

East Lake High School Band

Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2015

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Attendees: Carlos Aquino, Linda McElligott, John Burwell, Cheryl Melidosian, April Perryman, Jules Pollard, Theresa Aparo, Bryan Centers, Niki Tsagaratos, Gretchen Vautier, Michelle Leslie, Tessa McGrew, Allison Amram, Eileen and Dave Jarvis, Eve Julian, Amy Itschner, Matt Lapointe, Charlie and Lisa Cavaliere, Jennifer Bertisch, Jennifer Vigliano, Crystal Jaquith

Welcome and Introduction - (Carlos) The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

- The approved minutes from the October meeting are on the band website.
- Dec. 10th is the winter concert for all bands.
- Please connect with First Touch. We also try to send emails.

Fincncial Update (Cheryl) -

- Working on Classic numbers. Classic brought in a lot of money, but we need more fundraisers.
- We are good on fair share, if you didn't get a statement you are good. At end of month everyone will get a statement.
- Cookie dough sale numbers - \$4,800, waiting for delivery date.
- Next month will have actuals and compare to our budget. Clearwater tournament was not in the budget.
- Bake sale brought in \$729. Thank you to everyone for your contributions. So many lovely things were brought in. Many compliments were received, we are known for having the bake sale at our competition. Small bands with a long day enjoy the bake sale at the end of the night.

Band News (Mr. Fulton):

- The band is in great spirits. Saturday, the DVD, 4th movement had tears in it. Things not synced up. We have the FBA sound needed for Superior, but we have the tears. Frank Williams complimented us. Our quality of sound and marching is Superior. Still waiting for judges comments.
- This Saturday in Clearwater, we were performing at 6:30. Now it is 6:00.
- Playoff situation, when we beat Plant City football, if Countryside wins also, we would have a home game the Friday before SemiFinals. Good that we will earn money for band, bad that we will miss a rehearsal.
- Jan. 4th concert - Snarky Puppy is a new wave jazz band - for big bucks you can hang out with band before, get headphones. \$36 ticket to sit in audience. We are playing some of their music. We have a contract with them. Our band is going to play via Skype before their concert. Music tech students are mixing our band the week before finals, during the school day. Band students are encouraged to buy tickets and go to the concert. It's in Ybor City at "The Ritz" Good family activity to go to. Look up Snarky Puppy on You Tube (Tio Macacco or Lingus).

- Winter Program: Winter Percussion will be 35 kids, Class A, FCCA approved. Will transfer to WGI over next few years. 2-3 days a week, 2-3 hours. Starting after Thanksgiving there will be auditions (many kids want to play snare). Two weeks later we will start. We have some things to iron out. Steve and Fred are coming in. Will do FFCC. Daytona weekend is in April (Saturday after Spring Break). Winter Guard - out of 9, 5 want to do it. Class A does not allow winter band to have color guard in it. Jill asked about Woodwind players that are interested in guard. Mr. Fulton said there is not enough students. We would need to have 20 by mid-Dec.
- We will have a design for the shirts earlier this year, and new processes will be used this year, learned from mistakes of last year.

Fundraisers (Michele) -

- This year we are going to have two tag days at Sams Club in Clearwater in January. We can't go to Publix at least until January. Too much competition. We need other places. Linda will check into CVS and Walgreens.
- Spirit nights will start up again in January. We will do Sweet Tomatoes twice. Alumni from East Lake is in charge at Sweet Tomatoes.
- 5-K races - kids love it - color run - kids love to get blasted with powder. Run five K and then get blasted at the end with colors. Maybe we could organize a 5K at end of January.
- Threshers maybe in Spring. Everything has to be approved through the county.
- Possibly a golf tournament.
- If anyone has any experience or desire to organize and host something, or have any suggestions, please see Michele Leslie.
- Carlos explained that we are trying to work with WalMart foundation to get a grant for instruments. When we went to get sponsorships for Classic, Hyundi said they may do a test drive day for the band fundraiser. Carlos will check back with them. (Charlie - how it worked in past - maximum give us is \$5,000.)
- Selling shirts - if we do \$1,000, that is great.

Upcoming Volunteers Needed -

- Someone to pull tow.
- Soccer game concessions - see sign-up genius.
- We are working on doing concessions for Wrestling (baseball did it and stopped).
- We may need prop pullers. We will have two box trucks. We can put props on the box truck and may not need the other driver/tow.
- April said it would be nice to have new volunteers for concessions so same people are not doing it all the time. It's nice to get to know people, and nice for others to know the ropes so that when some volunteers phase out because children graduate, others know how.
- We need someone to help with uniforms on Saturday. Would be good to have a new crew to learn this too.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.