

Lakota West Upbeat Meeting – August 15, 2019

Unapproved Minutes

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

Director's Report – Andy Carr

- **Marching Band –**
 - Kids working hard; going really well
 - track for “pre-show” is really cool...sounds like a radio dial turning then melds into our show
 - rock turns to classical turns to rock
 - scissor lift gives him good view of shapes on field; very happy with it; teaching kids is easier
 - new uniforms to be picked up early to midweek next week
 - group picture 8/26 during practice – need it done early so it can make it into competition programs
 - composite pictures normally done every 4 years; will do this year (Sep 9-10) since new uniform
 - drill is late; 2nd movement supposed to be this week but only a few drill writers so we're at their mercy; saw video today and it looks like its close; should learn closer on Sep 7 camp day; will probably perform the opener and ballad at Taylor competition
 - percussion techs – people were interested but already committed to other groups;
- **Tag Day** – is really important day...it's how we're able to buy uniforms
- **Pep Rally** – tomorrow at main campus
- **Winds** – will perform at OMEA state conference Feb 1, 2020 at 11:00 Duke convention center
40-50 bands apply but only four are chosen; West, East, Fairfield and Milford
- **Winds and Jazz bands** – will be going to New Orleans over spring break; not sure if both jazz bands involved
- **OMEA large group district contest** in Fairfield – over spring break so we can't do it (it may not even happen)
Instead will do Music for All in Mason – have been promised 3 spots; freshman bands will have similar event hosted by Lakota East on Friday, March 6; booster will provide pizza; each band will rotate between warm up; perform; clinic and watching another band; high school kids may be needed to help facilitate it
- **Solo and Ensemble** – did get moved to Feb 8, 2020; 2nd site reopened so it will be just 20-22 rooms

President – Candi Vance

- Meeting called to order 7:02p

Secretary – Julie Horn

- Motion to approve May 16, 2019 minutes by Jen Best; Shirley Wong-Liong seconded; motion carried

Treasurer – Beth Dodson

- City Saver fundraiser made approx. \$6,000 (2018 cookie dough \$9,000; 2017 tumblers \$10,500); due to low profit – recommend moving \$10,000 to the directors budget; motion to move \$10K from savings to directors budget by Mike Guinigundo and seconded by Monique Penney; motion carried
- Gator and scissor lift is donated to the district so they maintain it
- Spirit wear - \$3,000
- Taxes are finished and filed; thanks to Mike Guinigundo
- Motion to approve budget by Katie Smith; seconded by Dave Daiker; motion carried

Tag Day – Lisa Vaillancourt

- Groups of four only
- Participation prize for all (gel filled bandana or string bag) instead of a section challenge
- Last year had 212 kids and ran 54 routes; 2 runners per route housed at feeder schools to resupply drivers
- Prioritizing and combining routes
- Have just 15 of 85 drivers so far
- Will also be 3rd quarter refreshment drop off day

Mattress Sale – Bert

- 12th annual sale; easy fundraiser with little effort on bands part; customer service is good
- Flyers; posters; yard signs; share facebook links
- Student referrals; jacket and cash prizes

Pit Crew – Dave Daiker

- Several weeks out before tarps received; working on prototypes to transport tarps
- need \$350 for electric blanket and battery to warm solo instruments; take from pit crew budget
- shed – no updates; need to give the scout a deadline before we do it ourselves;
- gator – wrap vs paint...no responses...no one wants to mess with such a small job...will table it for now
suggestion to check Butler Tech to see if they have an auto body program; maybe they could do it after the season

Split the Pot – Candi

- new lead is Troy Miller

Spirit Wear – Candi

- made \$3,000
- store open for a couple more weeks; order online and delivered on Thursday evenings

Chaperones – Monique Penney

- competition bus
 - sign up to chaperone but not for specific bus number; will try to get your preference but no guarantees
 - 14 slots but will only use 12 at a time with 2 alternates
 - 6 competitions this year
 - Colerain/Centerville may be back to West in between
 - Ball State Oct 5 – could be school bus or charter bus; getting quote for 5 tour busses
- overnight trip bus
 - Indy Nov 14-16
depart Thursday morning and return late Saturday night
application for chaperones for this trip; lots more responsibility; administer meds; expectations and background checks since overnight trip

MB Uniforms – Amy Koenes

- packing up old uniforms; will be sold as full uniform including shako or as pillow
- uniforms being packed in wardrobe boxes and stored at freshman building in winter guard storage room
- pillow making parties; labor intensive; will look at old meeting minutes to find prices charged last time
- new uniform fitting for leadership team 8/23; rest of band 8/25; stragglers on 8/26 prior to group picture
- new cases for plumes \$350 to be taken from uniform budget

Concert Uniforms – Katie Smith

- need co-chair
- inventoried bib pants
- need to get fittings on the schedule
- letter and sign up genius coming out for help in alterations (hems and buttons)
- pricing the same this year for winds dresses and pearls
- donations accepted for items you no longer want: winds dresses and pearls, tux shirts, bow tie and cummerbund

Uno's / Taste of Music – Candi

- Uno's begins every other month starting in October; shooting for 1st Tuesday of each month
- Taste of Music begins Sep 4 – Raising Cane's; competition between Mason and West drum lines; need a few volunteers; will present check to winning band at the Lakota/Mason game

Communications – Candi

- 2 parents have volunteered to help with videos; tag day and try band

Sponsorships – Phil Leisure

- Uno's / Taco Bell – donated \$6,000 but not sure if we have actual check yet
- Thinking of change of our focus; concern the current sponsorship is hitting the same people over and over;
- Inward focused: alumni; parents; businesses that want to support us
- Outward focused: showing kids as leaders; developing leaders; wants to put together a print marketing piece and a YouTube piece to send business leaders in town; folks who are fostering leaders in town; sending to board level positions; adopting our kids to sponsor them in leadership roles; foundations out there we haven't tapped
- Band is 250- group which is largely student led

Volunteer positions open – Candi

- Publicity / social media design
- Jazz n Cakes – Deb Pizzuco senioreed out
- Jazz n Cakes – baskets
- Jazz n Cakes – vendors

Audit – Jen Daiker

- 3 people; 1 ½ hours; look through receipts; each person took 4 month section
- Pick 10 random items; check for invoices
- Monique Penney, Emily Byers and Shirley Wong-Liong volunteered

New Business – Candi

- Next meeting Thursday, Sept 19 at freshman school
- Motion to close by Mike Guinigundo 8:18p

Attendance: Katie Smith; Lisa Vaillancourt; Phil Leisure; Mike and Michelle Guinigundo; Shirley Wong-Liong; Michael and Shannon Ellingson; Emily Byers; Jay and Jennifer Kreim; Dave Daiker; Jennifer Himmelstein; Kim Wells; Monique Penney; Jen Best; Amy Koenes, Charlie and Cindy Merk.