

# Lakota West Upbeat Meeting

October 10, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

## Informational Meeting:

- Director's Report – Andy Carr – Senior night tomorrow. The seniors will get changed and do pictures. We all meet back outside at 8:00 and start the performance. Pregame, stand tunes, and then the senior recognition thing. The Seniors do not wear shakos so that they can have nice hair. Once we're done with that, we'll bring the props over and do the show. They will not change clothes. After the competitive show that's it and we're done. It's not really a practice tomorrow, just a performance. Had a wonderful concert band concert last night. A really great evening. The kids' responses were fun to hear this morning. Had a lot of really thoughtful things to say. With the marching band being such a commitment it is such a challenge for the concert bands to handle it all. Very proud of them for all of the things they pull off and the growth that they show. Had a great showing at Springboro. Knew it was going to be a tough time for us with getting it where it needed to be for Obetz and trying to put on the closer and it just didn't work out. Not on the kids it was an issue with some of the adult show things. The kids handled it pretty well. If you are just looking at scoring, we did really well. Mason being there was great to see what they are up to. It was a huge compliment to be so close to Mason they finished in the top 5 nationally last year. Carr was actually in Memphis during that show as he was asked to be a BoA judge this year. It is a great educational experience. Mr. Celek is so in control that it is OK for him to do it. It was quite enlightening to see it but also very exhausting. They do not let you talk to any of the other judges at all. He saw 32 bands both weekends and at lunch you can't talk about the bands at all. It is stressful. It is so hard to tell between those 8:15 band and the 3:30 ones. It is really just about the impression you leave on those individuals. Super well run. It is quite an experience judging from the field, especially with kids who are not used to having judges on the field. It was very cool, but I really missed being with our kids. Hopefully we'll have 4 more performances. Really looking forward to it. This shorter season thing has been awesome, but we'll see how it ends. Having to have the whole show complete a few weeks early is a lot of work. We may be the best band at making sure the kids have a good time. Our kids love these trips and we're really proud of that. Kids always remember the trips more than anything else.

- Asst. Director's Report – Colin Celek

- Jazz Director's Report- Aaron Todahl

## Business Meeting:

- 1) Call to Order: 6:32

- 2) New Member Welcome

- 3) Minutes Approval – Stacey L. Approval/Second: Jen/Kim

- 4) Finance Approval- Jenni K. – See the website for updated financials. We're on target with our fundraising. The invitational outperformed due to good weather. We still have the winter guard invitational in January. Deposit was paid to tristate marching arts.

Spent a little money on concert uniforms. The biggest expenditures are equipment, truck wraps, and angel fund trips. Swing dance is next up in December. Jazz and Cakes is the last big one in the spring. Approval/Second: Shirley/Shannon

5) Pit Crew- Ray B. – No new requests. Pit crew rebuilt a shed. Still working on finishing touches.

6) Uniforms

a. Winds-Monica H. – Amy S, Ali B, and Judea were a big help

b. Marching- Kids will be packing their uniforms in their red bags for the trips. Box truck will not be going. Uniforms are all currently being washed.

7) Taste for Music- Ali B. – Marcos Pizza is Tuesday. There is a flyer, mention Lakota, and they will donate 50% back to the band. Nov 12<sup>th</sup> will be Wings and Rings.

8) Communications- Kristin B./ Barb W.

A. Trip Update- As far as we know Johnson City is a go. There will be a student meeting with itinerary and bag tags. Directors are leading that. Kristin will send the itinerary when she receives it. We do not recommend kids bring their chrome books. There really is not time scheduled for the kids to do homework. They are very busy. There will be staff and an exec board member with each group leaving for Tennessee. If they are not on the first set of buses, we are going to assume they are taking the PSAT. Your kids will need money for lunch on the way down, dinner at Dollywood, and lunch on the way home. All of the other meals are covered. We're doing our best to make the PSAT thing work.

Next seasons schedule will be developed around January. There will be a google survey after the season to gauge where we're at as a group and where we want to be. How many practices, how long, etc.

Marching band concert is a tentative date as we are still waiting on uniforms. We might schedule that after the home playoff games. There will likely be 2- Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and Nov 8<sup>th</sup>.

9) Tech/Website Team – Rebecca Y. – No updates. The first 2 concerts went well for live streaming. We'll be streaming senior night.

10) Sponsorships – Michelle R.- No updates

11) Calendar Raffle Wrap-up-Charity F. – Everybody has been paid. We had one winner who said that we made her year which was pretty cool. We also had another winner who donated \$750 back to the angel fund.

12) New Business

A. Open Lead Positions-Swing Dance, co-lead- Laura is looking for a co-lead. Specifically, someone who is able to be here right after school on Thursday/Friday to get decorating started,

B. Mattress Sale-Amy P. – This is a go. Nov 9<sup>th</sup>.

Next Meeting – Thurs, November 21, 6:30 pm in the Lakota West Band Room