

Lakota West Bands Upbeat Club
Meeting Notes August 19, 2021

Meeting began with Andy Carr: Homecoming (HOCO) is early this year – they will begin working on “Can you feel the love tonight” Discussing how the halftime show will go when it’s the Homecoming show. Some of the show will be performed during the HOCO game. We like to get the performance done during halftime – makes the post-game activities end earlier.

Saturday – Tag Day! We are shooting for improving over last year, and Andy encouraged the parents to participate, and explained the protocols that will be implemented to keep everybody safe. Students are not to engage in any conversation with residents about Covid or masks. They will have a container to set in front of the front door, will knock then step back. Skyline coupons offered to those who give. Drivers: your own discretion about masks in the car.

Mr. Carr discussed the GMT **Utah** information. Putting off discussing Chaperones – Monique is going to discuss that during the meeting. The kids will not have any checked bags – only carry on. We did get a new trailer, and that will help defray costs. They had a hard time finding an insurance company to underwrite the trip for these people. **[the following is an example used after the cancelled NOLA trip March 2020] Insurance** – if the trip costs 1400, then they will get back 70% of the money (majority) and then the remaining is non-refundable. The trip insurance will reimburse the remaining balance. If the trip is insured, then we would get back 90% of the remaining 30%.

Andy is really proud of the kids, and is excited about the costuming. Great opportunity for volunteers.

General Meeting Called to Order: 6:56 pm – Welcome to new members and introduction to the exec team.

Minutes: Kim York/Justin Koenes – approved.

Financial report: there was a drum major camp that is an extra expense that the Upbeat Club (UBC) needs to be reimbursed. All the renovations have been completed in the main band room, thanks to the UBC. There was also additional income – there is 9500 that is not reflected in the financial report, from Uniform sales. Jon Penney/Dave Byers motion carried.

Band camp: feedback is that the kids had fun. We want Mr. Celek to do a survey to find out what the kids want to do. The desire next year is to form a committee that put together band camp for next year, rather than a single person. If anybody is interested in helping with Band Camp please email Jen Best at bandcamp@lakotawestbands.org email. Some of the vendors need to be contacted before the end of the school year – as some things are paid for by the district and some by UBC.

Raffle ticket page should be sent after tag day. UBC doesn’t want to overwhelm the parents. Last day to turn in is August 30 – **ABSOLUTELY NO LATE ENTRIES**. Some parents are being asked “what are the odds?” Hard to say- we will know more after Aug 30. Allison Nuceri will mail all checks after winner is determined. Will post Twitter, FB, IG.

Tag day: Ginger – leadership team will arrive 7 am. 8 am is when the drivers and students show up. Everybody should be out by 9, return around noon. If done early, there may be some additional assignments. Hope to be wrapped up by 1. Skyline coupons to be given and tax deductible receipts and get some candy for their day out. Drivers can get a break if they need it. We have 33 drivers, need 60. We are now up to 40 drivers. What if somebody can only do part of the time? Suppose that it can be

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done. If somebody wants to do part of the time, then perhaps just do the station. Need everybody to share the information with our friends on social media so the people are prepared.

Mattress sale: will include the cheer leaders – we enjoy having them. Will be on a competition day but we should be performing late. It's an ACT day, so we cannot be on main Street, but we can be in auxiliary gym. Lots of publicity available, and this is a great fundraiser that the kids can earn lots of rewards for sales.

Jay – **Pit Crew** – backdrops have been worked on – 120 yards of wall, and 11 doors for the CG to go through. They will finish building this week. New Semi to transport the props. The pit dads are going to put together a plan of things that will need to be done for the Utah trip – as the new trailer needs to take lots of stuff. The email goes to Phil – pitcrew@lakotawestbands.org

Heather C – spirit wear explanation. We are no longer holding inventory. There will be a show shirt, and the store will be open again after this initial sale.

Shannon reporting for Michael – there is a **webstore** – a nice tumbler, stickers, etc.... will be non-clothing items. This is all new and different.

Uniforms – everything is finally here and distributed. Everything is out, will be looking at the end of fall to get some additional sizes.

Concert uniforms – Concert bands, will need uniforms supplied by the school. Needs to confirm some dates with Carr so they knew what times they could have stuff. – hope to have it in the evening the first full week of September. Need to get alterations done, etc. We need to order some new tuxedo pants. Those that are there are SUPER OLD, but there is a lot of wear on them. \$663 for new dresses for the girls. We will be supplying the girls' winds dresses. Katie would like to have another buy-back. Concert uniforms also come out of tag day funds and we need to begin to build up inventory. Many of the existing uniforms are very well used. What about Color Guard uniforms? Not here yet – we would like to talk to Shelby to try and get more guard stuff done at the same time as other band uniform info.

Chaperone – does the bus trips to competitions. **For the Utah trip....**

Need 18-36 chaperones. Goal is 8 to 1 ratio. Each adult would get 2-3 rooms of kids. Many responsibilities. Not much sleep. Must be flexible. Monique has applications for the trip. Communication would be set up between adult and students. The adult will need to check in and make sure students have everything. Once at the event – then you're not responsible for the kids. All chaperones will also be pit crew and feather pluckers. There is no guarantee that adults will be able to watch show from stands.

Otherwise, need to have clear and concise plans with the students.

Medication: will have rx meds with you at all times. If a child needs to go to the hospital, then another chaperone must be given the meds. There will be training on how to do the meds for the students.

Room checks: checking each night – will be taping and untaping to make sure kids are in their rooms.

Overnight, kids will need to be able to reach you. Always check rooms for left behind items.

If any behavior issues, take it to a director or another chaperone. Will try to blend experienced with inexperienced chaperones. The Utah adults will need to keep up with the kids.

Applications are available here, but also on the website. Deadline is August 30. We do not know how much it will cost. There is some budget money to assist the chaperones to be double occupancy and not

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be charged more than the kids. No registration – must complete the application. We will know more once we find out how many

Support menu > volunteer

Fingerprints are required, and charges for prints are reimbursable by the UBC. There is a lead chaperone with no kids. Usually don't have many men chaperones.

Taste of Music – Stephanie Christian is handling, nothing updated yet.

Communications – No other updates but if anybody has any questions or concerns, contact Rebecca Yoby.

Sponsorships has been slow – due to 2020. This year we're restarting – making connections already, Phil has something in the works, wants to do a high level sponsor, they would like to determine if we can put advertising for a Cadillac dealership. Has previously been family level, but instead of them getting tickets to events, would like to mention in the programs. We are comparing other band structures/universal style sponsorships. Will try to get more Platinum sponsorships. Had been done differently – trying to lock in for multiple years. Krystle needs access to the email

Volunteers -= we can use a volunteer meal coordinator. There is a pot lunch meal planning availability. Involves signup Genius, and getting tables. All you need to do is say Taco Night, you don't cook, just have to provide management.

We had a lot of turnover for **photographers**, and Shirley was willing to volunteer for band camp. THANK YOU SHIRLEY!

Audit team – need some volunteers – need 3 people to audit the UBC finances – only match up expenses and reimbursements. Allison will need to get documents ready for the audit team.

New business – there is some history about the trailer – Feb 2020, we voted to purchase a new box truck. Then, fast forward through 2020. There is currently no inventory, but there hasn't been any good deals for trucks (they would cost more than we budgeted.) Director found a trailer that is a different, larger space, will be great to take out to Utah. Will be able to transport things now – will reduce trip cost a wee bit, as we no longer need to rent a separate trailer. Sometimes we may need to rent the tractor part to pull it. For regular transport between schools, Mr. Carr is willing to do multiple trips.

11k was the price, that includes improvements. Also a ramp needs to be purchased. We need to vote again, since it was an old vote – we need to re-do. Currently is not wrapped, and is white. Andy does not require wrap for the Utah trip. If we use it and do not wrap it, if it doesn't work out for us, it can be sold and won't have 12800 spent for the white trailer and ramp – Collier moved, and Krystal sec, all in favor, no opposed.

Adjourn 8:10 Monique/Kim York