

East Lake High School Band

Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2017

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Attendees:

Linda McElligott, Lisa Zeien, Julie Latorre, Jill Lord-Shelby, Jennifer Vigliano, John Burwell, Teresa Buchsbaum, Stephanie Laris, Bill Camm, Kelly Camm, Lindsay Noble, Benita Jackson, Brettina Adams

Welcome and Introduction (Julie Latorre):

Julie began the meeting at 6:40 pm. She discussed that chaperones are needed for our last band competition on November 18th. The day begins at 6 am, and has the possibility of going until after midnight if we go to finals at Tropicana Field. We need six level 2 volunteer chaperones, or we cannot go. We more parents of 9th and 10th graders to get their Level 2 and volunteer for chaperoning. As we lose senior parents that have been doing this a lot, we need other parents to step up or we are not able to go anywhere. Level 2 is good for 5 years, it does cost \$50 for the fingerprinting, but you do save on admission to the competitions as you don't have to pay the \$15 to get in when chaperoning.

We are unsure of what trip we may be taking this year.

We need to figure out what we are doing for the end of year banquet, pick a date and maybe have it earlier this year, maybe end of March or early April. We need to consider having it in the cafeteria and making it look really nice. Could have a DJ, and not have to charge as much for tickets and not have to be limited on number of attendees.

Also need to find dates for BBQ - end of marching band season, maybe January, using Boosters \$. Swing & Sweets also needs a date decided on if we are going to do it. Need to be able to advertise early, including inviting local nursing homes who would love to come but they plan their events early and need to get it on their schedule. We discussed the frustration that our school doesn't advertise our stuff at school on marquis, principal messages and emails, etc.

Financial Update:

Jennifer explained that we are trying to collect the outstanding fair shares, equal to about \$9,275.00. Many are still outstanding and invoices have been sent again. Some of them are now coming in. We have only \$1,500 in our account.

Fundraisers:

We have a tag day coming up on Dec. 2nd at Publix. Lisa mentioned that Glory Days will let us do a car wash and tag day there. Linda mentioned the Tupperware lady that wanted to do a fundraiser with us (maybe we can do it before Christmas). Discussed fundraisers in past, chocolate bars and Cherrydale. Someone mentioned chocolate dipped pretzels. Huntington Learning Center fundraiser is a possibility if we can come up with a good date. Not much preparation, except for advertising it well enough that we get a decent turnout. We rent the Lutheran church room for it, and if at least 4 kids sign up we break even, any other kids who sign up we earn about \$25/kid.

The SnapRaise fundraiser was started this year, however we feel that we are better off sending a letter to friends and family to ask for donations to our program because the SnapRaise company takes a significant percentage of what we raise.

Classic Review:

Julie mentioned the Classic survey that was in her email. We would like feedback on Classic to help with next year.

It was brought up that it was a safety issue directing traffic at Classic without communications. Renting or buying walkie talkies would be helpful, as well as flashlights for parking people for after it gets dark.

New Board Members Needed:

Two or more new Board members will be needed for next year, and we would like to recruit new people in the coming months to help with transitions and to be sure we have a new Board in place before summer. If there is no Board, the school will take over and there will not be any competitive band.

Band News (Mr. Fulton):

Mrs. Fulton arrived at end of meeting with these updates:

- Washington Trip was going to cost too much money, we are looking into a possible Orlando trip.
- No date yet for Swing & Sweets.
- Saturday schedule for semi-final competition: 6 am call time, 8:56 am performance time, 2:30 retreat at Countryside, 11:00 pm retreat at Tropicana Field (if we go to Finals).
- Jazz Concert - Tuesday, December 5th. 40 kids
- Robert Smith is coming to our Winter Concert on Dec. 8th, conducting one of his pieces. He is flying in and flying out. Will get pizza for the kids in the afternoon. Sell tickets for concert to cover Roberts expenses. (\$5-\$8,000 is what he gets for a typical weekend.) Need volunteers for selling tickets. Pre-sell and at door. Sell for \$5. 800 fit into auditorium.
- Tri-M Concert 12/6, selling tickets for \$5
- The exhaust fan is fixed in the concession stand, may put AC in there.