

MINUTES
General LWE Music Boosters Meeting
January 10, 2012

PRESENT:

Karen Bussean
Tammy Cantu
Karen Hovorka
Karin Lezon
Mark Small
Mark Rittgers

Bill Geary
Jeff Waldier
Mike Albert
Carol Binnendyk
Dean Lindeman

Beth McGrath
Kim Bennett
Clif Smith
Dave Binnendyk
Michelle Yurgin

CALL TO ORDER: President, Bill Geary, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Jeff Waldier, provided the December financial statements.

- The ending December General Fund balance is -\$2,103.22
- The uniforms worn at football games still need to be cleaned. A few of the show uniforms will need to be cleaned as well. The anticipated amount will be \$1500.
- The choral program incurred \$1400 between Madrigals and the holiday shows.
- There were some start up costs with the Winter Guard totaling \$550.
- We anticipate some SIAM money will be coming to us. There is approximately \$16,000 which will be divided between the four schools. Once that money comes in, we will be back in the black.
- There are few fundraisers left. No large expenses are expected.
- Scholarships will need to be paid toward the end of the year.
- We are still short \$5,700 on Marching Griffin season travel expenses. Clif is sending a letter requesting payment. It was suggested that if people still owe money, they should participate in the Flower Sale and use that money to help pay their account. Beth McGrath will include a note stating this with the letters.

WAYS AND MEANS/FUNDRAISING UPDATES:

- Flower Sale - Karin Lezon stated that she recently had a meeting regarding this year's sale. Currently, there is no chairperson at Central, so she has been handling everything. Information should go out to members mid-February and orders will be due mid-March. Vouchers should be delivered mid-April and flowers can be picked up Mid-May. The sale will be similar to last year with the exception that customers will only receive one voucher per order. All items ordered will be included on the one voucher. This should make things easier. Last year's percentage earned in the IBA accounts was 32%. We are expecting a similar percentage this year depending on what is purchased. Alsip will not be offering their free class this year because of low attendance last year. Also, customers will need to go through the front check out lanes this year. It is important to make people aware that when they purchase flowers through our sale, they are less than what they can purchase the same flowers for from Alsip and there is no sales tax.
- Uniforms - Karen Hovorka stated that uniforms will be turned in after pictures. She will need volunteers to help her. Karen also needs a shadow for next year.
- SIAM - Tammy Cantu stated that SIAM will be starting up soon again. We will need businesses. She would like at least 10 people to get 10 businesses. Jenny Daley is the shadow for next year. SIAM is

also looking for a District chairperson. Mike Albert stated that he is looking for a shadow as Mokena town captain. It was also noted that Ann Johnson, Frankfort's town captain, will need a shadow as well.

- Position Shadows are needed for Uniforms, town captains, Beast driver and Props.
- Dine and Earn Fundraiser - Karen Reczek was not present at the meeting. Karen Bussean reported that the total from Texas Roadhouse is \$105 and the one day Oberweis fundraiser netted \$20.60. February's restaurant will be Buffalo Wild Wings.
- Bunny Breakfast - Nancy Antonini will head this event again this year. The date is March 31. This event was very well-attended last year. We need to be ready to have another food line this year to accommodate all of the people. Mrs. Antonini will be looking for volunteers.
- Winter Guard - Eric Nush was able to get some sign up sheets online to help with volunteers for the show. Laura Lindeman has been working on the show and will probably have a separate meeting. No more information to report. The date is March 25.
- Spaghetti Dinner - The date for this event is March 2. We need volunteers! Questions can go to Bill Geary. Information should go out to the public soon as well as nursing homes and senior centers.

STAFF COMMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tuesday, January 17, there will be a Jazz Showcase meeting for parents as well as a Spring Musical meeting. The jazz parents are planning this year's Showcase which will be held at LWE on the stage "Madrigal-style". They will need some volunteers. Jenn Bumba is running the event. The Spring Musical is being run Alysia Lambert.
- Pep Band is going strong under the direction of Chris Mroczek. This is a very large group - 75 kids. They sound great. Chris brings a wealth of experience doing college pep band stuff and he has written a lot of music for the group.
- Jazz Band - Jazz I and both combos are performing at the LWC Jazz Festival on Saturday, January 14. Next weekend they will perform at Hickory Creek Middle School with the DePaul University Jazz Ensemble and then will head to Purdue University for a competition there. Jazz in the Meadows is scheduled for February. Jazz II has recently started rehearsing.
- January 23 is the Choir Step Up Night. All junior high choirs as well as high school choirs will perform.
- January 30 is the Band Step Up Night. All junior high 8th grade band students will perform with the Wind Ensemble.
- Mrs. Maffia from Mokena Junior High e-mailed Clif and Chris asking if they would like to help with some small chamber ensembles in the morning. This will provide good interaction with the junior high band students. Mr. Smith and Mr. Mroczek will begin this soon.
- Winter Guard is slated to perform in the Midwest Color Guard Circuit. They will not be in Winter Guard International until they are more established since the four schools split. This is because of enrollment. We need to push for recruitment over the next several years.
- February 9 - The Wind Ensemble will be performing at the Southwest Suburban Band Festival at LWC. The students in this group will miss the first three periods of school. We are scheduled to perform at 8:30.
- Spring Musical auditions are this week. This year's musical is The Music Man. Once the show is cast, they will start rehearsals for singing and dancing right away. Pit rehearsals will begin in early February.
- The date for Marching Band pictures is still pending. When we have a date, uniforms will be turned in immediately following.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Nothing to report.

- Motion to Adjourn by Bill Geary, seconded by Mark Rittgers.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Bill Geary, at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Bussean,

Communications Coordinator

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