

East Lake High School Band

Band Boosters Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2015

Executive Board

President: Carlos Aquino

Vice President: Michelle Leslie

Secretary: Linda McElligott

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Communications Director: Jules Pollard

Attendees: Carlos Aquino, Michelle Leslie, Linda McElligott, John Burwell, Cheryl Melidosian, Melinda Abbitt, April and Ken Perryman, Marcianne Spath, Niki Tsagaratos, Jill Shelby, Matthew Lapointe, Jennifer Vigliano, John Green, Lisa and Charlie Cavaliere, Mary McNulty, Gregg Wilkinson, Brooks Wilkinson, Gretchen Vautier, Ken Berke, Tessa McGrew, Jane Ashton, Pete Janelle, Ileana Duncan, Jeanine Munoz, Allison Amram, Alix Arndt, Sue Ritt, Raquel Quiles, Theresa Aparo

Welcome and Introduction (*Michelle Leslie*) - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

- Thank you to our Guard Mom!
- Motion for Linda McElligott to serve as the new Secretary for the Board. Jennifer Vigliano seconded the motion, all agreed.
- For health reasons, Jules Pollard needs to resign from the Communications position. We need someone to fill in the Communications Director position, working with First Touch and technical stuff. Paul Melidosian is transferring our band website to a new GoDaddy account. Jules built the calendar, the emails are set. She will help out as she can. Anyone interested should send an email to Carlos or Michelle.

Band News (Mr. Fulton) - The kids are coming home exhausted but smiling. Everything is going really well. Expenses have been sent to the Board (new drum heads, etc.) Saturday people met to paint props. Thanks to John Green for designing our spectacular props. Thanks to everyone who helped out. It is gratifying to see everyone here at the meeting tonight. The kids are doing incredible work! We have the best staff! We need parent support with concessions, props, etc. from now until mid-Nov. (then for Jazz and Wind Ensemble). There may be a couple trips this Spring. Email is the best way to contact Mr. Fulton. We should be able to use the football field on 26th. We need a scissor lift to get perspective (we are looking into prices). Big Rent store in Holiday rents for \$100/month. We will see if they would like an ad in our program to make a deal with us. John Burwell says the County has them, so we can look into that too, if they are ready to get rid of one. Scaffolding will not work, it is not safe enough. Or we could build a tower, but much more expensive. A scissor lift is more flexible in its use. Parent support helps us with what we need to do. Energy level is very high. We are striving to do everything more precisely.

Financial Update: (Cheryl Melidosian)

- Thank you to the 44 students who already paid their fair share.
- We are paying the instructors, buses, competition expenses, water, etc.
- We'll take any amount of money in the barrel. Payments can be made all the way until Nov. 20th. Paypal is an option also, here tonight or Friday night.
- If we get up to 80 students we will need a third bus, an additional cost. It costs about \$1,000 every time we move the band.
- Carlos stated that we are still accepting sponsors for the classic (doctors, dentists, etc.) Student will receive 50%.

- Steinmart offered us a tag day at the event on 9/26. Same day as our practice, so lets reach out to Jazz band for this tag day.
- Profit/Loss Statement:
 - Income - \$7,425 classic sponsors. One of the 10 bands registered for the Classic has paid. Amount collected in fair share from 7/1 - 8/30 is \$15,013.60 (which is not quite the total amount of the 44 people who paid with early discount). Shoes and gloves, spirit wear. Tag days (always vary in amount, depending on weather, etc.). \$80- Steinmart.
 - Expenses - repairing golf cart, painting parking lot, pay pal fees, postage, mailbox at UPS Brooker Creek, shirts and spirit wear, subcontractor expenses (instructors) - \$11,658 for July and August. After the numbers from last week, had to pay for spirit wear, and about to pay for shoes and gloves.
- The blue barrel is inside the door to collect any payments.
- Statements will be sent out again later this week.
- We are not doing Scrip anymore because it cost us money.
- Discussion began about individual fundraisers for everyone to participate, such as tag days. We try to avoid having the same people repeating it many times, so that everyone has an opportunity to participate if desired.

East Lake Classic Update: (Classic Committee: Charlie Cavaliere and Mary McNulty)

Charlie Cavaliere - The Classic is a marching band competition held each year here (12th annual). Classic is a single activity that brings in lots of money (\$22,000 last year), and involves massive expenses. Many local HS fans attend. Bands come from all over (NC this year). Tarpon is coming and agreed to be in an open class, as an exhibition band (they will not be competed against). They were national champions last year. We ask that every parent with a child in band program set the day aside to help us at the Classic. Before this event we will be going to an event in Seminole, which is a good way to see what we will be pulling off here with the Classic. We will have a sign-up sheet on Sign-up Genius (there are descriptions of what the jobs are). The day is divided into two shift. We ask that you dedicate the whole day. We will need some to do more than ½ day. Emails will be coming with the link to sign up. We want at least 14 bands competing (have 10 registered so far). Our band will be an exhibition band since we are hosting. We play last while scores are being tallied. It will be nice to play in the dark under the lights. Most parents will be able to watch the show, as they will be done with jobs. Volunteers will wear neon yellow volunteer shirts.

Mary McNulty - Thank you to those already signed up. Positions include volunteer check-in, concessions (two shifts), ticket booth (need to be level 2 screened), parking attendants (to direct buses and cars), and security people to turn away people without wristbands. All jobs will be shown what to do. A question was brought up and discussed about giving middle school kids the wrist bands so they can stay after their opening performance. Middle school kids and parents might buy concessions or shirts, and this would also prepare them for high school.

Paperwork: - Eve Julian was not in attendance. It was asked if anyone had any paperwork to turn in for her.

Uniforms: (Amy Itscher) - Twenty-one uniforms are still being fitted. Currently we have 78 students. Everyone is supposed to wear the Viper black marching shoes. There was a size 9 mens for sale from someone who does not need it anymore. Carlos mentioned there will be

another shoe order for new people. It becomes more expensive if you order separately later. Now is the time to order again if your child needs new shoes.

Chaperones: (Michelle Leslie) - We love chaperones. Thank you to those who were at Barnes and Noble. We got over \$200 in donations. Beef O'Brady's and Five Guys checks should be coming in. There will be only one more tag day because of Saturday practices. Thank you to everyone coming out to do the tag days. Money is split evenly between the students in the shift. We need help for Friday 9/25 concessions.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates: (Michelle Leslie)

- Barnes and Noble book fair (need money for equipment). Online orders good through 9/11.
- Tomorrow night - Chilis Oldsmar - 11:00 am - 11:00 pm. We get 20%.
- Every two weeks on a Wed. night we will do these dinner fundraisers. Say you are with the band.
- First home football game Friday night if the field passes inspection (tomorrow). Aeration plan was messed up. Re-sodded but it drowned and they couldn't pull it up. There are ripples in the sod which have to be flattened and then inspected to see if safe for play. Otherwise we will go to Dunedin. Need 4 chaperones for home games, and 8 for away games. This week Lake Brantley is here. Tarpon is here on 9/25. Big game for concessions.
- This Friday have a trial run on a credit card reader through one concession window before doing it at a bigger game. Separate window for those payments. "Back to School" is the guest wifi password.
- Teresa Peterson is organizing a Level 2 screening date for volunteers. Level 2 is needed for supervising children or dealing with money. Details will be sent out. We need more Level 2 volunteers. It lasts five years, and there is a \$45 charge for fingerprints.

Adjournment - With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned by Michelle Leslie at 8:00 pm.