 musicals and let the students pick between them. Some things we will not go see.
- How many high school bands are picked? 11 bands are picked out of 260.
- Marching Band cost will be \$550; \$900 will be Macy's cost. Total cost for marching band will be \$1450.
- January deposit will be part of the \$550 cost for marching band. It will be nonrefundable.
- We are the only band program that has been to Midwest, the Rose Parade, and now Macy's. Last time we went to Rose Parade in 2008, it was really great. They would love for us to come back, but there are no guarantees. Mr. Snyder thinks if we apply next spring, we would find out a year from now if we were accepted for Rose Parade in 2015. The challenge is the cost will be at least \$2000. This will be Mr. Snyder's last year. If the majority of you want to do this, we will apply and see what happens. Please e-mail Mr. Snyder and let him know what you think. We will make a decision next spring.
- Record Tag Day – Net will exceed \$28,000, a new record. Thanks to all drivers and students who participated.
- Spirit Wear, please get your orders in! Let Laura know whenever we know what we want for spirit wear for Macy's. Request for magnets for bumper stickers. Michelle shared bumper stickers.
- Judy Donley shared the restart of Scrip cards. Judy will attempt to get 3 orders in before Christmas. All funds made will go to trip fund for the band. E-mail address on the web site to send your order in; send Judy a check or drop it off at her address. Purchase of scrip cards returns a certain percentage
- Video Crew: Thanks to all for help at last couple concerts, to Malinda for footage at Perkins, also have great footage from Ohio State.
- Should have been getting your DVD from last year in the mail. If you ordered one and haven't received it, please e-mail DVD@Lakotawest.com. (check)
- Trip accounts: These are new this year. Assuming we can cover the general expenses of the bands, we working to make money and put it in a general trip account that would be designated

for trip use. Scrip card proceeds will go into this account, as will some other possible fundraisers. These will be used to reduce the cost of the trips for everyone.

- Michelle has set up accounts in Charms so parents can start depositing money towards the trip. Both Branson and Macy's are set up with accounts. E-mail information will be posted on the web site on how to do this. If your child is a freshman, they will not have an account set up yet. Total requirements at this point are just estimates in order to enable you to access the payments.
- Bill Weatherwax scholarship for a cheerful volunteer who is always there; we have the plaque for the scholarship.
- Will have an update on Cedar Point next meeting.
- Will have a sale of uniforms in next 4-6 weeks through an online auction; even the uniform your child wore.
- Jazz Dance is coming up on Friday night, December 14.
- Requested that reword the letter Mr. Snyder sends out so includes that entire family will get in from free. Parents would have liked to walk down the grass for Senior night, did run out of flowers. We will learn and try to do better next year.
- Moved to close meeting, seconded, and adjourned.