

LHS Band Parents Association Meeting

Sunday, August 10 2025 at 4 p.m.

48012 Acorn Court, Sioux Falls

- **Call to Order & Attendance**

- Present: Rich Allen, Tammy Allen, Drew Balta, Carmyn Berg, Kayla Curry, Stephanie Gongopoulos, Laura Griffith, Chris Haugen, Heidi Haugen, Kris Jacobsen, Erin Johanning, Monte Johanning, Therese Marlette, Todd Marlette, Elli Nyberg, Sonia Ohling, Amy Prouty, Jessica Redepenning, Tara Mueller, JoMarie VanWell, Michelle Wigg, Lori Blom, Jen Hoelsing, Emily Gerats

- **Executive Board Reports**

Approval of July 2025 Minutes-Stephanie G, Elli N

President's Report - Breakfast with the Band went great! Lots of good info shared

- Will look into sending gift cards to summer staff.
- Preview night is one of our annual meetings and we will discuss the budget.

Roadies

Props - almost done, working on final vinyl for big circles. Working on a solution on the circles so that the kids can know how to place them. Swing looks great.

Travel- working on hotel reservations on their own. The canopy tent that goes over the synths and computers blew away on Friday and broke. Need to get a new one. Discussed whether or not it is possible to get a key for the chaperones.

The lift has some necessary repairs that need to happen and that will be happening on 8/11. We may need to purchase a new one.

Travel - Thursday night hotel is secured. Current person in charge at the hotel is retiring in September and will need to make the payment once the new person is in the role.

Chaperones

- **Chaps**- worked and did the chaperone interest sign up. Old uniform sales have gone really well. Will need someone else to cover uniform sales at Parent Preview Night as chaps will be busy.
- Just found out that if you have lived outside of MN in last 7 years that you may need to pay to do a fingerprinting.
- **Food**- need full list of students and locations but are ready to place orders.
- **Uniforms**- uniform leads will work to connect with them about the process for check in.

Treasurer's Report

- -Brought in 44% of budget
- -Expenses at 23% of budget
- -still nothing from Winterguard for payments
- - guard grandma paid for half of the new flag bags for guard. Sabres sent were wrong, we will exchange and be charged more.
- - Mr. Balta requested that we order more fans for the Colorguard. Concern about how they will hold up in the long term.
- -SD Dept of Revenue payment for Jan-Jun. This is about what we budgeted for the whole year. We believe that we had not been paying correctly in the past.
- - Jeff Lang, fractal CFO, does not think that we will be able to afford his services. Stephanie is going to follow up for more details.
- - will send an income statement to School District
- - will file a 990 extension soon
- - annual SF Community Foundation received. Spendable balance of \$4295.00

ISA Treasurer's Report

- \$97963 outstanding. 39 students have paid off. 45 are on track with payment. 93 have made some

payment. 28 no payment.

- Marching band essentials outstanding balance of \$2075.
- Previous balances - \$18147. Current Students \$11821. 14 students.

Band Director's Report

- Received 10 emails/texts/questions about things in their newsletter. Would like help getting people to read it. Discussion on ways to make it easier to share.
- The person hired to write the drill this year has not worked out. A lot of money was spent, multiple people were interviewed. He has missed multiple firm deadlines. The directors had decided to not work with him any more. He will be removed from the staff page. He has decided not to judge the Festival of the Bands. Dan Carlson has been rewriting the entire show at no cost. Dan may write the show for next year.
- The other new hires have been great.
- At Axtell all week. The new custodian has been great to work with. A thank you to them would be appreciated. The Roadies are doing an amazing job.
- Preview Night: This event is open to all, not just parents
- Garment bags have been ordered and will arrive this week.
- Dr. Nold came to practice this week.
- BOA Send off show and senior night will be on 10/14 potentially at Howard Wood. 7-8:30
- Senior Night will be potentially on Homecoming.
- Homecoming Dance has been moved to 9/13

Committee Reports

Fundraising Committee Report - raised close to \$194k this year - 60% of goal

- Sponsorships- For graphics for trucks and trailers we have gotten pricing from two places. Fox Print is \$961 or \$841. Alphagraphics is \$1923 or \$1683. Alphagraphics is a sponsor. Timing is a priority to get them in place by the football game. Will use timing as a determining factor. Both are under budget.
- Fans of the Band
- Car Raffle - about one week left. Lots of posts this week to encourage selling of raffle tickets. Online sales - 4,535 tickets sold. 75% of the goal. Folding party on Monday to fold/print/cut all of the tickets. The winner will be drawn on the 21st. Vern Eide will be sending out an email to all of their customers and encouraging them to buy a ticket. Will talk through a water balloon fight goal.
- Silent Auction & Chicken Dinner- trying to increase attendance.
- Festival of Bands- we should plan on quite a bit less this year. 6 of the bigger bands are not coming this year.
- Spirit Wear- \$4000 in profit from online, another \$1000 for at the Breakfast for the Band.
- Dine/Shop for the Band- next will be B&G Milkyway - 69th & Cliff. Sept 3rd is Arbys, 10/7 is Texas Roadhouse
- Work Shifts- 8 more Canaries games, will start setting up Augustana Hockey. Looking for someone to take over and start shadowing for the position.
- Grocery Cards - only about 30 kids are using grocery cards.
- RaiseRight- this month made about \$1300
- Grants- someone at Breakfast with the Bands and Nancy Raether will be starting to do this more.

Communications Committee Report

Socials & Web- will be pushing car raffle and all of the events

Events Committee Report

- Breakfast with the band went well. Free will offering is working -donuts paid for and extra made.
- Preview night food is all set. Elli is making the meat for barbecues. Trying to get bathrooms unlocked on the visitors side. Kids will eat at 6 PM. Will use the schedule from last year. Chaps will make a list of students on the uniform team and who will work with each. Jeremy Peters will do group photography from 6:15-7. Jen will be doing individual headshots.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Redepenning

