

East Lake High School Band

Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2016

Executive Board

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Vice President: Lisa Zeien

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Attendees:

John Burwell, John Fulton, Sue Fulton, Linda McElligott, Michelle Leslie, Jennifer Vigliano, Melinda Abbitt, Kelley Abbitt, Cheryl Melidosian, Lisa Zeien, Niki Tsagaratos, Jason and Paula Fawell, Mary McNulty, Raquel Quiles, Juana Pena, Matt and Kristen Lapointe, Janine Tibbatts, Claire Skinner, Cathy and Scott Stricklen, Jim and Gretchen Vautier, Julie Latorre, Carlos Ruiz, Daren Davis, Jamie Ross, Jennifer Phelps, Genry Shvets, Kevin McElligott, Debbie and Ceasar Mayorga, Jennifer Welch, Paco Amram, Allison Amram, Marriane Spath, Ken and Jodi Kunsman, Maria Ferarera, Carrie Ross, Donna Hewitt, Gregg Wilkinson, Brooks Wilkinson, Angel Martin

Welcome and Introduction (Lisa Zeien):

The meeting was called to order at 6:53 p.m. by Lisa Zeien. Lisa introduced herself as the new Vice President, also acting as President and spoke of the need for a President (or V.P. and she would become President). There are also five committee chairperson positions that need to be filled (Props, Paperwork, Logistics, Color Guard, Winter Guard) and there is a paper available describing the positions. Lisa motioned to approve the minutes from the July booster meeting, which are on the website. Jennifer Vigliano seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Financial Update (Jennifer Vigliano):

Everyone should have received a fair share statement. If you haven't received it let us know. Discount to \$500 if you pay before end of August. Band classes have a separate fair share. Fair share covers many things, including buses, competitions. You may pay in full or in installments. Pay at least \$300 this month if possible. If your child gets a sponsorship, they get half of the amount applied to their fair share.

Fundraisers (Lisa Zeien):

Tag day at East Lake Publix on August 27th. There will be email signup genius where students can sign up for a 3-hour shift, and a chaperone (Level 2) is also required for each shift.

Lobster Fest - \$10 tickets for entrance to the event. We get 50% of proceeds. Aug. 25 and 26th at Kapok on McMullen Booth Rd.

Band News (Mr. Fulton):

Tonight you've had opportunity to come in and have food, taste of concession stand, burgers. You'll have opportunity to help with that in concessions. Kids were going to go out to practice field to perform but because of weather they will perform the music in cafeteria. The music is very high demand. Never before have we been able to do movement and music so well together by now. We've learned 28 pages, 9 pages left to learn. Awesome progress! We would have been able to see the drill to music tonight if the weather cooperated.

Slight staff changes this year. Jordan Matthews joined us this summer. Mr. Chip Wood, Orchestra Director. We're extraordinarily lucky to have him on board. This year he is part of the marching band staff. Chavis Cook is a choral director who is our guard designer. Also Alan Smith, and Alex Bradley.

Education of your student in band program is paid for by tax dollars. Referendum money goes toward uniforms, etc., but we have to go over and above that which is where the Boosters come in. We do not want finances to get in the way of a child being in the band. There are always opportunities to raise your fair share with fundraising opportunities. Sponsorship sales, etc. We have to pay a drill designer. It costs for us to get on a bus, renting uhaul trailers, etc. Our fair share is much less than some other schools. Fair share helps us bring clinicians in for day camps, to pay for food and the cost of clinician.

We were a tiny band when Mr. Fulton first got here. There were 35 all together. Front ensemble was one person. Interesting beginning. Discovered the students here are extraordinary young men and women. The band keeps growing in quality and size. Middle school on campus helps us grow. They are accomplishing more in a shorter amount of time than ever before. Great staff and great students here. We're changing the rehearsal schedule for the year. It's always been 4-8. Practice time will now be 4:30 - 7:30. Occasionally we may do 4:30 - 8:00 before a big event. If we ever shorten a rehearsal, and we end early, be assured that Mr. Fulton will be here until the last student is picked up.

Spirit Wear (Mary McNulty):

Students - \$5 for spirit t-shirt "Now Boarding." Parents may buy one for \$10. Credit cards see John Burwell. Paypal also. This show shirt is a one-time order only. Place order tonight, pay by Wednesday. Back side of shirt has itinerary of this year's band dates.

Uniforms - (Niki Tsagaratos):

She will soon come to band room to get kids fitted for uniforms. Shoes and gloves have to be ordered. Samples of gloves and shoes are here to try on. Could use a helper for dates where kids will be wearing uniforms. See volunteer sign-up sheets.

Adjournment: With no further business or questions, Lisa Zeien adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.