

LHS Band Parent Executive Board Meeting JULY 2022

Board Members Present: Jason and Maria Ratliff, Ellisa and Aaron Nyberg, Lisa Teas, Wendy Bergen, Drew Balta, Tim and Kristy Eden

Board Members Present via Zoom Video: Dawn and Justin Endsley, Ande Carlson, Dan Carlson

Board Members Absent: Kristina Schaefer

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jason Ratliff at 4:04pm.

OPEN SESSION

Secretary's Report: read by Jason Ratliff, Approved by Wendy Bergen, second by Drew Balta; corrections to the minutes noted and to be amended

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Bergen reported

- Checking account balance 54,187.44
- Box Truck account balance 2170.25
- Scripts account balance 9875.61
- Alumni association account balance 1887.78
- Checks approved: Hyvee, Intuit, Transfreight Logistics, Nybergs Ace
- Approve payment for On2 Percussion from last fall by BPA approved by Jason Ratliff, seconded by Drew Balta
- Car Raffle update- hail damage to car makes is unsellable as a new car, so Schulte looking at possible solutions. Ongoing discussion
- Chick Fil A check received 1 day after this BPA meeting, July 11, 2022. Thanks for the follow up on this Maria and Wendy!
- Noted other invoices recently paid, including show music copyrights and Kessler DM camp
- Payment approved for Ultimate Drill Book (UDD) at the cost of \$1700, which was under budget

ISA Treasurer's Report: Kristina Schaefer

- Scholarship funds 9384.64 -several senior students required scholarship funds to settle up
- approval granted to transfer unused, current marching band ISA funds to Jazz band ISA accounts, if needed in the future

Fundraising Report: Tim and Kristy Eden

- Scrip account- question of any missing Script funds; discussion if the Scrip program is worth continuing and if so, to increase promotion
- Raffle fundraiser- to move funds from student ISA from ticket sales
- Seeking clarification on tips received and question about insurance-will follow up with Anne when available

Travel Report: Jason R for Sue Mollison

- hotel rooms have been reserved for BOA travel day in St Joseph with students all staying on one side of highway and support staff on opposite side due to hotel capacity issues. Endsley's requested information on locations so they can work on logistics of moving show equipment

- 90% complete with booking all rooms

Uniforms/Chaperones Report: Lisa Teas

- Uniform check-out set for Saturday, July 30 and SignUp Genius will be sent out this week for both students and parent volunteers
- will be scheduling a chaperone meeting the first week of August

Band Directors Report: Drew Balta and Dan Carlson via Zoom

- Mr Balta will be teaching Jazz 1 and Jazz 2 this coming school year
- Discussion of adding a couple of Jazz Festivals in Iowa that are known to be more competitive in nature than previously attended competitions
 - 1. Cedar Rapids, IA Festival at the end of February, 2023- would entail leaving SF after school Thursday, attending clinic and other educational opportunities on Friday, including a performance at the University of Iowa and joint concert with Des Moines High School, returning to SF late Friday evening to Saturday morning
 - 2. Morningside College, Sioux City, IA jazz festival
- Discussion: to address financial needs and concerns, idea of setting up a Jazz Band ISA account for involved students.
 - To create expense budget proposal for jazz festivals to set up an ISA and brainstorm fundraising ideas, by Drew Balta
- Discussion: will SFSD allow overnight stays for Jazz Festivals? How would transportation be set up? Would 2 vans instead of buses be possible? Dan Carlson will address with school administration
- Example: Winter guard set up their own Winter guard ISA and parents provided transportation for students
- Alternate Marching Band Competition proposal discussion
 - Instead of Brandon Competition, exploring idea of attending Pella Marching Band Competition on that same weekend, September 24, 2022.
 - Rationale: Pella is a significantly more competitive competition with the potential for more exposure, more productive and different judge feedback, attend by larger, more competitive schools. Also, not attending Northwestern Clinic anymore, which saves some money to offset additional expense of this competition.
 - Proposed weekend schedule: Leave 8am, travel to Des Moines, use Johnson HS facility with a partial unload of just instruments for a couple hour rehearsal, box lunches at rehearsal. Roadies continue on to Pella, IA. Band travels to Pella, IA, competition, then returns to SF around 3:00am
 - Pella has offered to waive registration fee this year to entice LHS to attend this competition
 - Concerns:
 - higher cost to attend Pella with fuel costs, not budgeted competition for 2022-23
 - roadies concern (additional travel time and fatigue, front ensemble equipment included in partial unload, expense to roadies for hotel that evening and availability of roadies to travel)
 - transportation availability in question
 - question of this would produce a relationship strain with the Brandon marching band program- Drew assured BPA it would be fully supported
 - question if this Fall is good timing to change competition venues with cost
 - issues, travel issues, planning for meals, transportation, but fully supported to attend Pella next season
 - Drew and Dan will further discuss

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- Process for hiring outside staff, clinicians for this season's show needs to be defined- Dan
- Budget for outside staff, clinicians needs to be reviewed and updated.
 - currently comes from a small, \$6000 budget (funded from concert ticket revenue) for judges, jazz clinicians, equipment repairs, and the budgeted amount inadequate for projected need

President's Report: Jason and Maria Ratliff

- Potential person to chair Scholarship committee (seek donations from businesses, handle sponsor recognitions, etc) Stephanie Wessel- Maria R will discuss with her
- Proposal for separate budget review meeting to take place this week: Friday, July 15, 2022 7:30p at The Attic
- Seeking clarification on where SPAT camp to be held for each section so that SPAT camp treats can be organized by Becky Pagone. -Dan C will clarify
 - color guard at McKennan Park
 - drumline at LHS or possibly PH
 - hornline at Axtell
- Axtell SPAT Camp Tents
 - size 40x60 was a good size, 2 tents (to clarify, rent same sized tents as last year)
 - place tents in same place as last year, coordinating with Justin Endsley for paths for trailers and equipment
 - Who is paying for the tents? -Dan C to check with Laura
- Old SPAT Camp Tents
 - are they able to be sold? Look into this, decide on a price - Jason R
- When is SPAT Camp Firetruck day? -Dan C will clarify
- Potential Breakfast with the Band date change to accommodate those traveling to DCI finals
 - proposed change to Friday, August 12th, 2022 (instead of Sat, Aug 13th)
 - awaiting response from Casey on HWF availability for spectators (HWF is already reserved for students in SPAT camp rehearsal) -Dan C will follow up
 - Still plan to have a morning rehearsal Saturday, Aug 13th
 - Who is doing big group photo for breakfast with the band? Need to address date change with them?
- Parent Preview Night
 - Want to do food trucks again? yes
 - Need to hire Chad Phillips Photography for photographing band
- New Member Day is July 27, 2022
 - Drew would like to have a grill out for section leaders and drum majors following new member day, do some grilling, watch a movie, etc in the LHS parking lot/Little Theater as a thank you for all of their hard work and dedication
 - Maria will send out request for a couple of grills to be brought to LHS as well as a request for drillmasters, then put out a sign up genius for food
 - approx 41 students

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Roadies Report: Justin and Dawn Endsley

- chain is almost complete and will be welding toppers for platforms over the next two weeks
- Many thanks to Justin Endsley for his many hours of work on the sound system this summer!
- sound system- to use current system, soundboard has been repaired, 3 owned amps are receiving maintenance, mics, cables power source thingy has been ordered, looking into a couple options for sound carts
- Sound technician personnel ideas discussed- Drew and Dan meeting with Jason Raether as well as Paul as potential sound staff for this season

Next Meeting: August 14, 2022 4:00pm, Jason and Maria Ratliff's home 1812 S Hawthorne Ave
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