

General Membership Meeting Minutes
Sept. 15, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Tom McKay on Sept. 8, 2009 at: 7:36pm

COMMUNICATIONS: Everything has been running smoothly. Any changes, please contact Tracy McMahon.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Mike Albert stated payments by Marching Griffins were behind.

SIAM sales did very well this year. Jointly, all four schools took in a net income of \$105,402.00, just on street sales, with an estimate of an additional \$15,000.00 income by the end of sales. This productive sales year was because of more advertising, including banners in all of the recent parades, sales at home football games and the new boundaries set up for LW Central and LW West. SIAM can also be purchased on the web at: www.SIAMCARD.org. One thing we may want to avoid for next year was the fact that this particular sell weekend, was a very popular weekend for students going off to college. Also, something to consider for future, was that it was hard to recover from back to back sales days. MANY THANKS to all drivers that weekend.

The check from ARAMARK/Mid-West Amphitheater was received and they have paid us for 10-12 shows. Disbursements will be made to IBA accounts shortly.

Mike talked to Mrs. Lambert, and the Boosters will now help track income funds for the choir trip and transfer funds into IBA's.

Tuxes and gowns can be paid for with IBA monies. Any outstanding Marching Griffin fees will be paid FIRST by IBA's. If you still wish to use a 'paper' transfer, that is still OK, however an e-mail transfer is much quicker. When making a e-mail transfer, make sure the dollar sign precedes the transfer amount.

General fund month ending totals for August 2009 were: (16,194.74). This deficit was primarily due to timing. August was a slow income month and will be followed by Sept., being a large disbursement month.

WAYS AND MEANS:

RECAP: DJ Wells reported sales for the car raffle/SIAM were very productive at the Frankfort Fall Fest this year. 45 car raffle tickets were sold (proceeds split with LW North) and 45 SIAM cards were sold (monies to the General Fund). The car raffle went to Curry Motors in Frankfort, this year and they have been very helpful. Phillips Chevrolet in the past had sponsored the raffle including printing of the tickets; however they were unwilling to provide this service this year, due to economic downturns. Eugene Simpkins was sending out all tickets over the Labor Day weekend. For Marching Griffins, any tickets sold over the initial required 5 tickets sold, one half of monies (\$5.00) is a profit for IBA accounts. For Choir, the same will apply; any tickets, after the first 5 sold (monies to General Fund), one half of monies (\$5.00) is a profit for IBA accounts. About 38 tickets were sold at the first football game. If you wish to volunteer to sell at a East home football game, please sign up. For every 15 tickets you sell, 1 free ticket, in your name, will be placed into the raffle drum. A great incentive!! If you need extra tickets, please contact: Eugene at: 708-479-3445.

Trish Zannelli stated Brat sales went very well at Frankfort Fest. We will not be sharing profits with LW North.

Volunteers were abundant, including Choir students. Many thanks to all!

Also, for future fests, Trish suggested Boosters may want to look into changing the wooden booth (which took a LOT of time to set up/tear down) and go with a tent, with sides, which is easy to set up and probably has better ventilation.

On a side note: Joe Zannelli suggested getting a sponsor to purchase pop at either a discount or for free, at the beginning of the band year/season. This would save time and money in dealing with obtaining pop for the Fest/Home Show/Winter Guard Show, etc...

Barb Malm wanted to personally thank Trish VERY MUCH for all her hard efforts in the set up/tear down of this booth

(which took a few days and nights) and to also thank Jack Gagliano (who no longer has children at LWE) for working about 4 hours on an electrical problem with the booth.

CURRENT:

Midwest Amphitheater Concessions have 2 more shows to go. DJ Wells is disappointed on returns, due to audience ages and overall show attendance. Averages were \$52-\$53.00/shift. ARAMARK gave us 5% on anything sold; an extra 1% on some of the stands and an extra 1/2% if we work all the shows. DJ will review averages per show at the end of the year, to see if this fundraiser will be done again in the future. An e-mail will be sent out shortly finalizing the last two shows volunteers.

Butter braid sales are final 9/10; for pick up 9/30. Volunteers are needed to separate and distribute so please call Jean Smith at: 708-479-4370 to help.

Home Field Show is scheduled for Oct. 10th. Steve Garbaciak (chair person) is looking for a "program director". Winter Guard Show March 21, 2010: Tom McKay is looking for a chair person to shadow him for the Winter Guard Show. Please contact Tom at: 312-404-6860.

Marta Koonce will be chairing and coordinating the Wreath Sale (IBA fundraiser) with other LW schools. Details will be forthcoming.

Teresa Marciano to chair Mid-Nite Bowl, either late January or early February, to wrap up marching band season. SIAM businesses may be donating items for silent auction.

A chair person is still needed for the Jazz Showcase in May 2010. The chair person will need to coordinate and secure a liquor license, as we are hosting this off campus, including a dinner dance, with a silent auction.

TUXES AND GOWNS: Jennifer Bumba will need a few volunteers to assist in the measuring of tuxes and gowns. Help is needed on: 9/16 (2:30-5:00 pm) and 9/18 (2:30-4:00pm). Boy's shirts are available for sale at: Diamond Formalwear, 9428 W 191st St., Mokena
Phone: 478-0083
Please call Jennifer at: 815-469-4134, if you can help.

STAFF COMMENTS, NON-MARCHING RELATED:

Clif Smith noted a change in the date for the Choir Concert, from Oct. 15th to Oct. 8th, at 7:00 pm in the auditorium, due to the fall play tech rehearsals. This will be a canned food donation drive, which will benefit local LW pantries, so please give if you are able.

IMEA auditions will be on Tues. Oct. 13th at Sandburg H/S in Orland Park, from about 4:00pm-8:00pm. Roundtrip bus service is available for all students.

The Band Concert on Thurs. Oct. 29th at 7:00pm is also another canned food donation drive.

MADRIGALS: Flute and brass group auditions will be held soon. There will be one brass and one flute group this year. Actors auditions will be taking place Thurs. 9/10. Come out and see a show, as you will be enchanted by the beautiful music, costumes and languages heard. The food is great too!! Shows will be held: Dec. 10th thru Dec. 13th (with 2 shows on Saturday) Ticket information to follow. Madrigal general meeting for all parents will be held Thurs. Sept. 17th at: 7:00pm.

Tuba stands have been purchased for the music department.

PROPS: All props were 'ready to go' according to Joe Spalla. Joe wished to send out a BIG thanks to Tom Stanker, Maribeth Meaux, Jim Leonard and Dean Lindeman, for all their hard efforts. Joe stressed help is still needed for all

shows, helping set up or knock down props, or even if you are unable to attend a show, please consider helping unload props, upon return to LWE. A 'rotating' schedule was proposed, for parents who do attend performances, but might not be able to help at each show.

UNIFORMS: Barb Malm stated if any last minute uniform adjustments are needed, please come see her after practice, at: 6:30pm Thurs. 9/10.

CHAPERONES: Karin Lezon stated a total of 4 more chaperones are still needed for various shows. Please call her directly at: 815-469-1107 to check for available dates/times.

APPAREL: Wendy Miller sold 257 show shirts. Thanks to all!! Sept. 23rd will be the last day to order L/W Invitational shirts and patches. Forms will be sent out soon by Mr. Smith and Mr. Ruklic.

STAFF COMMENTS-MARCHING:

Clif Smith has mailed out a packet for the September schedule.

Louisville, Ky. BOA is coming up Sept. 25/26/27. There are about 23 bands from all over the U.S., participating. Tickets are available for purchase at: MUSICFORALL.ORG. LWE Griffins will be performing in preliminaries at: 1:15 pm. It is about a 5 hour drive to Louisville, with an hour time difference, so leave accordingly. Finals are scheduled for 7:30/8:00 pm, with award presentation at about: 10:15/10:30 pm. There is NO guarantee we will make it to finals.

Our first competition is at Lake Park High School, Sat. Sept. 12th. Our goal is to preach "how to be a good marching band fan". We don't preach 'competition' or 'comparison'. Our only venue is good philosophy (teaching and learning), good students, good parenting and a good show as we promote student leadership outreach, to assist or congratulate our opponents. You may hear negative feedback, when sitting amongst the crowds, but remember to respond with kindness or, with no response at all.

Sept. 18th--Junior High night. Dinner will be provided for the band at: 5:00pm. Jr. High students will provide 2 desserts each.

Sept. 19th-- will be a long practice.

Sept. 20th---330 members of the ISU Marching Band will be returning home from a performance at Soldier Field. We have volunteered to serve dinner to this outstanding band and need volunteer servers to help distribute the food at about 6:30 pm. Please let me know if you can help.

Oct. 10th--LW North performance time at our Home Show is 4:00pm. About 20 bands are signed up so far for the Home Show.

Oct. 24th--ISU performance time for LWE is 2:56pm. LW North will host this year's tailgate party, however this will be the last year for a 'joint' tailgate party. Space has been reserved.

Clif is looking into costs to obtain insurance to cover any losses for future Home Shows, due to inclement weather. (ie: Lake Park Lancer Joust 2008 rained out school lost about \$56,000.00, due to bad weather). He will advise.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Karen Dehart, seconded by: Barb Malm at: 9:20pm

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Petrone
Secretary