

Lakota West Bands Upbeat Club Meeting April 15, 2021

Minutes

Director report

Andy Carr: Musical, Newsies, went well. Concert band auditions for next year: 3 days into auditions – got 2 more weeks for concert auditions. Our numbers aren't impacted too much by the 'rona. Other school districts are suffering 30% losses, we're about 10%.

Currently 202 without all the guard. Looking at 205 – which was 2019. The Middle School students are hit hardest by the past year – more so than high school. For Marching Band, numbers-wise, we're looking good – hoping the students know how to read music. The show is coming along well – Colin has the score from Spain. Good news: Andy has been asking for concert band instruments, and the District approved 60k for concert instruments.

May 11 is the last concert of the year – the lights in freshman theater is still not fixed. Jazz May 10, Concert May 11, Rookie night May 12, Senior awards May 13.

Concerto competition– Alex Merk and Evy Best were chosen to perform.

Drum major auditions – Sophomore drum major class. They all work together 8 candidates were all VERY qualified. Andy shared very kind words for all the candidates, and feels we have a great couple years with these kids.

Percussion ensemble concert is May 4. Drum line auditions are the following week. MB – color guard uniform sample is in – the sound system was approved. We are at 12k watts vs. 4k watts. We sold old equipment to another band in Nashville. Next year – all our sound equipment will be new!

The Utah trip is coming together – there is a good chance we may leave early Wednesday. Tuesday is election day and off school, and that will allow 18 year old students to vote their first time. Leaving late Tuesday would put us out there late. Leaving early Wednesday, we still get there the same time (3 hour time difference.) The price goes down with that option, but coming home we have similar flight schedule obstacles. The only flights leaving Vegas are 5 am and late at night. We would be at St George until Midnight+, in uniform all night, then get to airport, then sleep on bus for a few hours, then get on plane (Band moms gasped at this suggestion.) The other plan – leaving on the Red-eye late at night, flying through the night, arriving in Ohio Monday morning. We would work with the district for excused absence that Monday – but if a student needed or wanted to attend that day, it would be possible. We are trying to leverage the price and schedules with the school schedule. Regardless, we will practice at Wall to Wall on Saturday before the trip. The kids would load their luggage on the truck, and the truck drives West, will rendez-vous with the students in Nevada.

Todal – JazzFest update – Candi will send a Charms email with the list of what each band needs to bring.

Colin – check out the new sound panels in the band room! There was a light-hearted conversation asking which band director has the higher level of OCD.

Upbeat Club Parent's Meeting

7:15 Call to Order

Minutes approval: Shirley Lam/Maryann Faulk

Finances: We received \$104 from City BBQ, \$600 from Kroger. Allison will check the PO box the day before the JazzFest. We are shutting down the online orders, and Barb will shut down the "mail the check" option. Upbeat officers met and set the budget for the upcoming year – it will look like the 2019 budget and we will vote the next meeting. It will be posted to the website before the next meeting.

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Andy to go to BMV and change the address for the "TRE" license place. Motion to approve – Jay/Justin, all approved.

Try Band: There is a meeting after this – about 20 kids signed up, we are hoping for more kids. Still planning on 2 nights which we don't really need but it's all spread out. Please spread the word to get kids involved. Directors are going to take posters to the elementary schools to get more kids to sign up.

JazzFest: Plans are coming together well. We have 20 vendors so far, roughly 20-30 raffle baskets, and silent auction options. Links went out today for volunteering – sharing event, etc. Also sign up for volunteers. We may have another meeting early the week of the event. Due to the Virus, we have to get pizza from Springdale, Mason, Evendale, and West Chester. The ticket includes 2 pieces of pizza, chips, drink. The cupcake lady is going to be there (yay!) Ben Brown and Matt Miller are allowed in free. Any administrator or board member can get in free (with \$10 donation.) Barb did a FB ad.

Band Camp: Looking to do some activities but we are having a hard time finding stuff. We are looking at the new outdoor pool in Mason. Planning is difficult for activities.

Communications: Barb likes to have handbook ready by the Rookie meeting, and should have something available. CG auditions are 5/3 and 5/5, we are getting the word out to principals. There are 2 new Remind groups. Reminder to parents: you need to sign up every year, subscriptions do not carry over year after year. The website is selling things (JazzFest tickets) and Michael wants to sell more things online. We are already 800 presale. The VLO kids this year are told every week to follow the building newsletters. They need to follow what their buildings are doing.

Tech Team: We are doing great, Michael wants to sell more stuff on the website, but we don't have anything to sell. Next year – we'll sell stuff on the website.

Volunteer We have been fortunate to get stuff filled, except photographer. ***If you are interested in being a photographer, please see any of the Upbeat Club officers, or band directors.***

Voting Officers for 2021-2022

Freshman Vice President: Jen Himelstein

Treasurer: Allison Nucerino

Secretary: Emily Byers

Vice President: Jen Best

President: Amy Koenes

Parents: Please come if you can to the May meeting. We will vote on the budget, and will need a quorum for that vote. If we do not have enough people, we may be sending phone messages asking for votes from parents.

Move to adjourn: Monique/Shirley

Adjourned 7:43.