Lakota West Bands Upbeat Club Meeting

January 21, 2021

Minutes

Informational Meeting: 6:34

**Director’s Report – Andy Carr**

The honor band that we’ve had on MLK weekend, went back so far, no friends who remember when it wasn’t on that weekend – pre-dates 1988. Hoping it was just 1 year missing.

There is a solo and ensemble that is virtual. Concerto competitions are a GO, the musical is happening, but no other comps. The main thing they have been doing is updating the band room. Colin shared screen with pictures of the paint job, shared the panels how they look nice now.

Then he shared the trusty red cabinet – the active music – music they are currently playing (extra copies) that cabinet is well worn, and old. He shared he wants to get new cabinets from Ikea. There will be extra counter space. Then he showed the table beside the back door. Wants to add pantry cabinets that will hide the clutter.

**Asst. Director’s Report – Colin Celek**

Percussion ensemble has been used as a pep band, but they haven’t been going to the games due to the pandemic. Colin wants to ask the club to pay for Doug Hurst. Asking 1250 for Doug Hurst – and then adding to ongoing budget.

*Marching band survey results*: kids want to have the season next year they should have had this year. Strong desire to go to Utah, and to learn a new show. They will go back to Ursula some other year. Band camp activities: Soaring Sounds and Beckett Ridge pool were the favorites. Lowest one was the lock-in. Approximately 98% want to do a new show.

**Ben Brown** joined the call, appreciates and values the band.

• Follow up to the drum line – would like to have them perform at remaining games.

• Electronic digital sign board – we are still far away from financially acquire the digital signboard. Would like to renovate the cafeteria – able to host and house events – wireless mics, projector monitors, additional screens, a/v equipment.

• There is a sample schedule that needs to be approved.

**Jazz Director’s Report – Aaron Todal** –

glad to have everybody back this week. Any update on jazz and cakes? As of now, still not sure. They had considered combining the Jazz/cakes and swing dance. Principals have been easy going about this all. Candi indicated that if we have a quick prep time, we can get it done.

**Club Meeting:**

**Call to Order** – Started at 7:03

**Minutes Approval** – Emily B

**Finance Approval** – Allison N

Moving on to financials: $1000 from Lincoln Drive Event, $2500 from mattress sale. We do have a request for a new budget item – there is money in our budget for the director’s line item – the banners, the cabinetry, the countertop is covered in his budget – that will deplete the director’s budget. Anything else they need we will need to vote for additional funding.

Percussion ensemble had not been budgeted for, but it will be budgeted item going forward – it’s something we will be allocating money to. What’s on the table now, $1250 for Doug Hurst to be the clinician for percussion for remainder of this year. Dave Daiker moves to allow not to exceed $1250 for percussion, Cindy Merk seconds – motion carries. Financial Approval: Shirley Lam/Amy Koenes

**Winterguard Update** – Dave D

There will be two in-person competitions: Feb 20 in Bellbrook, and March 27 in Hamilton. There will be four recorded sessions. We will provide costumes using Upbeat Club funds, then the kids will pay us back (that works best for the ordering and bulk discount.) Ordering will be next week. WG will be doing some parent performances. WG needs to record for some comps and may reach out to the tech team for some help.

**Pit Crew** – Dave: there are no props for WG so not much going on. A session will be needed to clean the box truck of Ursula’s equipment. We need to have a place to paint a tarp for WG. If we give Andy a date, he will find a place for us to paint it.

**Uniforms** – Winds dress buy back – we were surprised at how many people willing to sell back their dresses. We offered $35 to buy back dresses – and we are still getting dresses! We rec’d 24 dresses – many more than we expected to get. We have paid for 20, as some people donated their dress. We are building a good bank of dresses that students can rent from us in the future. Katie Smith will go through to see what sizes we have, then we will decide how we want to fill the gaps. Overall quite pleased with results.

**Jazz and Cakes** – we do have leftover items with no expiration dates that companies told us to keep them for future events. We hope to have some raffle baskets put together for any other event. Shannon Ellingson has the list of everything and is storing the items.

**Taste of music** – Raising Canes in December: $145.13. No contribution from Mod yet. Feb is open, March 9 is at Canes, April will be Kona Ice at the school, 4/13 2-4.

**Band Camp**: Cathy Henson and Jen Best will step up. Some revamping of social activities will need to be done.

**Calendar** – Barb started a sponsor post, and is collaborating with the tech team. Verified that Barb has the 2 guard shows. Date TBD for the parent shows. Also working on date for next concert. Otherwise, quiet.

**Tech Team / Website** – Michael & Rebecca

Rebecca – refining the design of the proposed new website look. They are prepping to provide a demo for directors, Candi and Jen D after this call. The group is happy with what they have.

**Volunteer positions** – need to begin looking at openings for people who are senioring out. March executive positions are in filled in March.

Candi shared the openings. Phil Leisure is resigning from the sponsorship position. If we don’t get a replacement – we will freeze the position.

Ginger Coffey has volunteered to do try band.

Motion to adjourn – Jen Best/Rebecca Yoby

Adjourn at 7:37 pm