

February 17, 2014 Upbeat Club Notes

President Sue Tanner called to order at 7:33.

Secretary Jill Trygier read minutes. Dave moved to accept minutes as read; Leslie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Monica shared treasurer's report:

Results as of the end of January; not much change since December. Uno's Doughraiser did end up netting us just shy of \$10,000. Macy's funded from Upbeat Club budget is just \$9000. We are now at a balance of \$24,000.

Winterguard: Both A & B guard took 1st place in their first show. A guard show is completed with costumes and everything; B girls look really good. Schedule is posted on the website. Next competition is Saturday, 2/22.

Mellow Mushroom Fundraiser: Dawn meeting with general manager at Mellow Mushroom next week to look at what we can do for a fundraiser.

Patty Burger: New hamburger restaurant on Union Center; Patty Burger was going to donate about \$300 – About 400 band people turned out; they came to the school last week and presented Greg and Phil with a check for \$2000.

Purchasing:

Solo and Ensemble Concessions: Took in \$1497.05 spent \$431.78; will work on selling what is leftover at market street. See Mariam.

Fundraising: Mariam Kassem is going to take over as interim fundraising chair from Suzie Bubash. She asks individuals to identify ideas and be prepared to carry them through.

Jazz n' Cakes Market Street: Still looking for donations for baskets. Re-gifting Christmas gifts, Kohl's cash, or donations are welcome and we will turn these into a basket. We have donations from 50 different businesses, retail value of \$6000 to date from restaurants to tickets to Walt Disney World, etc.

Jazz n' Cakes is March 22. Students will get tickets some day in the near future. Tickets are to be sold or returned. Tickets are \$6/person, kids under 3pm eat free. Sign-up genius will go up in the next couple weeks. Jobs range from selling tickets to supervising students. Signs will be restickered. We will not have a car dealership donation for driving cars. If anyone know a car dealer who participates in a program like this, please contact Bob Roberts.

March is our nomination meeting. This is when new officers are nominated for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Freshman Vice President. Elections are at April meeting. Positions start on June 1.

Malinda moved we adjourn. Dawn seconded. Motion carried.

Rose Parade Trip Meeting:

Rose Parade trip meeting followed the Upbeat Club meeting.

Macy's parade was spectacular. Rose parade will be warmer and longer! Will have a great band with new uniforms and new instruments.

- As times go on, things change and so for this trip, the procedures will be different. There will be a couple performance opportunities in addition to the parade. We do not have a final cost, but we do have a ballpark figure.
- Airline prices are still not determined. 11 months out they put a fare out. Used to be that airlines wanted group business; we will only get 20-30% of aircraft at a certain price. Prices are running about \$1000 now. We will be on multiple flights going out of Cincinnati or Dayton going into primarily LAX, but perhaps more airports. Could be on as many as on 6 or 7 different flights going out. Nothing major planned the first day, Hollywood overview tour. Will try to get them to Grauman's movie theater and see Hollywood sign if nothing else.

- All monies for the student trip will be paid through Lakota. Hence, parents will pay the school directly and not through the Upbeat Club per direction from the Central Office.

There are two packages for the student.

- 1) Total package: meet at school, bus to airport, bus pack to school.
- 2) Ground only package: You get student to California.

There is also a Friends and Followers package.

Mike Grueninger of Grueninger Travel was a guest answering questions for the Rose Parade Trip. He is a Rose Parade Specialist out of Indianapolis, Indiana.

- Band Tour: See handout on page 2.
- Offer a cruise fundraiser – will need to work with school district to figure out how we handle this and all the legalities. Holland America Cruise for 2 to the Carribean.

How do we handle fundraising by Upbeat offsetting cost to school district.

In April, the President of the Rose Parade will visit all the bands and welcome them to the parade. He will come on April 26, 27, 28. He will do some press with local media. Hope you come and meet him. He will be here for pre-state contest.

Will stay in a full service hotel; will build itinerary before place band and choose hotel to limit time students spend on the bus. Do not stay in a hotel in Pasadena.

Keep busses and bus drivers with us; allows flexibility to make schedule changes to get kids home earlier etc. if needed.

New Year's Eve Celebration is based on EST midnight (9pm) then send to bed.

If you want to fly out or back at a different time – recommend you get a land only package. Can't tell you at this point what flights you will be out. Up to Mr. Snyder on where student meets up with group logistically.

Full band will not be all together until end July; Drumline starts in March. Colorguard auditions will also be soon. November and December will rehearse twice a week.

Will need to have students commit to marching band so we know how many will be in the band. Watch the website as we will need to get a commitment in the next 3 weeks about students that will be in marching band and go to Rose. Will work with Upbeat to determine how many parents will be chaperones. Working through with district how this will be handled.

Two different itinerary packages.

- A/B – same itinerary; A includes air and B does not include air. Fully escorted. Full service hotel near the beach. 75% chance you will stay in Redondo Beach. More free time then the kids in your itinerary.
- C/D – same itinerary; C includes air and B does not include air. Limited service hotel; rental car. No charges for parking.
- Reservation form in package. You will work directly with Grueninger travel for your reservation, it will not go through Upbeat Club.
- Goal is to get family and friends home before your student.
- Hope to have this up on website tomorrow.
- Recommend trip protection (travel insurance). More details on Grueninger website.
- User name and password is proprietary to Grueninger – please do not share this publicly.
- Bandfest schedule is typically available somewhere between September and December.
- Hoping that we can find a trucking company to get all our instruments and all our luggage out as we found ABF to transport items for us for Macy's. We will not take all our frontline equipment out there but will rent equipment out there.