

Lakota West Upbeat Club Meeting

February 18, 2013

President Sue Tanner called meeting to order at 7:31pm.

Minutes from last meeting read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Macy's payments coming for followers and students.
- Don't have how much we made in solo & ensemble yet.
- Have \$50,000 in checkbook; \$11,000 in savings. We have \$100,000 in another savings account with all the money flowing through, working to maximize interest.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Solo & Ensemble:

- Had a very successful solo and ensemble. Had about 300 events
- All state band weekend held.
- In the middle of auditions for concert bands. Had trumpets today, clarinets last week.

Marching Band

- Had auditions for color guard last week. Color guard is up from 32 last year to 47 for next year.
- We had 282 kids go out to Rose Parade and thought this was the biggest band ever. We have 283 students signed up for marching band. We are doing Lakota "West Side Story". Arranger is busy on tunes. We have the football schedule but do not have the OMEA schedule. We want to go back to Hamilton (keep our trophy permanently, take advantage of proximity and low cost). It is not our year for the Buckeye Invitational.
- We will leave early on the Monday morning before Thanksgiving for New York and have a week of great activity planned.
- Requesting kids sign up for whatever musical they would like to see during Macy's. They have a choice of Phantom of the Opera, Lion King, or Spiderman.
- We will have group pictures taken in 5 different venues including Times Square, Post Office after parade, on the parade square, from overhead on parade route, in front of statue of liberty. These will be available for parents to purchase.
- New uniforms will be dazzling with our new silver trumpets and silver trombones. Both trumpets and trombones are here.
- Request for equipment: We found a great deal on a marimba and set of 5 timpani that we can purchase through Carolina Crown. Timpani is \$9000 and marimba is \$5900. We would get these after the drum core season this summer. We have \$11,000 on the school fund from gate receipts that needs to be used on instruments. We will use this money on the Timpani. Ms. Sparks moved and Ms. VanArsdale 2nd that we purchase the marimba from Upbeat Club funds.
- We will also need to purchase cymbals for the pit players for next year.
- The administration doesn't want us in the stadium on Tuesday or Thursday when they are playing soccer. Our guard staff is also only available in the evenings. So our Marching band rehearsal schedule will be Monday night in the stadium. Tuesday will be a sectional day as needed after school. Wednesday will be after school in parking lot. On Thursdays, we cannot be in the stadium. Therefore, we are going to go over to Freshman school on Thursdays when the field is not available here. We will be able to leave trucks loaded for competition.
- We will have 4 competitions. The first football game of the year is a week later than this year; last game is November 1st. Concert on November 8 and then 2 extra weeks before Macy's.

Concert Band

- Next concert is March 4. Freshman concert is March 5. High school bands will perform 5ish, 7ish, 9ish. Freshman bands will perform on Saturday.
- Symphonic Winds will leave for Branson on April 1st.
- Interim grades for 3rd quarter are due this week.
- Kids are really playing well.
- Our numbers are good. We are retaining 95% of the freshman for high school band.
- Freshman band is going along great. We will have a couple guest conductors, Chris Brandenburg and Mike Holt. There is a possibility that we may move the concert from Freshman school to main campus.
- Solo and Ensemble was great – Mr. Chumley was pleasantly surprised by comments from judges at Solo & Ensemble.
- Mr. Chumley has met with the 8th graders and discussed how to sign up for band next year.

Other

- The shelving project in the instrument room is nearly down; new composite Marching Band picture is on the wall, Weatherwax plaque is on the board. Mr. Chumley has been able to make some room for Upbeat Club in the room and we will add another shelf. Thanks to the Bubashes and Hertzes for all the work done to help get the shelves in.

Committee Reports:

Jazz 'n Cakes

- Jazz 'n Cakes meeting at 7pm in the Board Room at the library. Will be putting ticket envelopes together. Have 6 bands playing this year. The Dodge fund raiser will not happen this year; they are not participating this year. If anyone is aware of a similar fund raiser, please let Bob know. We are going to try to sell tickets at Kroger, maybe IKEA.
- Main Street Market will be going on that day; 20-30 vendors and 50-60 basket raffles and silent auction will be there. There will be lots to bid on, from Walt Disney Park Hopper passes to Ricky Skaggs signed guitar. We have some great vendors and great baskets – please encourage people who purchase all their tickets to give them away.
- For adults, we will have people signing up via signup genius. You can access through the web site. We are still discussing how we will have students signup.

Fundraising:

- Taste of Music is at Red Robin tomorrow night (2/20/2013);
- In April, we will have a Taste of Music at Uno's. Have requested April 18th.
- Smashburger was \$259. If you're already planning to go, you can buy a Uno's gift card and get the 10% on top of the Taste of Music.
- Reds games: We have the opportunity to make ~\$700/game for manning concessions stands at Red games. Everyone needs to attend a 5 hour training session – you have a choice of which to attend, we don't all have to go together. We have 25 people or so registered to do this but could use more.. We will need to work 12 games. If we can work during a business day special, we get 12% vs. lower percentage for night games. Look for more information coming out this week from Dave Bubash. Anyone 16 and over can work, however, anyone under 18 has to finish by 10:30pm. We are required to find our own parking, so we should carpool.
- McDonald's fundraising at 747 location really wants to fundraise with us. We need 8-10 adults for each date. For 3 hours we will get 15% of sales at both counter and drive-through while we help people with trays, etc. In addition, we are allowed to place tip jars. On Wednesday night they average around \$6900. Between Memorial and Labor Day they encourage band groups to play on the patio.

- Kroger has announced changes for Kroger card again – next year the pot to be divided up will be reduced from \$5 million to \$4 million.
- Mattress Sales planning – Mr. Snyder will direct the “mattress lady” to Dave Bubash. What if we did mattress sale during jazz n cakes? Will discuss this at jazz ‘n cakes meeting.
- Pillows: Passed the pillows around so you have a good idea on why we chose to bring this back. We are halfway through deconstruction and we have 15 pillows sewn. Some volunteers are working at home as well. We are making good progress, but could use more help.
- We are selling tuxedos tomorrow after school and Friday after school, then again on Saturday. \$60 or less for full tuxedo. We will also sell parkas, Macy’s wear, and tuxedos at jazz ‘n cakes. Parkas and tuxedos are all profit at this point.
- We have 19 spots left on followers packages so please sign up soon if you want to go. We are shooting for 165 followers to hit our targeted package price. We are taking 6 band and 2 follower buses to New York.
- If you are a follower, go pick your Broadway show. We will go same night as the kids.
- We will have a meeting after the concert on March 4 on some of the details on the followers package and the Macy’s trip. We will try to keep it short but get you all the information. Michelle Guinigundo has attached your follower package payment/status to your students account through Charms. She has attached it to the oldest student’s name where you have multiple students.
- Marching Band as a class vs. as an extracurricular – Several Upbeat Club exec board members were involved in a discussion with Central Office regarding the band program. Central office has become aware that they have not been supporting funding for MB as they should since it is a class. A discussion occurred on whether marching band should be a class for credit or an extracurricular. A summary is given in table below.

2/12/13	CLASS	EXTRACURRICULAR
Budget money from district?	Yes. Do not currently get, but we would get money in future for a class	No
What kind of fee?	School/class fee	Participation fee
Who sets & collects fee?	School	School or Upbeat Would likely be same as athletics
What does fee pay?	Salaries, transportation, “consumables”: dry cleaning,	Cost of program
Who owns budget?	2 budgets. School owns above, Upbeat would own “remainder:” band camp food, band camp activities, scholarships, awards,	Upbeat
Would fees cover costs?	NO, large short fall	They cover most
How to cover short fall?	Supplementary Participation fee – but it could not be mandatory in this scenario Fundraising (possibly much more than in current scenario)	Upbeat does current level of fundraising to fill the gap.
For band credit?	yes	No, would need credit flex for those that wanted to receive credit. Would require application process in the spring.
Does PE waiver apply?	Yes, you still get PE waived for 2 seasons/yrs of MB or 1 season/yr of MB and 1 season of a sport.	Yes, you still get PE waived for 2 seasons/yrs of MB or 1 season/yr of MB and 1 season of a sport.
What changes?	-Start getting money from district -District money will not cover costs -2 budgets (school & upbeat)	Pretty much appears to operate the same as today, except not a class and no grade unless student pursues credit

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Will need to go through district to get their portion of the budget and expenses “approved” and paid -2 fees, Upbeat fee can’t be mandatory -Potentially more fundraising to cover a bigger shortfall on upbeat fees 	flex
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a consumable?: something that is “eaten,” used up, or consumed towards the giving of a grade. (food is pretty much only a collectable “consumable” if it’s a “cooking class” or food is somehow involved in an experiment in a class assignment.) • This is a very basic understanding based on one very short meeting. We need to ask more questions concerning the details about what the school district would or would not “fund” as a class and what is or is not a “consumable” that could be charged as a “class fee.” (how much money in each bucket) However, the basic concept and premises are here for understanding. 		

- There wouldn’t be credit for a class but you could pursue it through credit flex. The PE waiver is still applicable.
- Michelle Guinigundo recommended that Marching Band be an extra-curricular. Seconded by Tony Costello. Motion passed unanimously– 50 individuals in attendance at meeting.
- Discussion of 50% scholarships for marching band fees (no trip fees). We could choose to have West Chester community foundation administer this for us for 2% of the daily balance. We could minimize the fee by minimize the time. They can completely administer it and award or we can be involved or not involved. If few people apply, we can take the money back. Could publicize and ask for donations.
- Dave Bubash moved that we have 5 - ½ scholarships for marching band fees and have West Chester Community Foundation administer the process; Dawn DiLorenzo seconded
- Clint Fisher asked that we make sure we have money to cover additional color guard equipment needed for next year with the larger guard.
- Winter guard season has had 2 competitions – walked away for 1st place (76.7! – very good score).
- Dawn to get winter guard schedule to Jill Trygier – she will get it on the Trumba calendar and to Tony to get on the website. Lakota West is hosting competition on Good Friday at 6:30pm. Expect 5-6 other guards to be present.
- Dave Bubash motioned to adjourn; Malinda Anderson seconded. All approved.