

April 16, 2013

Upbeat Club Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order by President Sue Tanner at 7:32pm.

Minutes from last meeting read, motion to approve made, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

\$266,000 between 3 accounts – a lot of this is allocated to the trips. We have made \$34,000 this year. Actively working on budgets, have the district portion of the budget for next year done. Lot of monthly payments coming in for Macy's.

May Upbeat Club will be on Tuesday, May 28, instead of the 3rd Tuesday of the month (May 21st.) due to the freshman concert.

Mr. Snyder's Director's Report:

- Great trip to Branson, Mo. Thanks to Dave Bubash for leading trip. Band was commended as best band they have ever heard in Branson. Great weather, kids appreciated that not every minute of every day was scheduled.
- State contest is next week. Dr. Booth is coming to provide feedback, all 3 bands are playing well. State contest concert is next Monday.
- Curtis Holtgreffe and Julie Green are senior concerto winners
- Caitlin McVaugh and Nick Anderson are our new field commanders.
- Music in for fall show. Show will be West Side Story. Prologue, "Cool", and closing with "I Have a Love" and "Tonight". Meeting with drill-writer from California here.
- New marching band staff member, LW graduate, and a member of the Cavaliers staff for 4 years. James Harmon will be our visual staff. Tom Racic will be our percussion guy.
- Stay posted on district decisions re budgeting. Don't know final fee, but not likely to go up.
- Have kids trying out for All State by end of May.
- White band will change 2 out of 3 numbers and Red and Winds will change 3 out of 3 numbers whereas most bands change only one number for state contest.
- On Sunday, we will go to Lunken Airport for the movie filming.
- Mr. Snyder will meet with some Central Office staff later this week to work through plans regarding Macy's trip.
- Winterguard made 9th in the World out of 163 competing guards. Congrats on a top 10 finish!
- Last week was the percussion concert, and it was very good. Miami Steel Drum also performed.
- All kids are working hard and directors are very pleased.
- 14 bands in all of SW OH going to State contest. 5 of these bands will be from Lakota.

Winterguard: Worlds was a really big deal. Bellbrook beat Jamestown by 5/1000 of a point. 25 groups were within 4.3 points of each other. TriState circuit finished in 1st place and beat 2nd place by 3.5 points. Many of the groups were from California, Texas, Florida, etc. Good winter-guard season, and guard is excited about fall. 9 strong girls on leadership team working to make the fall season happen.

Mr. Chumley's Director's Report:

Spring concert will be a big blowout, 3 numbers with each band and 3 numbers with the combined band. We have a preliminary count on the number of kids signed up for Freshman band. We have 130 kids signed up for freshman band next year vs. 105 kids signed up this year. This is outstanding, especially with a 6 period day.

Mr. Kutcheray, student teacher, is very excited to be part of the Lakota West band program. He has been spending his mornings with Mr. Botdorf.

Fundraisers/Committee Chair Reports:

- **Pancake Breakfast:** Bob Roberts thanked all the people working on the pancake breakfast. Many positive comments about how well it was organized and ran. Ticket sales of 6141 and 6191 from market street and basket raffle. \$9300 total fundraising. We also received some nice press – #8 in top 10 things to do in West Chester, press with photos. Lot more tickets were sold up front this year. We served 1200-1300 plates. Very little left over. We do have a lot of coffee and sugar and salt. Band spirit booth made another \$450. We exceeded our budgeted amount even without the Dodge fundraiser. We already have Lebanon Ford signed up for next year – they will give up to \$6000. This is a verbal commitment.
- **Kroger Cards:** Suzanne Brunges is retiring as Kroger card chairperson. Last check received was \$3100. We need a replacement for Kroger card chairperson and need to start the annual re-registration push. Great that we stayed even with last year even with the changes in Kroger card funding. Can we get the marching band on the booster signup on the home page?
- **McDonald's:** Had our first McDonald's fundraiser this last Sunday. We get 15% of all transactions. They were disappointed that we didn't have more flow. We had 9 people working on it. Earned \$323+ from the 15% transaction, and \$276+ in tips. Next time is May 2, 6-9pm. Need to think of this as a Taste of Music and make sure we get people out. Would like to get groups playing, colorguard twirling. We do need to step it up during this period of time so it is a win-win for McDonald's as well as us.
- **Taste of Music** is at Uno's on Thursday, April 18. Another taste of music in May on Wednesday, May 29th at Red Robin's. Flier for Red Robin is downloadable.
- **Red's update:** Have between 30 and 34 people who volunteered. Only a few more people who have to go through the 5 hour training. Dave will send back list picking dates since games left to pick from are August and September. Will send out information. We are planning to just wear the Marching Firebirds red hat on the website. Dave ordered hats for all.
- Next meeting was scheduled for May 21st; we are going to move the meeting to May 28th due to the conflict with the Freshman spring band concert.
- Please send in baby and senior pictures in for senior slide show. Put your child's name on them and put them in the senior picture envelope on the board between Mr. Chumley and Mr. Snyder's office.
- Looking for nominations for Weatherwax Scholarship. This goes to a senior who volunteers whenever needed. Committee chairs, please send nominations in to Sue.
- Exec board has decided to mimic the West Chester Community Foundation process but not use West Chester Foundation to do the screening given the \$250 fee. One individual will remove all personally identifiable information, and then a separate committee will review the applications (with no personally identifiable information) and make the selections.
- We need to implement a trip cancellation policy. We contract with Gateway for a certain number of travelers. Cancellations after certain date result in Upbeat Club having to eat the cost of the cancelled trip. If travelers cancel past the due date, monies will not be refunded.
- Band participated in after-prom this year. We donated chips left over from Branson and the Stanbury sample pillow.
- We do not yet have a budget to share with you until we have a better understanding of the school final budget.
- Replacements for senioring-out parents needed for Kroger Cards, band photographer, and possibly DVD's.
- Trumpet soloist played Summertime at Branson with us and thought we were the best high school band he ever heard. He played the trumpet solo on the Walton's theme song.

- Need a freshman VP nomination still; this can be filled later.
- We have an opening on the ballot for treasurer. Can e-mail Sue or Malinda.
- Two people running for Vice President. Dave Bubash and Malinda Anderson are both running; Dave has one year left whereas Malinda has 6 years left.

Election results:

- President: Sue Tanner
- Vice President: Dave Bubash
- Secretary: Jill Trygier
- Will look for a freshman VP and treasurer.

Dawn moved to adjourn the meeting; Bob Roberts seconded and all approved.