

Upbeat Club Notes April 15, 2014

- President Sue Tanner called the meeting to order at 7:31.
- Secretary Jill Trygier read the minutes of the March 18 meeting. Minutes were amended per Sue's request. Dawn DiLorenzo moved to accept minutes, Traci Stankiewicz seconded.
- Treasurer Monica Siegert was not present to share treasurer's report due to a personal emergency.

Committee Reports:

- **Winterguard:** The girls came in 2nd in Worlds for Winterguard. Dawn requested that Upbeat Club fund a banner for Main Street for the Winterguard. The girls really appreciated parents showed up at Showcase show and Worlds. Mr. Chumley drove from New Jersey, leaving at 5am to watch them perform. Jill Trygier moved that we allocate not to exceed \$1500 to purchase a banner for Main Street to recognize Winterguard's outstanding performance at Worlds. Leslie Twardowski seconded. Motion carried. Band awards night would be a good time to award to the girls.
- **Mellow Mushroom Fundraiser:** Mellow Mushroom manager is helping with supervising opening of a new Hyde Park Restaurant. Nothing available between now and summer.
- **Spirit Wear:** Have a spirit wear owner for next year.
- Uniforms: 5 boxes of uniforms are back from repair (Cindy Schubart)
- **Jazz 'n Cakes** (Bob Roberts) Pancake breakfast held in March; no final numbers yet. Sold \$6000 in tickets. Most sales did come through front door that morning; \$1200 in sales prior to event. Market Street was busy; lots of comments about the good food and the sausage. Door ran very smoothly this year. \$10,597 with some expenses still outstanding. Gary Brockman will take the projector off and the facilities charges off if Monica contacts him. Thanks to everyone who helped with Market Street \$5590 this year. If you have a basket you do not want, you can donate it back for use next year.
- **Tide fundraiser:** Drop receipts in container on the lost and found table. Mariam will collect at end of month each month and take in for reimbursement.
- Mariam asked about a proposal to have ice cream at Rose Parade event. If we buy ice cream or icees, Brusters supply cups and spoons; we will volunteers to scoop. We can sell for \$2 each. Would scoop and sell on Main Street. Chose ice cream vs. icees; No sprinkles. Will have several flavors, Mariam to decide. If you are going to scoop, bring your own scoop.
- Mariam will set up another Taste of Music in May. Have another candidate for Taste of Music. Chipolte gave Lacrosse 50%.
- The group agreed that we were not interested in selling things.
- Trivia night: \$500 for 4 hours for 200-300 people; need to determine a location. The announcers like to be paid prior to the event. Lakota West High School is not available. It was suggested we investigate Lakota East Freshman.
- **Scrip:** Katie Klopfenstein, the new scrip chair, shared that we have very low participation in Scrip. Some feedback is that it is too complicated. Katie suggested inserting a short scrip order form in the May concert program; have people be able to write check and drop the order off. If you have suggestions or ideas on how to make this bigger, please send to scrip@lakotawestbands.org. For new band parents – it is hard to understand what it is – can we simplify the message and get it out to people. Convenience factor also contributes. Call it gift cards vs. Scrip. Lakota East has scrip cards ordered online, then they are sent directly to purchaser. Need to investigate ship charge and understand what impact this has but this could be a good way to go.
- **Milano's Taste of Music is tomorrow night, April 16.**
- **Referral Fundraiser:** Kevin Moorman Insurance will donate \$25 to the Lakota West Upbeat Club for every Upbeat Club referral that comes in for an insurance consultation. Kevin Moorman Insurance offers Auto, Home, Life and Business Insurance and is licensed in IN, KY, OH and TN.
- **Band awards:** Upbeat sponsors the Weatherwax award in honor of Bill Weatherwax, whom we lost suddenly several years ago. The scholarship in his honor is available to a student in any band program who is a cheerful helper and the spirit of volunteerism. Looking for nominations for students who went the extra mile. E-mail your nominations to Sue Tanner.
- **Rose Parade Visit:** Carol Sparks shared a status update. 7 people are signed up as of today for the cruise. The Segway tour has been dropped and will be replaced with a walking tour of Cincinnati following the cruise. The walking tour will begin at 3pm in Fountain Square. Freshman band will be performing so they are included;

however, there is no way everyone will fit in the auditorium. Communication requested so that the audience understands that is important that we have some turnover. Is there a way to do the presentation in a larger setting and in the middle of the event? (Gym, Stadium, etc.) Or can we do two presentations at a time or project out into the lobby or doing the presentation out on the walkway? We want to make this a positive experience for the Freshman parents.

New Business

- Sue requested John Trygier answer a question about why he brought up a question on conflict of interest and stated she has not taken any actions on behalf of the organization. Several parents questioned why this discussion is coming up in Upbeat Club and was it really relevant to the band.
- Sue asked about status of external audit of the books. Dave Bubash has contacted multiple accounting firms for an external audit – the firms have requested he wait until after April 15.
- Sue shared multiple documents regarding the complaint against Greg Snyder for the stated purpose of defending herself. Leslie asked why this information needed to be shared prior to elections. Sue believes this information needs to be shared in order to clear her name. Lengthy discussion ensued.
- Next meeting is a conflict with Freshman concert. Upbeat Club meeting will begin at 8pm after the freshman concert.
- Malinda moved we adjourn until May's meeting after the freshman concert. Traci seconded.