

November 2021 Upbeat Club Meeting  
Unofficial Minutes

6:48 call to order – Krystal / Kim

**Financial Update:** The spending was more than we expected. We do have \$3500 collected from sponsorships, and there are more coming in. Given that, the \$2500 extra added to the budget, we can spend it, but we want to find out if we take from the director's fund, or if we can do a line-item approval. Phil Leisure moves to allocate \$2500 to a discretionary fund not to exceed \$2500. Dave Byers sec. The directors get to keep their balances.

Stacy / Monique approve Treasurer's report.

**Pit:** Jay: thanks for all the help. It was a good year – thanks to everybody. No matter if you lifted a single or many props it was appreciated. Jay Lance and Richard were great to take leadership roles. They are transitioning to winter guard – an opportunity for football – Chaperones opportunity for football games. Speakers/podiums. They are taking the box truck to mason for the football game. We will figure out if they win the game. We have absolutely no idea where the next game would be.

**Winterguard** parents would love to have some people step up to help with WG. WG is not complicated. Pit is a great way to connect and engage with the kids is great, and "living in the lot" is a great way also. Also, if a kid doesn't want a parent to participate, it's possible to participate and not be in your kids face... but also, your kid is not your boss, so stand up for yourself.

Jay is not leaving but Phil is. For future pit members: you don't need to be a master builder. Ladies can also be on the pit, and some can even use power tools without a man's help. Circling back to Utah, they were glad to have plenty of people in UT.

New topic: Color Guard – Jen Collier followed up with Shelby about end of season, and she said she wanted to congratulate everybody and thank all volunteers. WG are 7-9:30 at freshman gym. 50 total – and not equally split between JV and Varsity. Practice schedule, it's on the calendar. The comp will start Feb 5. Shelby is planning some fun stuff, and then working with Phil for pit crew stuff – but we need some props.

**MB uniforms** – we survived, washed more uniforms than ever. Thank you for all the help. Getting estimates for laundering, and when we determine the end of football schedule then we will handle the parkas. Lots of washing, but it was done.

**Concert uniforms** – there isn't much going on – they've all been assigned, everybody showed up at the first concert dressed and ready to go.

**Monique:** Huge thank you for chaperoning for UT. The kids were fantastic. Lots of hard work but they all showed up in time and did a good job. We knew which kids we needed to keep track of. The lessons they learned in band were shown. The few hours in Vegas were the most difficult. No flights delayed, We aren't really chaperoning for the playoff games, it's really just riding along. The football team parents were happy to have the band kids show up at the game. We are happy to have a good football team. OSHAA has some crazy rules.

**Fundraising:** \$3100 made from the mattress sale, 28 sales. We even had some freshmen concert band sales – Kim is senioring out. This was the best sale LW has had in years, even sharing with the Cheerleaders. There was a sale at Princeton HS that had been referred for LW. Debbie keeps track of that, and there may be some more coming in. The new person will reach out to whoever is signing up. There are some more sales coming in.

**Sponsorships** – One company has committed to 2 years of diamond level – 5k coming this year and 5k next year. Another sponsorship came in at 1k and next year will be here at a higher level (an individual rental in FL.) Another sponsorship came in at 2500 level. Sponsorships are something anybody can do. Krystal is accessible – she is looking forward to be anywhere. Perhaps there are some other sponsorship opportunities.

**Swing dance mode** – met last night – Will go through decorations and see what we have – perhaps get some curtains with lights to highlight the bands, raffles are in the works, Chipotle, Starbucks, gift cards, some other incentives for the dance winners. Gathering places to do prizes, etc. Signup genius is going out tomorrow for all the help that is needed. Coat check – water bottles are needed. Kids will be providing the food, but we need water bottles. Explanation of swing dance – it's all live music there are some instructors that come who will get everybody up and dancing. The lights are dimmed so it doesn't look like you're in the cafeteria. There are snacks that are included in the price of admission, the food supplied by kids in the bands. The goal is to get the food next week. It will be a grab and go situation with the food – will have all individual packaging. The flyer is finished and will be sent to Barb Warne.

Ticket sales for swing dance opens Thanksgiving weekend, and then noon the day of dance. There will not be physical tickets. If you wait day of then it will be cash at the door, and a credit card surcharge.

**Solo and ensemble**, they will be asking for volunteers to help with S&E. All hands on deck for this.... It's an all-day event – and could be 1500 to 2000 people here during the day. It will be smaller this year – as honor band is small. We take over the school, 15-20 classrooms where we will be having performances back to back. Lots of people needing to run the scores, posting, etc. lots of jobs that can be done. Plenty of opportunities. A few key roles – planning committee – will be recruiting certain people, but main roles are somebody to coordinate the volunteers, since there are so many, and then need concession person and the date is Jan 29.

Barb wants to let us know the next meeting is Jan 20 – long way away, - so keep up on social media. Barb is working to keep us informed.

We will be doing livestream for the jazz fest. They will only be streaming West.

**New business:** we want to thank committee leads. We know what it takes to go above and beyond. The band parents appreciate all the support we get from the parents.

**New business** – how can we give to the group – alumni could leave a message on a square for future teachers.

Monique/Krystal close at 7:58