

Lakota West Upbeat Club Virtual Meeting

April 16, 2020

Approved

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

Director's Report – Andy Carr

- Remote learning
 - not ideal for learning but especially not good for band
 - challenges (especially percussion) without having instruments
 - try to keep them playing but not super challenging; not too heavy of work load
 - Smart Music has been stressful for the kids; has a hard time hearing what you're playing so that will be a participation grade as long as they turn it in
 - 80% return rate for work turned in which is good; average for the school is 60%
 - Not realistic to do a "zoom" band
 - Huge advocate for the kids success so we're doing the best to make it work
 - Aaron Todahl agreed; it's a big learning curve; kids have been super patient and flexible
 - Will make arrangements at the end of the year to turn in instruments and music

- Senior recognition
 - Hope to do all the things we normally do
 - Sent email to seniors to get baby and senior pictures; after high school plans; names for plaques
 - Plan to make video talking to the kids; Candi to hand out scholarships; Aaron Todahl to hand out jazz award
 - Spring concert program (minus the music part)
 - Will make arrangements to pick up plaque and concert program

- 2020 Marching Band
 - Online sign up worked well; pdf then scanned didn't work well – info got cutoff or couldn't read it
 - Will send out a full list to make sure we haven't missed anyone
 - 55 rookies
 - Almost for sure 1st week of band camp won't happen
 - Utah – holding out a sliver of hope it could happen but would have to be a perfect situation to go forward; will always do what's in the best interest for the kids; hard to know what the future will hold
 - Possibility to go back to Grand Nationals in Indianapolis if Utah doesn't work out
 - Michael Martin has the entire winds show done; he has lots of free time right now because he normally writes for the Cavaliers and they're shut down this summer

- Concert Bands
 - Freshman bands increased from 84 to 128; largest we've had in 8 years; Colin went to junior schools to recruit this year and it paid off
 - Jazz band will have 2 full jazz bands but no combo
 - Phil Chumley – still works part of the fall semester so should be smooth transition; lots of applicants but saw list of 5 finalist and all have right qualifications

President – Candi Vance

- Meeting called to order at 657p

Secretary – Julie Horn

- Motion to approve February and March minutes by Shirley Wong-Liong; seconded by Jen Himmelstein; motion carried

Treasurer – Beth Dodson

- Motion to approve February and March budget by Dave Daiker; seconded by Jay Kreimer; motion carried

Pit crew update – Candi/Dave Daiker

- Truck – prices have dropped and there's lots of options out there so we want to move on this quickly; district is super busy with other things right now so Upbeat Club will purchase it; Upbeat Club will then have to pay for insurance until it can be donated to the district; waiting for a quote from Kevin Moorman
- Gator being dropped off on Friday for painting
- Shed – groundbreaking today or tomorrow; building is ready just waiting on slab

Past Marching Band uniforms - Candi

- Sold 116 pillows, 9 shakos and 18 full uniforms
- Pillow pick up went great – all but 4 have been picked up
- \$6 K in profit so far
- 7 full uniforms have been held back for future sale
- 95 remaining uniforms which were too small to make into pillows have been converted into a framed mementos to be sold in the fall (\$15)

Band Camp – Jen Daiker

- Team is ready to go
- Skatetown is out of business so tossing around ideas to replace it: paint ball, trampoline park, scavenger hunt group challenge on campus
- DCI season has been cancelled so no field trip to Dayton
- Maybe put movie back into band camp schedule or just pull kids into theater and show old DCI competitions?
- Beckett Ridge pool has closed but Hycrest has been confirmed
- Goal is always to make it the best experience for the kids; they like being together so it doesn't matter so much as to what they're doing
- Fundraiser during camp? No plans yet

Jazz n Cakes – Candi

- Most likely to be scratched for this year; two possible dates are probably off the table now
- Will send out email to see if folks want to donate the money they spent on JnC tickets vs a refund
- Considering a fundraising dinner event for band camp tailgate (spaghetti dinner, vendors, raffle baskets)
- Shannon and Michelle will reach out to merchants/vendors to if they're ok with using their donations for this

Communications/calendar/website – Barb Warne

- Handbook – new version usually out by rookie camp; Jen will update schedule page and put note at top “Subject to change due to COVID-19”
- Rookie meeting – May 13 by zoom at the originally scheduled time; will be video of what Andy normally says and a google form for questions; maybe a follow up video with question and answers; any unique questions will be directed to Andy’s email
- Barb will post the normal FAQ’s and instructions to sign up for Remind and Charms
- Tag Day – need updated video to promote tag day due to change in uniforms

Sponsorship – Phil Leisure

- Debating on how much to push local businesses right now; it’s not beneficial to do big push until businesses are back to more normalcy
- Montgomery Lincoln – we can do a drive event anytime throughout the summer and can still raffle off a car if we want to move forward on it

Volunteer positions - Candi

- Jazz n Cakes event lead
- Spirit wear lead – need this one sooner rather than later
- Try Band – need someone to shadow Barb
- Media / publicity
- Mattress sale event lead
- Key positions will be senioring out next year (President, VP, Treasurer, Communications/Website/Calendar, Photographer, Swing Dance, Tag Day, Pit Crew)

2020 – 2021 Executive Board

- Last call to accept nominations for exec
- Nominations are:
President – Candi Vance
Vice President – Jen Daiker
Secretary – Emily Byers
Treasurer – Beth Dodson
Freshman VP – Jen Himmelstein
- Motion to approve exec board nominations by Mike Guinigundo; seconded by Michelle Guinigundo; motion carried

Next meeting: Thursday May 14 at 6:30p; we will be voting on 2020-2021 budget

Motion to adjourn at 729p

Attendance: Colin Celek, Aaron Todahl, Michael Ellingson, Shannon Ellingson, Dave Daiker, Phil Leisure, Jen Himmelstein, Cindy Merk, Barb Warne, Shirley Wong-Liong, Jay Kreimer, Jen Kreimer, Amy Koenes, Justin Koenes, Emily Byers, Katie Smith, Michelle Guinigundo, Mike Guinigundo, Irosha Peiris, Annette Mayer, Marianne Falk, Chuck Witmer, Todd Yoby