

Lakota West Upbeat Meeting – October 17, 2019

Unapproved Minutes

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

Director's Report – Andy Carr

- Concert Bands –
 - super proud of them; not many schools do both marching band and concert band at the same time; kids are getting a better music education this way; marching band is strong because the kids are musically trained in the concert band setting
 - not going to district contest at Fairfield this year due to conflict with spring break; instead freshman bands will have event with Lakota East freshman with clinicians; main campus bands will have event with Music for All at Mason
- Marching Band –
 - Mrs Bass has great ability to create staged moments making the performance visually beautiful
 - BOA Muncie – thrilled with the performance particularly prelims; getting into finals was really tight especially since the show is only ¾ done; very proud of the kids!
 - Learned the rest of the show this week so it will be a little rough this weekend
 - Camp weekend (Oct 25-26) the drill designer will be coming in from California to make revisions
 - West Clermont – Freddy Martin will be at our afternoon practice to provide comments/suggestions. He is the father of our show writer; he works with drum corps and has worked with Mason the last couple of years; also the father of two great trumpet players
 - 5-6 kids are trying out for Drum Corp groups
- Winds – busy January; UC CCM Corbett Hall on 1/23; Try Band on 1/25; Miami University Hall Auditorium on 1/27 with performances by Fairfield, Lakota East and Lakota West; OMEA Professional conference performance on 2/1

President – Candi Vance

- Meeting called to order 6:45p
- Welcome new members

Secretary – Julie Horn

- Motion to approve September 19, 2019 minutes by Lisa Vaillancourt; seconded by Shirley Lam Wong-Liong; motion carried

Treasurer – Beth Dodson

- Mattress sale \$3800 (last year \$4000)
- Highlighted items: prop budget; water for competitions; McAlisters dinner at BOA Muncie; renting gym for the day at BOA Muncie – really helped get everyone through a long day
- Budget FAQ handout – questions that came up at last months meeting; will post on website
- Motion to approve the budget by Amy Koenes; seconded by Emily Byers; motion carried

Pit Crew – Jen Daiker

- New shed for gator and trailer
 - they do not fit into current shed; currently housed under a cover in a locked area of the stadium under the bleachers
 - Looking at 21x22 metal building (\$7,000) and concrete pad (\$3500); would be placed in green space across from band room behind the softball field; six weeks to install pending final approval from district.
 - Already talked to township and county and there are no restrictions to build shed
 - Total estimate would be \$12,000 (\$3600 already budgeted)
 - Motion to move additional \$9,000 from savings account into shed construction budget by Lisa Vaillancourt; seconded by Jay Kreimer; motion carried
- Pit crew shorthanded for both football game on 10/18 and Centerville competition on 10/19 since fronts are finished; need lots of hands
- Gator wrap – Jay Kreimer's father in law offered to do it; Phil Leisure advised that Lakota Auto Body has agreed to do it for sponsorship; he'll take it after the season and keep it until January

Spirit Wear – Candi Vance

- Liberty sportswear hoping to have most recent orders done by tomorrow; if so, Sandra will have them available for pickup at the practice field on Saturday

Chaperoning – Candi Vance

- Indy trip – chaperones are set for this trip; need to follow up on background checks; deposit due 10/18
- Wednesday, October 23 – medicine drop off from 5-6p in jazz room; parent meeting at 6p in theatre; will release rooming and bus lists

Marching Band Uniforms – Amy Koenes

- All uniforms have been cleaned; huge thank you to folks who took this on; typical stains came out fine; hems stayed snapped and creases stayed in well
- Want to look at taking hems out and having them professionally cleaned and pressed at the end of the season; ready to start fresh for the next year; estimate \$9-10 per uniform x 160 uniforms; also looking at new company Deluxe dry cleaners that will pick up and drop off

Concert Band Uniforms – Candi Vance

- First concert was crazy getting all the adjustments made; kids looked great; need to order 7 more sets of bow tie/cummerbund

Taste of Music – Candi Vance

- Raising Canes – drum line beat Mason; check will be presented at the Marching Band concert
- City BBQ – November 5 – all day
- Main Event – scheduled for mid week in January – may not be good results; checking to see if it can be done over break instead

Communications/Calendar/Web – Barb Warne

- Nov 13 – BOA Grand National preview event – weather permitting;
- Dec 13 – Swing dance discussion about donating canned goods; nice exposure; have done it some years depending on what else we've been asking parents to support
- Charms 2.0 pilot – all of parent contacts did not transfer over so Andy went back to using original Charms

Sponsorship – Phil Leisure

- Sponsorship signage for the truck is in his car; will try to get it on the truck Friday or Saturday
- Concert programs – mostly positive comments; inner shell not supposed to have two separate pages; usually on one 11x17 folded sheet
- Looking to develop relationships with people we do business with in exchange for sponsorship (like auto body shop for the gator and dry cleaners for the uniforms)
- Inviting sponsors to Grand Nationals send off event; perhaps Kurt could write something up to thank sponsors; have Andy use PA system instead of field speakers
- Lincoln – good for drive event; still considering signage for the storage trailer

Volunteer positions – Candi Vance

- Graphic designs; face book, Instagram – even one design a week would be helpful
- Photos; organize photos and put into folders for easier access
- Jazz n Cakes –
- Swing Dance – shadow needed; several weeks before to solicit donations; work on the day of the event

Audit team – Jen Daiker

- Audit completed; Monique will finalize audit paperwork

New Business

- Phil Leisure suggested a new committee combining both communications and sponsorship; sees a huge need for this as sponsorship grows; need to either get good talent from within or pay someone to do it; sponsorship team has folks who can go out and sell the product but need someone to take it and run
- Winter Guard auditions Nov 20 – 630p-900p at West Freshman
- Show shirts – Andy in charge of these; order held off to get sponsorship logos on them; heard they're coming in tomorrow
- Old uniform sale/pillows
 - using winter guard closet at freshman building to store old uniforms but need it cleared out
 - Cathy Henson and her mother will lead pillow making brigade
 - Cindy Merk has plans for when they did it last time
 - Sell whole uniforms via SignUp Genius – can bid on actual uniform numbers; pillows, shakos (note – no plumes or parkas)
 - Also advertise on band alumni face book site
- What happens to old props? Screen framework is reused; hardware saved and reused; wood thrown out

Motion to adjourn by Rick Merk; Shannon Ellingson seconded 735p

Attendance: Michael and Shannon Ellingson; Tracy Dawson; Shirley Lam Wong-Liong; Jay Kreimer; Lisa Vaillancourt; Cindy Merk; Rick Merk; Jennifer Harris; Emily Byers; Audrey French; Amy Koenes and Barb Warne