

January 15, 2013 Upbeat Club Notes:

President Sue Tanner called to order at 7:36pm.

Treasurer's report:

- Band camp financials being finalized; ahead on that
- Paid \$140M for new uniforms. We ordered new red, white, marching band, hat boxes, parkas, shakos, plumes. They will look good. Uniform account balance is down to \$10,000.
- Payments for Macy's and trips are coming in daily. Please use charms vs. Paypal if at all possible as this will reduce effort and errors.
- Actively getting everything going on followers package and getting payments in and getting contracts approved

Director's report:

- Very pleased with the holiday concert.
- Hope to have new red and white uniform jackets in time for state contest.
- Fit 230 kids week ago Tuesday, hoping for 40 guard members so 270 kids.
- Leadership team meeting today; new silver trombones came in and new silver trumpets have come in.
- Coming up is honor band at Mason this weekend. More kids from Lakota West than any other school. Have about 100 kids in honor band.
- Ensemble recitals are on next week Monday night. We have around 100 ensembles – there is not another band in the state that have this many. We will also have around 200 solos.
- Students will know when they perform next week. Solo & Ensemble is on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Lakota West.
- High School bands will play Friday night and Freshman bands will play on Saturday.
- Will have schedule out next week for when we start in August.
- First football game will be Freshman night on September 7.
- East-West game is on November 1<sup>st</sup>; will have MB concert on 7<sup>th</sup>? Then two weeks into rehearsal and into Macy's.
- We will have Monday rehearsals at stadium, nothing on Tuesday except drumline sections and possible some other sections; then Wednesday night after school. Planning for Thursday night in the stadium – need to confirm this.
- Mr. Kutcheray is our student teacher – here is at West in mornings and Ridge in afternoons.
- Tryouts will be starting in middle of February, with band placement determined by end of February.

- May 31<sup>st</sup> is deadline for All State. Applications will all be online, so people are not sending in a CD this year. Mr. Snyder will have details in coming months.

Macy's spirit wear waiting on first order. Michelle will e-mail people when they come in. Still taking orders.

Fundraising: Suzie Bubash:

- Smashburger on January 30<sup>th</sup>. VOA location,
- Red Robin on February 20<sup>th</sup> from 11am until 10pm – get 10% of sales. If we can schedule kids to be at the door to hand out flyers so we pick up street traffic. A flyer is required – if parent volunteers are available will could make flyers available as well. Michelle to e-mail W-9 form to her. We can play outside if we want to. Can be indoors if have something small. Suzie to discuss with Mr. Snyder. They are open to us coming as often as we would like. Another Red Robin in May.
- McDonald's – Harold and Sue to talk later.
- Pancake Breakfast : Had first meeting. Ordering 2500 tickets to arrive next week. 320 students will get tickets (5/student). Will not send them to 60 MB only students. Will need to talk about a safety list for the kitchen. Need help from Malinda for this. Also want to develop a process for spills. People will be signing up through signup genius. The jazz agenda for the day is as follows: INSERT In touch with Dodge for drive a dodge event, hope for answer by next month. Planning to get a Kroger ticket sale morning, IKEA is also interested in supporting. Will have 30 vendors, 50 baskets. Will need people to help sell tickets. If anyone owns or works for a company that would like to make a donation for a basket, please contact Bill Hertz. Next pancake planning meeting January 24 at the library.
- Solo and Ensemble: Need monitors in rooms and volunteers. Once students have performance times, please encourage them to sign up on sign up genius for a in the room assistant or room monitor. Accessible through facebook, smart phone to web site, etc.
- Pillows have gone out to be made on measuring day – don't know exactly when they will be done, original timing was aFebruary. Sue will send e-mail when they come in. We made just over \$10,000 on sales of old uniforms.
- Guard auditions are coming up on February 4 and 6. Need to go to both nights – parent meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Anyone 8<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible. Tryouts are at Plains and are especially early for the Macy's trip.
- Community conversations signup is out there. Lakota West and East upbeat clubs are both hosting. Tuesday February 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup>. Can sign up. Board members, at least a few, attend.

- Exec board has decided to create a new position of purchasing agent/buyer who will help us get the best deals. This person will have Sam and Costco Clubs, know where to get best prices, and have tax free id info. Miriam Kassem has been appointed to this role. Objective is to buy low and sell high so maximize benefit to band. Makes it easier to finalize costs for events if you can get receipts in as quickly as possible.
- If you shop at Gordon Food Service, if you mention Lakota West Upbeat club, they will credit us for a certain percentage.
- Membership concern expressed regarding cost of trips. Discussed options for defraying costs of trips:
  - Working to do extra fundraising to defray cost of trips for everyone
  - Some kids can work but some kids are not old enough.
  - Floated “Rent-a-bird” idea of matching kids with band parents or band alumni who need help and creating a match where identified work, kids would need to get paid directly. To do this, we would need someone who is willing to set up a system.
  - We do have some scholarships for fees; West Chester Community Fund will provide participation fees for athletes only because the person designated them for athletics only. We do not have scholarships for trips; trips are not required.
  - Monica Siegert will talk with Suzie Bubash about Red’s game.
  - Rose Parade – still need to apply, would need to put it in this spring and this is not a done deal – but think if we apply we will be accepted due to favorable response to our 2008 performance.
  - Need ideas for new fundraising and people to run it.
- Going to keep schedule for band camp as last year except lock-in will be the Friday night of post camp week. Have the football schedule, do not have OMEA schedule.
- Dave Bubash motioned to adjourn; Laura Zajac seconded and the motion was approved..