**LHS Rebel Band Booster Executive Board**

**November 8, 2021**

**6:00pm/Band Hall**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Ashley Blase, President Kayce Sellers, A/P Treasurer

Stacy Pitts, A/R Treasurer Katy Reid, Membership

Debbie Martinez, Fundraising Traci Tercero, Communications

Rebecca Dominguez, Secretary Stella Clifton, Parliamentarian

Olga Padilla, Hospitality Shane Dockrey, Uniform Chair

Others in attendance:

Steve Dojahn, LHS Band Director Jessika Ramirez, Colorguard Committee Chair

Morgan Marin, LFHS Band Director J Gonzalez, Colorguard Director

Cameron Connell, Percussion Director

No Vice-President

**Proceedings:**

* Meeting called to order by Ashley Blase at 6:04 pm
* Minutes from previous meeting on October 8, 2021 were reviewed
  + Katy Reid made a motion to approve
  + Traci Tercero seconded the motion
  + All approved, none opposed

* **Financials –**Treasurer Reports:
  + **Accts Receivable**—Stacy Pitts
    - Band Assessments—Assessments paid in full: 56
      * Students with a balance between $400-$499: 14
      * Students with a balance between $300-$399: 23
      * Students with a balance between $200-$299: 28
      * Students with a balance between $100-$199: 20
      * Students with a balance between $1-$99: 10
      * Students who have not paid anything: 16
      * Students with a negative balance (owe this year plus previous years): 29
      * \*\*one student paid her previous years’ balance totaling $700, but hasn’t paid this year’s balance
    - Kayce asked if there was a way to tell if the students who haven’t paid their assessments have participated in any fundraisers? Stacy replied that some have, and some haven’t participated in the fundraisers;
      * Ashley stated that Mr. Dojahn checks (for fundraising participation) before offering any sort of grace regarding waivers or forgiveness for those students.
  + **Accts Payable**- Kayce Sellers:
    - All the bank accounts are reconciled through the end of October, per the treasurer’s report
    - Bank Account Balance for LHS: $80,512.63
      * + Alamo JHS – $ 7,947.29
        + Abell JHS – $ 5,854.68
    - There’s an income and expense by category for the period thru the end of October and budget summary year-to-date (YTD)
    - The sponsorships total remains the same at $8,800
    - Fundraising recap shows all YTD information
      * Also included 2020-2021 monies turned in
      * Students still have $3,000 worth of outstanding boxes
        + Traci will post a reminder to turn in monies
      * Total assessment payments were broken down after 5/31/2021
      * Earmarked funds were also broken down by fundraising activity
      * Monies from 5503 Master Classes, 5506 Guard Instr/Chor. Travel/Meals, & 5508 Percussion Camps was over budget, so expenses were moved to 5502 Summer Band(/Fall) Camp Techs
        + Per Mr. Dojahn: In a normal year, we would have Summer Band Techs (one teacher per group of instruments), but was spread out over the fall semester this year
      * Mr. Gonzales will more than likely become a student teacher for MRB in the spring (which means we will only pay him for the out-of-school hour activities), which will give that expense category some cushion with those monies
    - Mr. Dojahn mentioned that the district paid for some meals this fall that the boosters usually pay for, so he was thinking about moving those monies around to Winter drumline and Winter Guard for travel costs
      * Kayce mentioned we’re well within our budget and not exceeding
      * Mr. Dojahn mentioned how the JH staff spoke highly of Kayce (during their cluster meeting) and how they really appreciate how she works with them and gets them their checks in a timely manner
      * The only question he had was regarding the $75 or $50 instrumental rental fee…where are those booster funds going after they’ve been paid by the students?
        + Kayce informed him of it being a budget-line item;

Ashley informed him they’re being used for repair kits for extra pads, screws, etc.

* + - Mr. Dojahn would like to discuss possibly lowering the Assessment Fees/cutting them down somewhat based on monies the district is now paying for
      * Mr. J Gonzales mentioned that Mrs. Hinshaw told him of a mandatory fundraiser that we may want to consider for next year that every student is required to participate in
      * Ashley mentioned how the band assessment used to be $350/year, PRIOR to the boosters feeding the students dinner; there used to be an optional “plan” per number of meals they wanted (it turned out to be too much trouble and hard to keep up with). To simplify, they average $150/$160 per year to feed the students, which resulted in the current $500 assessment fee.
        + Kayce mentioned possibly being more transparent with the assessment fees so parents have a better idea as to why the assessment fee is so much
        + Mr. Dojahn is hoping to get the district to pay for the Friday night football game meals, which would free up additional monies

**Board Updates:**

* **Memberships** – Katy Reid
  + Two new memberships for $50 were bought last week since two new students registered and paid via PayPal
    - Will make sure they get their stickers, etc.

Volunteering--Katy will need to post a sign-up for:

* + Playoffs: two volunteers to assist Olga with hospitality
  + All-Region Band : chaperones for Abilene
    - Mr. Dojahn requested to have a few parents sign-up on December 6th at Midland HS for Phase I auditions since the band directors will be judging
      1. Parents just need to be available in the cafeteria in case a student has an issue (Ashley is usually there)
    - Will let students know they can buy food there since it’s a long day; they can buy pizza, snacks, etc. that the band booster club sell, so they need to take cash
* **Hospitality** – Olga Padilla
  + Playoffs: will need to order meals as they know the schedule and where we will be playing;
    - As long as she has help, she’s not worried about getting the food ordered;
    - There will be two extra hospitality helpers for Olga for the out-of-town playoff games; they may ride the bus too but will be designated to help set up dinner to avoid her getting worn out like at BOA.
  + All-Region Band in Abilene on December 11th: The band will need to be fed; like last year, the students may be allotted money, then be allowed to go off on their own (in a food area) to buy their own food
    - Mr. Dojahn stated that the school will be given a credit card, so we may need to plan for ordering via credit card instead; once he receives the e-mail, he will forward it to Ashley/Olga for more concise planning.
* **Communications** – Traci Tercero
  + No new updates
  + All-Region Band Tryouts: Traci will post that students will need to take cash to purchase food from the Band Booster Club since it’ll be a long day during the Midland HS Phase I All-Region Band auditions
* **Uniform Committee** – Shane Dockrey (Samantha Burgess, Committee Co-Chair)
  + Shane asked if the hip drops came in and they did; Mr. Dojahn received one (Trinity’s) early, but she will take that one and Jaycee’s home and get them scanned and entered in the system
  + A new student joined band today and will need to get his uniform fitting done prior to the game on Friday since he wants to go
    - He may be fitted during either 1st period or 7th since he’s also interested in Winterguard
* **Spirit Sales** - Debbie Martinez
  + In September, there was $633 in sales with $196 for the booster club;
  + In October, there was $184 in sales with $46 of the for the booster club;
    - For the 2nd semester, her goal is to put new stuff out to bring up sales again
    - Current inventory is very low (about three bins), but still has some old inventory; she will look into when she’s able to sell it again
  + Rebel Market at Mr. Gatti’s raised $462; $127 cash, $335 credit
  + Rebel Tailgate saw $320 in sales: $130 cash and $190 in credit card sales (same day as the community pep rally)
    - Not many sales since The Dolls were also there selling food and spirit wear, as well as soccer
* **Fundraising** – Debbie Martinez
  + Jason’s Deli Fundraiser raised $142.57 with no cash donations (Stacy mentioned we already have the check)
  + Mr. Gatti’s keeps reaching out to her to find out if we’re having another dinner night, so she will try to find a spot for them since her dinner calendar is already full
  + Texas Roadhouse: dinner roll sales are still going on; will pick up money on Thursday and have them ready to hand out quickly when school is out to avoid having to keep too many in the freezer.
  + Popcorn Premiere orders will be due on the 29th, so Debbie needs to have those orders in, counted and turned in on Tuesday morning to get the orders and have them delivered by December 9th.
  + Chocolate Fundraiser: we still have about 80 boxes left, more or less; is hoping to close out the current fundraisers, then start again in December with the selling of chocolate (since many students have been asking if she has more boxes)
  + Grub Burger dinner night is on Monday; Mr. Dojahn would like us to sell the Lee gear there if Grub Burger would allow it to try to make some money, since he believes the more time passes, the less chance there is for them to buy it
    - As long as we are off-campus, Debbie can sell it
  + Dickies dinner night is in December
  + Will pick up on the other dinner nights in January; she’s hoping to do a Whataburger fundraiser again & asked when would be a good time?
    - Mr. Dojahn suggested any time after the 16th in April would be good
  + Debbie asked if he was okay with having a dinner fundraiser night every month, to which he agreed; he looks forward to the fellowship
  + No further questions on fundraising

**President’s Report –** Ashley Blase

* No Board Meeting or Parent Meeting in December since it’s so busy
  + Typically take a break that month every year
* Playoff games will be starting this Friday and planned as the status is known to plan meals
  + This will be like UIL regarding chaperones and traveling, possibly feeding two to three times in a day
  + Katy will send out a sign up every week whenever we know when and where we’re going to get the positions filled
  + Ashely will not be available on the 20th, which is probably an out-of-town game (on a Saturday)
    - Tom Blase will notify the directors of what all needs to be taken (trailers, semi, uniforms, etc.)
* In the Spring (for future preparation): will need to prepare for the following fall (which means new board members nominated, put a new budget in place, an audit of the books at the end of the year) to have the committees formed early (January/February), to have in place by April since May is so busy
  + In January, we’ll need to have a Nomination Committee (four members: two paid booster members and two current board members), which will help form the board for next year (suggestions are welcome!)
    - Would like to have final list presented at the March Board Meeting to post and then vote on in April, to take over on June 1st, 2022
      * The post was made about a month or six weeks ago and she already has some people interested
  + The Audit Committee (three members) will need to be formed in April to be done in mid-June once the statements are reconciled (Kayce, Stacy, Ashley or Becky cannot be on the committee) and closed/off the books before they are handed over to the new A/R treasurer.
* In addition, there will be a Budget Meeting, hopefully in February , with Ashley, the treasurers, Mr. Dojahn and the other directors to prepare for the upcoming year’s budget to prepare and finalize in March, to then hopefully present to the Boosters in April.
* Ashley touched on how well everything has gone this year, as Mr. Dojahn previously mentioned; she mentioned how her stress level has gone down this year (she can’t believe that marching season is over, for the most part) because every single person on the board has just “jumped in and taken the reins” to do what we’ve had to do. She appreciates that! She thinks that’s why there are a lot of people that are maybe interested in serving because we have all just been so approachable and friendly, with a smile. We have a good time! She thinks people have seen that and want to become a part of it. Outside of us, she stated that the band directors get compliments all the time on how well our Booster Club runs and the things that we do. She thinks they’re a little envious that we have such amazing parent participation.
  + Those of you that went over to Permian on Friday night: there were about 350 kids; Ashley asked her sister if they had a lot of parent volunteers and she kinda just looked around, like “you’re looking at them”…about 8-10 volunteers is all they have. She believes that speaks volumes about the Band program and what we’re building, along with the support from the directors.
  + The directors are always so welcoming and supportive, which she believes is what makes us want to serve. She gave credit to the directors for the huge part they have played in the program; she can’t wait to see what they do in the next few years and how she hopes it just continues to grow, and that they “continue to recruit! recuit! recruit!” and just make it the best program out there; that everybody wants to come play and be a part of the band. she stated how much she’s going to miss it. (And I know we’ll ALL miss her, too!)
* **Other Committee Updates**
  + Pit Crew – No updates/Tom not present

**Director’s Report**

* Halftime show: after performing part three of the halftime show, the MRB will recognize Martin Water Labs for their sponsorship level by forming the letters MWL
  + There will be a presentation to honor him for his donation to the Band Program; it’s the first time Mr. Dojahn has ever received a donation of this level in his four years at LHS
  + Mr. Martin will be presented with a picture of the band spelling out M W L in a frame to hang in his office, as well as a gift basket for his support.
* All-Region Auditions are coming up on 12/6 and 12/11 :
  + Phase I is on the 6th and only seven instruments participate (flute, clarinet, alto, trumpet, horn, trombone, and percussion)
    - There is a west zone and an east zone; the judges only pick the top seven chairs from each zone to go on to Phase II
    - Students who do not play the above-mentioned instruments automatically go on to Phase II
  + Phase II is on the 11th at Abilene HS and lasts almost all day; Freshman auditions follow the completion of Phase II
    - MISD will pay for all three meals
* Directors have made several announcements for band students regarding the maroon aprons:
  + They are collecting the maroon tool belts or aprons purchased by the boosters so that they can get them all collected, washed, and ready for next year’s summer band/marching season (if we see them, they need to be returned to the school); they need to be placed in the tubs on the shelves in the band hall
  + Midland All-City Band is on 12/9 at Alamo JHS: If our son or daughter is volunteering to help as a hall monitor or room monitor, they will need to wear their NEW band polo shirt
* The Holiday Concert is on 12/14 at 6pm; the Jazz Band plays first, followed by the Freshman Band, the Percussion Ensemble, then the Senior Band
  + There will not be a band parent meeting, but there will be a time for parents who may have announcements to be given at some point during the concert
  + Stacy suggested having an in-person payment night for assessments/trip; Ashley agreed
* Senior Letter Jacket Fittings are on Tuesday, November 16th at 4pm; the fittings will only be for any Senior that does NOT already have a jacket; students are only allowed to get one from the school
  + For seniors who already have a letter jacket: they will receive a Letter to be sewn onto their jacket;
  + All band assessment payments MUST be paid in full before being fitted for a letter jacket (Mr. Dojahn received the list)
  + Reminder: The school ONLY pays for the plain jacket with the letter, not the personalization on it
    - Students may sbuy/pay for any patches on that day
* The band will continue rehearsals for marching band on Friday mornings, if that’s the day of the playoff game
  + If a playoff game is scheduled for a Thursday, they will have a rehearsal on Thursday morning
  + They will continue rehearsing their marching band show
* Band Banner: the hardware for the new Band banners have arrived (for the Band Hall); they received the metal poles. The banners were shipped and he’s hoping to have them by the next playoff game so that they can take them with them; they’re self-standing—you don’t need to tie them to the stands
* Mrs. Marin/Freshman Band: they’re doing great; have been told to ask questions; their bus is confirmed for Friday
  + Uniforms—they still aren’t good for uniforms, but I think we finally solved that? (Should I just omit this? Not sure what she said!)
  + Ashley had a student ask on Friday if he needed his instrument, so she had him ask someone and figure it out;
  + Freshman parents still go by to pick up their students and Mrs. Marin has to remind them that they’re at the football game!
* Mr. Connell:
  + Indoor Drumline: They are doing Indoor Drumline this year; he’s in the process of talking to the Hinshaws and getting all their designs and stuff ready; they need a design for the floor
    - They will be using the pants from the marching band uniforms (he spoke with Shane Dockrey about it)
    - They will be ordering Power Tops to go along with the show
    - Auditions will be held later this week; once they are over they’ll start working on their music in class
      * After school rehearsals will begin in December
  + Drumline has a performance on Wednesday at the Bush Convention Center; the superintendent e-mailed Mr. Dojahn and requested that they play for the people attending an event there as they enter the center (MISD Education Luncheon)
  + Rusk event is out (it was supposed to be held on Friday)
  + Indoor Drumline hasn’t been held in two years; they usually travel to Dallas for three or four competitions on a given weekend; Winterguard would sometimes compete with them, but will not get to travel together this year
* Mr. J Gonzales:
  + They will be having Winterguard this year and, like Mr. Connell, he has been in contact with the Hinshaws because they will be putting their production together
    - He will be in contact with Kayce as needed for funds
    - There will not be auditions for Winterguard since they are building up the program; he welcomes anyone who would like to join
    - Rehearsals will begin in January and will only be open to current band students;
      * He may open it up to all HS students in the fall
  + Jazz Band is going well; they will be performing in the Christmas Concert and have been playing some Christmas tunes; they will play first in the concert
    - He confirmed that Jazz Band will continue to meet during 3rd period next semester
  + Colorguard Uniforms: Debbie asked since this is the first year that uniforms have been on the racks, do they take their uniforms at the end of the season, and then these winterguard uniforms? Would they need to also do kind of like the indoor drumline and get them ready?
    - Mr. Gonzales wasn’t sure since they’ve never had an office Colorguard uniform before
    - He may have each student be responsible for their uniform; if they don’t have it, then they won’t get to perform.
    - They may do that for now and may discuss procedure at another time
    - May keep Colorguard and then Winterguard in separate bags so that their jackets and hip drops stay intact and will not need to take them every week to lessen the possibility of getting lost
      * Possibly do the same with Indoor Drumline and their Power Top
    - Debbie suggested that since they’ll need to transfer the uniforms into the new garment bags at the end of the season, they could go ahead and start with these, and then after the season is over for Indoor, they could then move the jacket, hip drop, and hat wrap over to avoid having to take them with their Pant and Power Tops and risk losing them
    - They would then leave the items not being used in the Lee bags and place the current items being used in the new bags to transport
    - Mr. Dojahn suggested possibly selling the left-over Lee garment bags, but Shane stated there were not any left;
      * She suggested selling the Lee Hip Drops to the students since those would probably sell; Mr. Dojahn agreed
    - They will be taking pictures of the old floors for Colorguard and Winter Drumline floors, and the old power tops; they will then post them on Facebook since there’s a FB group that you can sell old Colorguard stuff, like orange sashes, hat wraps, etc.
    - Since Winterguard will not be traveling with Indoor Drumline, they will need a small trailer for their uniforms and props
    - Tom Blase will get together with the drivers for each winter group to discuss driving assignments because the “Semi Dad” needs to go with \_\_\_\_\_ and the semi needs to go with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**New Business**

* There was no new business to discuss

**Next Meeting**

* Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6pm in the Band Hall, General Booster Meeting to follow at 7:30pm

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.

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