

East Lake High School Band

Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2016

Executive Board

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Attendees:

John Fulton, Susan Fulton, Carlos Aquino, April Perryman, Michelle Leslie, Cheryl Melidosian, Linda McElligott, Marcianna Spath, Ken Berke, Gretchen Vautier, Tessa McGrew, Raquel Quiles-Figueroa, Crystal Jacquith, Julie Latorne

Welcome and Introduction (Carlos):

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Cheryl motioned to approve the minutes from the May meeting. Michelle seconded the motion. All agreed. Minutes are on the band website. Carlos stated that we've had a wonderful year with many achievements. This is the time of year we pass the baton to the new Board.

Band News (Mr. Fulton):

AC is now shut off at a certain time every day. We may get an electric charge for using AC after hours. Herb is now in charge of all this stuff, and he will help us understand how it works. Certain groups are being charged and some are not, so it doesn't seem fair. We are working on getting this worked out. We can make a case that they shouldn't be charging us because they are not supporting our program with funds. Whereas if the YMCA or some other group uses the facility, they should be charged.

Sponsorships: The sponsorship documents are available to take if you want to reach out to local businesses. The rules are that from June 14-July 15th is the period of time for a student to reach out again to the past sponsor from last year. After July 15th, another person may approach the same business. It would be good to get the sponsorship early. 50% of the ad money goes to the student's fair share. Fair share covers about $\frac{1}{3}$ of our marching band costs.

Incoming Instructors: We are adding Travis Cook to the visual side. He is no longer at Carwise, but is the Choral Director of Seminole. He is exclusively working with us on visuals. Chip Wood was consultant last year, this year he will be a great asset (BOA Nationally recognized judge, head judge for FMBC). Mr. Smith from Seminole wants to judge more, and we are bringing him in as a consultant. Looking for a college student to help with percussion, but a reduced rate than what we were playing Mr. Bowlus. Mr. Canton wants to be on staff, but we don't know yet if he will be.

Band Camp dates: July 26 first day (Tues - Friday), Mon - Friday the following week. First week is before teachers are back to school, second week teachers are back, which is why the hours differ.

Travelocity is our new band show. It's about an airplane flight from beginning to end. Potential to do fun, lighthearted things. Mr. Stewart has some great ideas. We'll try to use our props we already

have as much as possible. Scaffolding and ramps were great and we still have them. Getting scaffolding on field with new track will be a little challenging. We will need to make sure we are following the new instructions of no wheels or shoes on track except tennis shoes. We have to change the way we do things. No more trailers or truck for us to bring on. We are getting in line with the rest of the country on how they do marching band competitions. Walk on and off the field at specific locations that are covered. No heavy stuff.

Meeting July 25th night before camp. T-shirts, welcome, paperwork, etc. Parents can go through everything. Notary will be present. The paperwork (required packet of forms) is here for you to take tonight, or available on the website. Page 4 has to be notarized. There were a couple changes made. Insurance is mandatory, and is only a few dollars. Just accidental insurance needed.

2016-2017 Board: President still needed for new Board. Raquel Quiles-Figueroa volunteered to be the Chaperone Chairperson. Cheryl motioned Raquel be voted in to be our Chaperone Chairperson. April seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. Logistics Chairperson and Props Chairperson are other open positions.

Graduation: What happened for graduation is the students were ready and waiting at 3:30 to be picked up by the bus. No bus or truck arrived. Mr. Anderson was called. We had a receipt that the paperwork we submitted was accepted. Mistake was made and they set it up for the wrong day and time. It was entered in wrong. They pulled two buses to send us but it was going to be too late. We would have gotten there about half way through the graduation. Students needed to catch up with their families and get there on time. That morning James Dykes (PHU) sent a text, pictures of his band loading and unloading his truck on 1st Avenue North because Trop Field wouldn't allow them to unload on the field. We had a bad experience last year at Trop Field. Every band has been treated poorly, and Trop Field has not been addressing the problems. Trop Field does not want musical groups going there. They think it slows down the graduation.

This year is going to be amazing. We are losing a great group of seniors, a great loss, but we have very exciting students and many new awesome students joining us this year. Several freshmen who didn't march last year are going to this year. We are planning the awesome trip.

Summer Fundraisers (Michelle): Lisa Zeien will be following up to line up the tag days and community dinners, and a lobster event at Safety Harbor Resort and Spa. For each ticket we sell, 50% of cost comes back to us (25th and 26th of August).

New Communication - TeamSnap (Michelle): Michelle is building the new email lists for everyone. Sorting by Marching Band, Color Guard, etc. New communication device, TeamSnap, replaces FirstTouch. It has been around since 2009. Gets good reviews, works well on Android and I-Phones. Cost is \$130/year. It has good sorting capabilities and notifications. Eliminates the reply all feature we had trouble with last year. Privacy concerns are taken care of. Michelle is working on setting up and will test it soon (20 day trial).

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.