

Lakota West Upbeat Meeting August 20, 2020

Minutes

❖ **Director's Report – Andy Carr** commenced 6:30

- Meeting to take place with Scott Kaufman, Sports Director, to discuss football game performances
- Our restrictions are more strict than any other activity – music students will begin noticing the disparity – but please do not contact the Butler County Health Commissioner yet.
- Football roster has been cut due to Virus restrictions. Please use caution when talking with football parents, as rosters have been cut but band has not. Football game attendance is limited to 400 total (15% capacity.) There may not be much room for band parents, and there may not be much halftime performance, as locker rooms most likely will be closed to the teams. Any band performance would be post game. Directors will investigate alternative performances – Monday evenings for example.
- Concert bands are outside only – students should bring hat, sunscreen, and staff is yet to determine winter weather plans. For concert bands, we can showcase via outside performance or recordings.
- Tag day coming up – hoping to have OK on Tag Day. We will plan, understanding final approval from school/health dept is pending. At this point, please do not reach out to health dept. School leaders will request facts behind decisions.
- A tweet was published about Chatterbox – a streaming service – will be used to stream football games.
- Senior night – we are planning to participate as usual but since there will only be 3 games we are not sure yet when it will take place. There will definitely be a recognition – and we will do our best to make it a great experience.

Club Meeting:

1) **Call to Order** – at 6:52 pm

2) **New Member Welcome** – many parents 'senior-ing' out, so many opportunities for parents of underclassmen.

3) **Minutes Approval** – Motion to approve by Rebecca Yoby, Second by Kim York, all in favor, motion approved

4) **Finance Approval** – We budgeted in March/April and it's been a crazy year. If there are any questions please reach out to Allison Nucerino. Not much fundraising or fund spending going on. We are selling spirit wear, we bought some props. Motion to approve Financial report by Dave Daiker, second by Jay Kreimer, all in favor, motion approved.

5) **Tag Day (8/29)** – In need of volunteer next year, perhaps shadow this year. The effort is a few weeks to prep, then Tag, then done. This year we cannot go door to door – going virtual (modeling after Mason.) We are doing Tag Day web-donation as a week-long event. Kids will get blast every day so they can forward via social media accounts. We plan to do a drive-thru donation event on 8/29 – at the West Band parking lot, and feeder schools. We do have some incentives for students this year. Grand drawing is opportunity to throw a pie at Andy on a Thursday night. Look for signup Genius for adult site managers. Tag Day donations go straight to the uniform fund. We have already received some donations.

6) **Mattress Sale** – originally scheduled for September 19, but Ben Brown cannot commit. The mattress representatives were told not sure if it will happen. Debbie Harbin has some other fundraising opportunity that is virtual. Will meet with her, talk to Mr. Brown, then find out what other choices we have.

7) **Pit Crew Update** – Request made for volunteers to the team - they build props, move stuff around, then they eat (currently no restrictions for eating.) If interested, see Dave D. Currently they are working on sea urchin prop. Last spring the group voted to purchase another box truck, it's still on hold. Last school year we constructed a new building by the baseball diamond at Main Campus. Now we need a concrete driveway from the road side to the building, and cut the curb so we can drive and get the gator and trailer to the building. The quote is \$6800. Jen Best moved to approve funds, not to exceed \$7500 to construct the concrete driveway and cut the curb. Dave Byers second. There is enough in savings. We had more than 14. No against. Motion approved to allocate money. Rebecca to work with Allison for the money and get this moving.

8) **Spirit Wear** – There is an opportunity to shadow the current spiritwear parent. Proud parent shirts are \$10 each and that store ends 8/30. Spirit wear shop is through Liberty Sportswear, ends 8/23. That will reopen mid-late September. We usually open a couple times during the season. Amanda will pick up at facility, bring to practice, and then lay out so we can pick up.

9) **Marching Band Uniforms** – We will work on uniform fittings next weekend – Friday evening and Saturday. We hope to dress in uniforms for some Monday night performances. Look for signup genius – make sure when we see times for the kids, get them at those times. They will get to wear at least 3 times.

10) **Concert Uniforms** – when we shut down in March, the kids still had their concert uniforms. Leadership is considering a turn in event after a Wednesday night practice, when students can bring back the uniforms on a Wednesday night. Though we may not be able to use the uniforms this year, we need to get the uniforms back, cleaned, and then stored. The non-marching students can bring to school.

11) **Taste of Music** – working on that. Will be communicated once we have the places and dates.

12) **Communications / Calendar / Web** – Calendar will be updated. We have a new tech team – new website host. This transition was done seamlessly. Barb will be busy with tag day stuff. Will hit up the tech team at the end.

13) **Sponsorships** – not a lot happening as businesses recover from the quarantine. We are not asking a lot for money right now. If we hear of a company who may sponsor, then get in contact with Phil. For Tag Day, if any donor is interested in sponsorship, please provide that information.

14) **Volunteer Positions**

a. Current Openings – **Jazz & Cakes Vendor Rep.** This person lines up vendors on Main Street.

There are many shadowing opportunities. Barb Warne senior'd out a few years ago, we need somebody to shadow her.

Swing Dance – Cindy Merk will be senior'd out after this year – if we have the dance there is an opportunity for shadowing.

- For all events – if students need service hours, we can accommodate and give them proof of service.

15) **Audit Team** – Need volunteers to pick random records from last year for audit: Kim York, Monique Penney, Gaby Thibeau volunteered.

16) **New Business**

Canceled Jazz-N-Cakes: Jazz and cakes – Shannon has all in her basement. What do we want to do with raffles – do we want to do online? Kind of what she did with pillows and uniforms. Any thoughts? Most people who donated, just said hang on – then call us when you use it. Would like to see mini-committee to take it on – trying to balance the recovery. Anybody willing to work with Shannon? Maryann Faulk. Rebecca – perhaps tech heavy that Rebecca can do. They can determine what to call it?

Cindy merk – wondering what we made in ticket sales, but still sold tickets. Allison has it – 1785 main campus 829 from others. Around 2500 total –

If we do virtual, wants to know if we can do basket for swing dance, don't' forget swing dance. Audrey will also be included. Contact Shannon or Candi.

New Web Host: Rebecca: transitioned to new web host, was transparent. We have more control and access into backend. We have support we can pay for, since we pay them, they will be more a priority. This has been done in July. We have done updates for content. If we see something not updated, let Rebecca know – techsupport@lwbands.org Some reorg of content on the site in the next few months. The jot form for tag day – the free form allows for 10 donations. We will need to subscribe to jot form, 1950 and 29.50 per month, at a non-profit 50% discount. If we are ok with the subscription, do the silver level – which is 1000 donations. We don't usually use jot form for anything else. If somebody does want to donate, then it's easier to find. We are going to use job form unlimited. We are going through Paypal, so they will take their cut. If anybody is interested in tech, then contact them.

Stadium Entrance: Last Spring we gave money for the stadium plaque. It looks really nice!

Insurance: Allison Nucerino – the insurance for our club is due. A former band member who is a sponsor can write the insurance policy. His kids were at Lakota and he could not do it. We want to go back to him to get the quote. There is no longer a conflict of interest, so we will ask him to write the policy.

New Shed: How can we decorate the shed so it stands out as a Band building? Many people think it is a baseball shed. We did budget for landscaping which still needs to be done. We need to determine how we want to decorate -do we call out concert and marching band? How many years back do we want to go back for plaques? Future discussions.

Motion to adjourn, Maryann Faulk, Dave Daiker second, adjourned 7:48.

Next Meeting – Thurs, Sept 17

- Submitted by Emily Byers