

August 21, 2012 Upbeat Club Notes

- President Sue Tanner called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.
- Minutes from May 14 read and approved.
- Treasurer's report: \$20,000 ahead of expenses last year. Budget being entered for this year. Proceeds received for ATV, \$150 anonymous check, \$200 check for Harold Mylius volunteer hours from his work so off to a good start.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

- Mr. Snyder reviewed where the \$550 for Marching band goes and why we were not able to go to away to band camp this year. Last year district received \$150/student for transportation and director supplementals. This year, the \$550 had to cover all transportation and supplementals and all other expenses. In order to cover all the expenses, we are attending competitions closer to home and going to Dayton vs. Columbus for state competition.
- Marching band camp at home worked out very well this year. Hardest on parents. Harold and Malinda did a great job. Great food, bowling party was a great success, still talking about movie, students loved Beckett Ridge pool party. Students that attended lock-in had a really great time. Probably next year will do the lock-in on the Friday night of pre-camp. Students were healthier this year than other years.
- Freshman night will be all New York music.
- Will still be rehearsing Tuesday and Thursday nights; Thursday nights will be in the Stadium. For a few nights where there is a Freshman football game rehearsal will start later. Ricky Skaggs benefit concert for Hope House and Princeton Pike Church of God – Thursday October 4 – rehearsal will be after school that night vs. in the evening.
- Parent questions:
 - When will Macy's start being planned? Leave Monday Thanksgiving week; in NY all week. Mandatory rehearsal Wed night/Thurs morning at 3am in front of Macy's. Going to see Rockettes, Broadway show, drive back over night on Friday night and be back on Saturday. Price will be in \$800 range. Will be staying in Meadowlands or New Jersey. There will be some type of follower's package. The follower's group will do some of the same major events.
 - Is there a plan to do anything big the year after Macy's? It is possible that we could apply and likely get invited to Rose Parade but it will be an expensive trip due to the airfare cost – around \$2000/person. If band members and parents really want to go, this is something we could do. This is a decision we will have to make fairly soon – apply in April, be told if invited in November.
- The plan is to buy new Marching Band uniforms for next year. Will measure all students in the fall for next year; will be asking for a deposit.
- We are the only Ohio band ever to go to Rose Parade, Macy's, and Midwest!
- Still waiting on All-State Results. Hoping they will come out in next week or so.

- Have 3 concert bands at high school this year. Symphonic Winds meeting 4th period. Red and White will be meeting 5th and 6th periods, about 65 kids in each at this point. Red and White are even bands. Thrilled to be going to a 6 period day and maintaining our numbers.
- Winds will be taking a trip to Branson, MO over Spring Break. Leaving Monday, stop in St. Louis at Arch, then proceed to Branson and come back on Friday of Spring Break.
- Kroger Cards status: We will get the first check August 31, 2012. Suzanne will go to Freshman band parent meeting and talk it up, get people to sign up.
- Mattress Sale was August 18th; made \$2200 at the mattress sale – thanks to Suzie Bubash for leading the effort. Suzie will lead mattress sale again next year. They will do the drawing for the TV.
- Marching Band Funding:
 - Front line instruments: Have been borrowing instruments from the Freshman school but now the Freshman school needs them. Local drum corps will let us rent 3 additional instruments for front line for \$100/instrument/mo so total of \$600.
 - Need some microphone replacements to amplify the front line and the flute quartet ~\$500 in total.
 - Mr. Snyder requested \$1100 to cover these items. Agreed that this was covered under the \$1500 line item in budget.
- Had all attending introduce themselves.
- There will be 6th grade band this year. It is outsourced to Buddy Rogers; there will be an activity fee and will occur during the school day. Junior high band directors will be starting the 7th graders this year.
- 8th grade jazz band will be after the school day and will be at all the schools. It is a pay to play – somewhere around \$75
- There is a west freshman jazz band, directed by Stacey Pease. Taught at Adena for 14 years. Jazz band is 3rd period at the freshman school with Ms. Pease.
- Mr. Hartman will be doing 1st and 2nd periods jazz at the high school
- Freshman band will be about 15 students more than last year, which is encouraging. However it is less than hoped for due to the number of students going to private schools.
- Mr. Snyder and Mr. Chumley will be at the Freshman school 1st two periods.
- Freshman parent night is Monday, August 27 in the auditorium at the Freshman school as soon as the freshman parent night is over so roughly 8-8:15am start time. Will talk about the commitment that students will need to make regarding Macy's during this meeting. Tony will post this information.
- Freshman night is September 14. Students will be playing on Friday of this week. For freshman band night, on Thursday will ask kids for shirt size and will order based on this, then have students pay for them so have shirts for Tag Day and Freshman night. Shirts will be \$7. We will have parents there at Freshman parent night. Will need to update paypal for freshman students – approximately 20 students have already paid. Tony will update price to \$7.
- Will also have flip folders \$10/student and \$20/student for lyre & flip folder combination for flutes for sale on Freshman night.

- Still working on what Freshman band aids will do during the competition show.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Corporate Upbeat Club report (Peter Bartram): Role is to ensure we maintain 501-3C status and support music program overall working with the administration. Role is more active than in past given financial challenges with school. One outcome is a lot more collaboration between East and West. The Upbeat Club Corporation is now meeting quarterly and is updating the bylaws. Have seen more activity from the administration over the summer than in the past.

Tag Day – Have roughly 1/3 of needed drivers. E-mail blast sent out to all drivers from last year who still have students in band. Will recruit at Freshman band night and Silvers as well as put volunteer request up on website.

Spirit Wear – Lots of info up on website. Spirit wear can be ordered at anytime through the year.

Membership – Membership has been forwarding volunteer information to individuals as soon as membership forms are received.

Uniforms – Lori thinks she has everyone in a uniform. Trial run tomorrow. Individual pictures start at 12pm; Group picture is 1pm. Forms should have gone home. Need to decide if want to have a composite done. Moved, seconded, and approved that have a composite picture taken. Still have students that are paying for summer uniform; shoes will not be given out until payment for band camp and uniforms are current.

Band Camp – Was good, thanks to everyone to volunteered and helped.

Pit Crew – E-mail out for get acquainted meeting 6-7:30pm on Sunday at Andy Stewart's house. Purpose is get acquainted and to get clear on responsibilities, rules for competition, ordering of pit crew uniforms, etc. We really need pit crew members this year. Truck has just been fixed. Get information to Tony so get it up on website regarding need for volunteers. Pit crew will be talking about how we can cover on moving instruments on Tuesdays as needed and on Thursdays.

Cedar Point Trip chaperones – see Miriam Kassem if you wanted to chaperone for Cedar Point. The chaperones that are identified will be sent to Central Office for background checks and will be asked to show up during some designated times for background checks. The Upbeat Club will pay for background checks for chaperones.

Draft policy for background checks was reviewed. Upbeat Policy is always to have at least 2 students and 2 adults together however this is not always practical. The initial discussion has been that the persons who are most likely to be in a 1-1 situation with the students should be background checked. These individuals are 1) College staff for Marching Band 2) Uniform Chair and 3) Chaperones for overnight trips. It is proposed that all these background checks be paid for by Upbeat Club. If background check is done by an outside group (e.g. boy or girl scouts, other school district, etc) that documentation can be submitted to Lakota and reduce the associated cost.

Macy's cards – the Macy's cards for fundraising are to be used this Saturday.

Award plaques were updated over summer (John Philip Sousa, Kenworth award, OMEA competitions, etc.) have all been engraved over the summer.

Club moved, seconded, and approved the trip to Branson, MO for Winds in April 2013 in the \$600-700 range.

Club moved, seconded, and approved the trip to Macy's for the Marching Band in November 2013 in the \$800-900 range.

Bill Weatherwax Memorial Scholarship of \$500 has been created; a plaque for this will including prepaid engraving cost is \$271. Scholarship would be for a senior, awarded at the senior night in May for a cheerful servant for the band, always shows up, always goes the extra mile. Can be a member of any band; can be nominated by any Upbeat Club member. Kenworthy scholarship takes \$500 from Pancake Breakfast. This would be making a choice to take \$500 out of our fundraising. Scholarship moved, seconded, and approved. Motion for the plaques also moved, seconded, and approved. Sue will approach Bill's employer and see if they would be willing to subsidize. Memorial plaques for three parents passed away is also planned through high school.

Donated ATV has been sold for \$1500 via Craig's List, reducing our liability. We have been looking for a UTV for Marching Band. Menard's had them on sale with an 11% rebate, \$3500 cost including the merchandise credit. This is very needed given the golf cart is on its last legs. Painted red for free, now insured. Moved, seconded, and approved.

Spent \$2500 for Winds tuxes last year to reoutfit Winds prior to Midwest. Net, with sales of surplus tuxes, we are at least \$300 to the good. Current concert band uniforms for Red and White Bands are ~15 years old. With new Marching Band uniforms, we have the opportunity to leverage a quantity discount with uniform supplier.

We have options for what we do with current uniforms once they are replaced. They can be turned into pillows or can be sold via E-bay. East parents created pillows as a fundraiser, doing the sewing themselves; an outside company will do the sewing it for \$25/pillow. Lori could teach a team of people how to do this. East also sold shakos and plumes.

Other possible fundraisers:

We have the opportunity to another Dodge-like fundraiser with another dealer at some Lakota venue with a lot of traffic. Please start thinking about this, recognizing that we will need to get an event identified quickly.

Consider looking at concessions at the Dayton Dragons or Cincinnati Reds. Sue requested that club members do some research and bring it back.

Taste for Music: Harold is looking for opportunities in September and October. Smashburger ended up being \$250, thanks to our directors serving the burgers.

Moved, seconded and approved to adjourn.