

Lakota West Upbeat Meeting – January 17, 2019

Approved Minutes

Exec board present – Candi Vance, Jen Daiker, Rebecca Yoby, Beth Dodson and Julie Horn

President - Candi Vance

- Meeting called to order at 6:30p

Secretary – Julie Horn

- Presented minutes from November 15, 2018; motion to approve minutes as written by Dave Daiker; seconded by Katie Smith; motion carried

Finance – Beth Dodson

- November financials presented; motion to approve financials by Shirley Wong-Liong; seconded by Dave Daiker; motion carried
- Charms contract up for renewal; previously was \$400 for 3 years. Current options are \$395 for one year or \$1100 for 3 years. Charms system is used to house alumni data, instrument rentals, instrument inventory; marching band info, student profiles, etc. Andy uses it approximately 10 times a week to create various spreadsheets. Cindy Merk motioned to approve \$1,100 for a 3 year subscription; Dave Daiker seconded; motion carried

Director's report – Andy Carr

- Honor Band – this weekend at Mason; Gary Speck – Director of Bands – Miami University
- Solo and Ensemble – February 9 event date; recital night is February 4 (630p-830p); schedules will be out next week which should help with volunteer sign ups
- Try Band promotions in the elementary schools went well; Endeavor (Jan16) – lots of questions about strings, French horn and oboe; Adena and Cherokee are on Tuesday, Jan 22 and Freedom on Jan 24.
- Try Band – January 26 for Symphonic Winds kids followed by catered lunch; afternoon will have sectionals with professional clinicians and then come back to stage and Dr Holzman from Cincinnati Conservatory of Music will run a rehearsal with the entire band
- Symphonic Winds – throwing a lot of music at them; currently working on 6 different pieces; will perform at 3 concerts in a 7 day period as well at Music Hall a month later; not want all the concerts to be identical so will pick a few songs for each concert
- Swing Dance was well attended; good time; kids played well

Try Band – Barb Warne

- Need adult volunteers from 9a-12n; actual event is 10a-;
- Need yard signs to be posted at 4 elementary schools on the Sunday prior
- Need raffle prizes and 5 gift cards for the scavenger hunt drawing
- Parents sign the kids in at the front desk; visit each room to hear and try instruments; get a sticker on their scavenger hunt card for each room visited; Winds kids make notes about how kids do on the various instruments; trying to use a google doc for this for the first time; about 80 families come to event
- 1115a-1130a adjourn to auditorium; show the Try Band Video; maybe marching band video and/or concert band video
- 1130a Symphonic Winds perform an abbreviated concert
- Each child registered will get a flyer and one ticket to Jazz n Cakes

Solo & Ensemble – Rebecca Yoby

- Need volunteers! 300 slots to be filled and only 11% currently filled

Jazz n Cakes – Debbie Pizzuco

- Event date is March 30, 2019
- 2nd biggest fundraiser of the year; last year served 860 people
- Need basket items; vendor tables still available for \$50
- Need volunteers to help in the planning process to lead ticket sales; raffle basket; dining room
- Tickets \$7 each; kids will be asked to sell 5 each; promotion if you pay for 5 the night of the concert then you'll receive 6th one free
- Next meeting January 28 – 7p
- New griddles? Not sure; looking at existing one and considering making initial batch in advance

Uno's/Taste of Music – Candi Vance

- Upcoming schedule: Uno's – Feb 19; Raising Cane's – Mar 12; Uno's – Apr 16 and Main Event – May 7
- Uno's October donation was \$400; have not received anything from December event

Winter Guard/Pit Crew – Dave Daiker

- First show is February 2
- Varsity show is Queen – Don't stop me now; using teeter totter which turns into a platform
- Junior Varsity in Winter Wonderland – using Swan Song costumes
- Gator – sending out in off season for wrap; graphics are ready
- Eagle scout project – shed for gator
- Eagle scout project – expanded gazebo

Communications/calendar/web – Barb Warne

- Send any updates, corrections or revisions to Barb

Uniforms – Andy Carr

Marching Band Uniforms

- Have designs from two companies; some revisions have already been made; prototypes to follow; still possibility for next season
- Stanbury – old school company; makes uniforms for OSU and military; old fashioned style; getting sample to see in person
- New designs are lighter; more versatile; washable; modular so pieces can be changed out to match show
- Would buy bibs, jackets and shakos but keep current parkas
- Normally buy enough for the number of kids enrolled in the current band plus an extra 10; buy more only as needed (would buy around 180-190)
- Approximate cost \$80,000; no tax; no shipping (\$425-\$550 each)

Concert uniforms

- still in good shape; were replaced with last marching band uniforms

Sponsorship – Kevin Moorman

- Uno's signed up for \$7,000
- Also have one signed up for \$2,500

Swing Dance – Cindy Merk

- Would like to purchase clear containers to store supplies; it's in the budget already
- Sold about 280 tickets this year (most ever sold around 900 but that was when there were 180 kids in jazz band)
- Want to get the 8th grade kids involved in Swing Dance; preparing for the November jazz concert; Aaron Todal offered to direct the kids if the 8th grade directors were not available

Community Conversation – Barb Warne

- Fact sheet out via Charms
- Fact sheet posts on Facebook tonight
- Largest community conversation before this was 50 people; have over 100 rsvp so far
- Folks can speak, share and listen
- Approx. 50 have responded to form; answering questions; former band parent and student
- Student voice is important; even if they don't talk; just being present makes statement

Motion to adjourn at 8:17p by Dave Daiker; seconded by Kevin Moorman; motion carried

Attendance: Shirley Lam Wong-Liong, Dave Daiker, Katie Smith, Cindy Merk, Shannon Ellingson, Debbie Pizzuco, Kevin Moorman and Audrey French