

East Lake High School Band

Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2016

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Attendees:

Carlos and Adriana Aquino, Linda McElligott, John Burwell, Cheryl Melidosian, April Perryman, Michelle Leslie, Melinda Abbitt, Jeanine Richter Munoz, Daren Davis, Tessa McGrew, Steve Posan, Charlie and Lisa Cavaliere, Ronnie Meyer, mystery person (couldn't read name).

Welcome and Introduction (Carlos):

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. The approved minutes from the January meeting are on the band website.

Financial Update (Cheryl):

- Statements were sent out today to people who owe money.
- Winter percussion has a couple thousand dollars outstanding.
- Daytona hotel has been paid. Mr. Fulton said we are getting quotes on transportation. Everyone will go on a bus.
- Instructors have been paid.
- We need money, so need to do more fundraising.
- Tag day at Walgreens made about \$200 (was a rainy day).

Band News (Mr. Fulton):

- Frank Williams talked with 4th period Jazz. Just received invitation to fill out an application for NYC Veterans Day parade. Then we may get invitation and can discuss if we will do it (it's a 9-11 Tribute).
- Chip Wood has taken band to Rose Bowl and Macy's Parade. He will use his expertise to help us. He will bring his orchestra along with us on any away trips next year. Smokey Mountain trip likely next year, for everyone in program (usually in April). We need to get approval and start planning.
- Discussed the Band Banquet on May 6. Charlie suggested that if we have trouble with a venue, we could have it here and get it catered. Carlos mentioned we are looking into the St. Pete College as a venue. Someone mentioned Cypress Run as a possibility. East Lake Woodlands was looked into but it is very expensive. Crescent Oaks is too small. Venue has to hold 200 people, it is for all bands. If anyone has any connections on a venue please let the Board know.
- Lisa Cavaliere began discussion about shirts for Winter Percussion, whether or not we are going to get them, and could provide the shirts to the kids at cost (for going to WGI). Lisa needs at least two weeks notice to get the shirts.

Fundraisers and Volunteers Needed:

Carlos: There is a need for new volunteers for next year's Board, mainly for the committees. Because of the many seniors this year, we are losing some Committee Chairs. It can even be a group of people to be in charge of a committee. The following positions are known to be vacant for next year (**please let the Board know if you are interested in helping out in any of these areas**):

President
Concession Stand
Uniforms
County Paperwork (Charlie Cavaliere said he will do this next year)
Logistics
Props
Winter Percussion

Michele: Discussed the importance of **First Touch**, and that all the dates from Mr. Fulton are on it. Some band kids have deleted the app, please ask them to continue using it. It is the best way to be in touch about announcements, etc. Discussed the calendar:

- 2/19 - Jazz MPA at East Lake H.S., 1-9pm
- 2/24 - Spirit Night at Sweet Tomatoes
- 3/8 - pre-MPA Concert, 6-9 p.m., East Lake Theater
- 3/11 - Swing and Sweets, East Lake Cafe and Theater
- 3/16-3/17 - Concert MPA, Palm Harbor High
- 3/19 - WGI - Orlando
- 4/1-2 - FFCC State Championships, Daytona Beach
- 4/2 - Tag Day at Publix - Ridgemoor (10:00-6:00)
- 4/21-23 - State Concert MPA, North Port H.S.
- 4/28 - Concert with the 2nd Time Arounders, 7-8:30 p.m.
- 4/29 - Tag Day in parking lot near RJ Stadium, before Beyonce concert
- 5/6 - Band Banquet
- 5/14 - Tag Day at Publix - Boot Ranch (10:00-3:00)
- 5/17 - Spring Concert, 7-8:30 pm, East Lake Theater

We still need helpers for Jazz MPA 2/19 (see sign-up genius). Mr. Fulton said we will have 13 bands, 9 schools attending. We will sell food and drinks in cafeteria. Swing and Sweets has been announced on school news. We are inquiring about the marquis. Working on a tag day on Feb 20 at Steinmart. Contacted Threshers and we can't do any concessions, but we can do a fundraiser for a Sat night game selling tickets.

We will be selling candy bars (Cherrydale). Kids will bring a box home. Michele will store them in math office and collect the money. Chocolate has been ordered and will be received soon.

Swing and Sweets Update (Tessa):

- We have a decorations committee. We're using black, gold and silver decorations. We could use some white Christmas lights, if you mark them we can give it back. We could also use boas, feathers, beads, and sheet music to use for decorations. We will have silhouettes of jazz musicians. We will have a photo booth with curtains inside, \$1 for a picture if you use your own phone.
- Michele sent out **sign-up on genius for volunteers**.
- We are feeding the performers. Need parents to help provide sides for the kids.
- Tickets are not for dinner. Food is just for the kids.
- Tarpon Springs Syndicated Sound (jazz vocal group) will be performing. We will feed them with our kids before hand. Need help with serving and clean-up, then need to get the room (cafeteria) ready for the sweets. People will come in cafeteria to get their sweets and relax and then to go the concert. 4:30-5:15 kids eat, 5:30 sweets. Concert starts at 7 pm. Doors to auditorium will open at 6:30. Crew will move sweets over so they can be sold during intermission and afterwards.
- So far 5 pizzas donated.
- Neighborhood News printed an article about the concert and how to get tickets.
- It's on the BrightHouse community calendar, on the school morning announcements, and on school Facebook page. Michele will try to get it on the school website.
- Tessa contacted Channel 8. If anyone else has contacts, let Tessa know. Reginald Roundtree?
- We could sell spirit wear. Could make a special shirt for this event.
- Ask kids if they received the paperwork for selling the tickets. Ticket sales sheet, sponsor sheet. Kids can start selling tickets now, we will have a money turn in date soon.
- Can ask businesses to sponsor and get an ad in the program. Program is designed. We need ads for the program. Half of the money for sponsors goes into your child's fair share. Do not ask any of the sponsors from the Classic. But we may re-ask anyone who got a sponsor for Swing and Sweets last year, can ask them if they want to sponsor the event again.
- Mary McNulty will put up fliers in the retirement home.
- We have a poster made.
- Tessa will give April the next date for planning meeting.
- **Need parents to donate prepackaged cookies, brownies, rice krispie treats, and cupcakes.** We need them here on the Friday before at 4 p.m.
- Kids in non-jazz bands will be volunteering to be ticket takers, ushers, etc. There will be an incentive, like a little party, for those who help out.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.