

MINUTES  
General LWE Music Boosters Meeting  
June 14, 2011

PRESENT:

Bill Geary	Jeff Waldier	Mark Small
Tammy Cantu	Mike Albert	Anne Johnson
Beth McGrath	Barb Albert	Kim Bennett
Jenny Daley	Alina Lorenca	Clif Smith
Karen Bussean	Melinda Cochran	Piper Smith
Karen Hovorka	Karin Lezon	

CALL TO ORDER: President, Bill Geary, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Outgoing treasurer, Mike Albert, provided the May financial statements.

- The ending May General Fund balance is \$6,463.87.
- The IBA Fund is current and balanced. The total is \$26,237.47.
- Scholarships are ready to be awarded. There is approximately \$2,250 currently in the scholarship fund. A small amount will be left over after the scholarships are paid out. This amount will be rolled into the general fund. In the future, scholarships will appear as a line item.
- SIAM - Balance is \$10,785.40.
- Winter Guard - Balance is \$2646.17. The mat that was used in winter guard belonged to North. It cannot be used any longer and funds were used to replace it. Any remaining funds will be divided equally between the number of girls in guard. The Winter Guard program will be split into four separate groups from now on.
- The negative amounts in the General Fund column indicate disbursements for the upcoming Marching Griffin season that were already paid.
- Overall comments are that the expenses were handled very well over the past year. Even though there was an extra trip added to the Marching Griffin season, it was still within the budget. The only pitfall is that money from fundraising is still difficult to guess.

WAYS AND MEANS/FUNDRAISING UPDATES:

- Relay for Life - Approximate profit is \$500. There was another vendor selling hot dogs for \$1 more than we were. Sales seemed steady and we sold almost everything. The Relay for Life people asked for a donation up front and we gave them \$100. It seems that they are not as welcoming of us as they have been in the past. Bill Geary with talk to Maribeth Meaux regarding our reception and whether we will be continuing this fundraiser in the future.
- Car Wash - Scheduled for June 25. Everything is falling into place. We are still in need of volunteers. Karen Bussean will send out another email blast.
- FMBA - First show went well even though there was no supervisor present from Aramark. The concert probably did not make enough money to cover the volunteers, but the future concerts should make up for the shortfall. Next show should have a supervisor present. The money counter was not used because the money was wet because of the rain. Kim Bennett will try it at the next concert.

- Chili's Fundraiser: Maribeth Meaux previously distributed the vouchers from Chili's for us to participate in the Chili's fundraiser. Karen Bussean will send out another blast regarding the second event on June 23 encouraging people to participate two to three days prior to the event. No word on how much the first date earned. Kim Bennett mentioned that Wendy's does something similar. She has forwarded the contact information to Maribeth Meaux. Bill Geary discussed having this type of fundraiser on a monthly basis and perhaps we can find other businesses that could participate.
- SIAM - Tammy Cantu stated that they are still signing up businesses and that they have currently signed up approximately 90 businesses (7 or 8 of which are new). Some previous supporters have declined to participate this year. All in all, everything is going well. Drivers are still needed.
- Fall Fest - Melinda Cochran stated that a fire retardent tent has been purchased that has anchors. She has the vendor information and will start ordering in early July. She needs to contact the Athletic Boosters regarding the ice chests and ice as we have previously shared with them. The major vendors that we will use will take back unopened products with a restocking fee.
- Home Show - Clif Smith stated that 14 bands have entered so far. He is hoping for 18 - 20 bands.

#### STAFF COMMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Jazz I and both Jazz Combos have begun rehearsals this week. This is the first year that there will be two Jazz Combos. Jazz II will start later in the Fall.
- The Leadership Retreat went well last weekend. They have built a new facility for next year. Thank you to Sue Stachura for her contributions again this year.
- New Parent Meeting - Scheduled for June 16th. Clif Smith will personally call all new member parents and invite them to attend. Important information will be distributed that evening.
- Uniform Measuring will take place on June 23. Both regular uniforms and show uniforms will be measured at this time.
- Marching Griffin Information Meeting and Form Signing - This year there will be a new format. There will not be a Kick Off Picnic. Rather, there will be a meeting indoors that will give important information about the upcoming year. Clif Smith will discuss having each family volunteer for two shifts at one of the Big Three Fundraisers (SIAM, Fall Fest or Home Show). The dates and times for these shifts will be presented at that meeting and parents will be given time to check their calendars before committing. Parents will have the opportunity to register online and select their shifts or sign up on August 2. Uniforms will be withheld until the family commits to two volunteer opportunities. It is important that all Marching Griffin families participate as these fundraisers directly help fund the Marching Griffins.
- Independence Day Parade - July 4 in Mokena.
- Show Costume Fitting will be July 28 during the first part of rehearsal.
- Mandatory Band Camp Meeting - August 2. Uniforms will be handed out after the volunteer commitments are made.

- Student Registration - August 4, August 9<sup>th</sup>, and August 11th. - Music Boosters will need to “man” a table to sell memberships and take information from kids interested in being a part of the music program.
- Band Camp - August 7 - 13.
- Ice Cream Social - September 4 at 8:00 p.m. The performance will be later this year because we will be closing up the Brat Booth at the Fall Fest.
- Concerts this school year may be mandated to begin at 6:30 rather than 7:00. Clif Smith will keep us apprised.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mark Small indicated that the Beta team for the Hickory Creek Band is looking for a group to sell food at the beer tent at the Fall Fest this year. LWN Band Boosters have done it in the past and are not doing it this year. He asked if we would be interested. Bill Geary stated that we are interested and asked that he get Melinda Cochran and him more detailed information as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Bill Geary, at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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LWE Music Boosters  
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