

Lakota West Upbeat Club Meeting  
February 17, 2022

Director's report Carr: Discussion about Solo & Ensemble performances. Smaller crowd this year but all kids had had positive experiences. Andy can see differences in the kids' performances. Colin and Andy were able to travel through the February snowstorm to attend All State in Cleveland. Sam Komiensky was 3 feet off the ground for the performance, he was so excited about the All State.

BUT, all this was nothing compared to what shall be known as the greatest accomplishment of Butler County in 2022: The Chorale and Symphonic Winds performed The Bengals' Growl while Colin recorded. The arrangement from the Kings High School band director was quite simple and had over 2000 views the first hour it was posted on social media. As of Feb 17 it is well over 100k views, 1300 shares, and "The most important thing we have ever done."

We are thrilled for the kids and we were able to represent the city, and thankful that a sleepy Zac Taylor gave us a shout out after the Superbowl.

Next concert – practice for what they do for MFA. Chris Brandenburg was the original Colin, Dr. Ken Thompson from BGSU will be coming. James Stevens from BOA will come in.

MB commitment forms are due tomorrow (Feb 18.) Lots of things hopefully will be in place earlier than before. We want to get the designers working while they are not too busy. Wanting FJM to get stuff done for us immediately after WGI.

Smart Music is being used for MB as well as concert bands. Directors are excited about that. The composer who wrote Purple Majesty was thrilled to hear that a band plays that, so he was thrilled.

Freshmen have a concert at East Freshmen Dr. Shelly Jago from WSU will be working with the kids. That will be March 3.

Mr. Todahl: next performance for jazz lab/orch at Beavercreek 2/26. For Jazz and Cakes, setup 5.30 Friday night but does it need adjusting due to the Winds performance? Will think about it. Our performance is 7.30 at UC.

Thankful for the Solo & Ensemble volunteers. Leadership team was used. Lots of great feedback. Michelle and Audra will return and provide food.

**Meeting** called to order at 7:27 pm, Jay and Rebecca approved the minutes. Upbeat met in the cafeteria due to percussion groups using the choir and band rooms. Attendance was ~10 due to the torrential rain received all day. Several basements had issues, and it was just plain awful weather, but chocolate was provided during the meeting.

**Finance** report approved by Rebecca and Jay.

**Try Band Recap:** very successful, and lots of enthusiasm from students! Grateful to the principals for allowing the band staff to come into the elementary schools.

**Winter Guard:** going well, looking forward to the Pittsburgh trip

**Jazz and Cakes:** Plan is to stay after school and set up for the Jazz and Cakes (it conflicts with the concert at UC) then feed them and send them to UC. Need tables set up on Main Street. Get the general idea of setup. The bus leaves at 4:30. The bus will take kids down to UC, then come back. Kids

need to come home with parents or friends' families. We don't want kids driving to Clifton, parking, and then coming back after getting lost at UC. We will be setting up earlier than usual, but the labor is free.

Explanation of the Jazz and Cakes basket donations: we are asking each family to contribute something for a basket raffle – between \$5 and \$10. This is due to businesses not extending many contributions, but by giving small donations, no family is out too much money.

Check **calendar** for dates. Community event for WGI is March 25.

**Taste of Music:** Canes March 22, Chipotle April 29

**Sponsorships:** Nothing new for sponsorships, but Crimson Cup is willing to do something like Taste of Music where some proceeds are given to the band.

**Volunteers:** We need a new secretary, as Emily seniors out and her sophomore daughter Melanie does not want to be in the band. However, Melanie does hang out in the band room quite often since she rides to school with Natalie, and perhaps somebody could befriend her and ask her if she would like to participate. The over-controlling (s)mother, Emily, trusts that some kids or directors may be able to encourage Melanie to participate in band.

**Band Camp:** Bad Moms, the Marching Band edition, will be meeting during mini-camp.

**New business** – aluminum welding will be checking with Richard Henson. Props are in the works and will be easy this year. Using the Magic 8-ball, when the question is asked, “will props be easier to move next year?” the answer will be “most definitely Yes”

**The next UP meeting will be the SECOND Thursday, due to spring break.**