

**Band Booster Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 14, 2022**

Ashley Blase called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

~~Board Members in attendance:

Ashley Blase–President
Stacy Pitts–A/R Treasurer
Traci Tercero–Communications
Olga Padilla–Hospitality
Debbie Martinez–Fundraising
Katy Reid–Membership

~~Others in attendance

Jessica Ramirez–Colorguard Committee Chair
Shane Dockrey–Uniform Committee Chair
Steven Dojahn–LHS Band Director
JP Gonzales–LHS Assistant Band Director
Morgan Marin–LFHS Band Director
Isaiah Gonzales–UTPB Student Teacher
Amber Pena–Parent Volunteer

Approval of Minutes–Ashley Blase

~Asked everyone if they had received the minutes from February and if there were any changes that needed to be made.

~Traci Tercero made a motion to approve the February minutes as written and a second was made by Stacy Pitts. The vote taken approved the February minutes as written and presented.

Treasurer's Report–Kayce Sellers was not present and no financial records were provided. Ashley is going to see if we can get an updated budget since we didn't have one last month either.

Stacy Pitts–Band Assessment update:

March 2022 Assessment Update

21/22 Band and Fall Colorguard
*27 students have a negative balance
*8 students have paid 0.00
*8 students have paid between \$1-\$99
*8 students have paid between \$100-\$199
*11 students have paid between \$200-\$299
*8 students have paid between \$300-\$399
*5 students have paid between \$400-\$499
*119 students have paid their assessments in full

21/22 Winterguard (due 5/1)
*9 students have paid their assessment in full
*1 student owes less than \$100
*2 students owe between \$100-\$200
*1 students owes between \$300-\$400
*6 students owe between \$400-\$500
*5 students owe more that \$500

21/22 Indoor Percussion (due 5/1)
*6 students have paid their assessment in full
*1 student owes less than \$100
*5 students owe between \$100-\$200
*5 students owe between \$200-\$300
*2 students owe between \$300-\$400
*2 students owe between \$400-\$500
*2 students owe more than \$500

~Stacy has also created a list of Seniors who have outstanding balances since that determines if they can attend the Band Banquet for free and receive Graduation Tickets.

~Ashley is going to get with Mr. Dojahn to compose an email informing the Seniors of these rules.

President's Report–Ashley Blase

~May 7th won the poll vote from the Booster and Chairs for the Band Hall Clean Up Day. The time will most likely be from 10am-1pm (or until everything is done).

~The Board had voted and approved \$300 to fly Tubas to Florida for the Disney trip but the airlines only charged \$75 (they didn't charge our band anything on the way back). So only \$75 will be coming out of that General Band Equipment budget.

~It is time that we start looking at next year and ordering under uniforms and water jugs because that comes out of this year's budget. It needs to be ordered soon from Pam so there will be plenty of time for them to come in before next season. Mrs. Marin thinks that there are about 65-80 students to order new uniforms. Ashley will reach out to a few board members to work on inventory to see what we currently have and how much to order based on the number the directors give us.

~Need to start looking at dates for Extravaganza based on when Summer Band is going to take place.

~Mrs. Marin said that her goal is to have dates for all of next year available for the next "Rookie Camp"/Parent Meeting on April 23rd.

~Mrs. Marin said they are in the works of what "Rookie Camp" will look like. They want to have it at Legacy, what parents need to provide (water), do some marching drills, possibly provide lunch, and have student leadership help.

~At the end of this year, work will need to be done for fundraising and spirit wear items, designs and anything that they will want to sell at the football games.

~Audit Committee–Traci Tecero, Laura Shannon and Debbie Martinez will meet sometime in June to work on the audit.

~October 8th is Bands of America and Legacy is the host again. Starting in August, information about BOA and a Sign-Up Genius needs to be created. In addition, other bands can be contacted to see if they will provide volunteers as well.

~Mr. Gonzales said that Jennifer (Legacy Colorguard Choreographer) suggested that the Colorguard be required to participate in 2 fundraisers that only benefit the band and then any fundraiser they participate in goes towards their assessments. He wondered if BOA could act as this kind of fundraiser.

~Ashley shared that the host band for BOA receives \$1500 but still has to pay the over \$900 entry fee. Then, by the time the host band pays for the snacks and meals that are required, the host band only makes about \$100-\$200. It's more the prestige of hosting than any monetary benefit. One option on how to use that \$100-\$200 would be for every LHS Band parent who volunteers, they can earn a certain amount to go towards their student's band assessment. Ashley and Katy found out that BOA can be run by a whole lot less volunteers than BOA suggested (75-80 instead of 160-180). There seems to always be 5-6 volunteers who offer to stay the rest of the day. Every year there are parents who do not show up as well. The core volunteers of our band need to help with our own band and hospitality vs signing up to help at BOA.

~Mr. Dojahn is asking for a money from the MISD Budget to help cover expenses the Boosters are currently covering. Cuts will have to be made but he's trying to see what all the school district is willing to cover and then the Boosters will cover the rest.

Fundraising–Debbie Martinez

~The only revenue from the Spirit Shop for this past month was for 4 duffle bags that were purchased for the Spring Disney Trip. Pam sold what she had available and is seeing if she can purchase more because other people were asking about purchasing more.

~Mr. Gatti's Night is from 4-8pm on March 17, 2022, and Debbie will be there selling spirit wear.

~As far as Spirit Wear, Debbie said that we are almost sold completely out of 2021/2022 inventory. She just has a few generic LHS shirts. Quite a bit of inventory is left from 2020-2021.

~Whataburger Night is Thursday, April 21st from 5pm-8pm. Debbie is hoping that Mr. Connell will allow the DrumLine to perform at Whataburger.

~Dinner Rolls Fundraiser will kick off on Monday, March 21st until Thursday, March 30th. Debbie provided the directors with the order forms after the Booster Meeting. Dinner Rolls Pick Up will start Monday, April 11th. Depending on how many sell rolls will determine how the days are broken up by last name. Texas Roadhouse is much more prepared this go round. Ashley asked Traci to be sure to add those dates and information to the Band App.

~Ashley asked about Walk-Ons profit share night and Debbie had not received that total yet. Debbie mentioned that this restaurant allows the selling of Spirit Wear and handing out the flier to anyone who is walking up to eat.

~Shane Dockrey brought up a possible fundraiser for next year. A parent volunteer (Mike Enkauf) told Olga and Shane about how they rent flags for football season. If the customer keeps the flag it's one price and if the band students have to put it out each week, they pay a higher price. Adrian, Olga's husband, understood how the stake would need to go into the ground and what kind of pipe to use as well. Shane is going to send all the information to Ashley, Debbie and Olga for next year.

Contact: Mike Enkauf (325) 660-038

~Ashley mentioned that it would be fun to have one decorated potty left in someone's yard (instead of "flocking the yard") and then they would pay to have it removed.

Nomination Committee

~Committee Members are: Traci Tercero, Debbie Martinez, Laura Shannon, and Jessika Ramirez

~The Committee's Band Booster Board Recommendations:

President- Amber Peña

VP- Christina Valencia

Membership- Katy Reid

A/R Treasurer- Dina Higginbotham

A/P Treasurer- Helga Hoban

Hospitality- Olga Padilla

Fundraising- Jennifer Washam (**Co-Chair** Gloria Munoz)

Communications- Larry Lozano

Secretary- Traci Tercero

Parliamentarian- Stella Clifton

Water- TBD

Uniform- Samantha Burgess (need to find her a helper)

Pit Boss- Robert Peña

Color Guard Liaison- Jessika Ramirez

~These recommendations will be presented at the parent meeting on March 14th, sent out in an email and on the Band App so anyone who has objections will have a chance to voice it. The last day to voice objections will be Monday, April 11th (our next Booster Board meeting). That night, parents will vote on the new board.

Band Banquet–Debbie Martinez and Christina Valencia chairs

~There are 15 members on this committee.

~The photographer, DJ, and the deposit has been made for the venue.

~There are 20 tables to decorate.

~Ticket sales will be before and after weekly band rehearsals until UIL and then afterwards will be as needed. The design layout is ready, we are just waiting on them to be printed so they can be sold.

~There will be a couple games using Seniors' baby pictures and guessing Disney movies/songs.

~Ashley mentioned that she purchased several gift cards for Mini Golf Night (about \$100's worth), during summer band, that were not used. She offered those for prizes at the Band Banquet.

~Everyone is encouraged to dress in Disney Theme.

Hospitality–Olga Padilla

~The only thing coming up is UIL that Legacy is hosting on Thursday, April 14th.

~Coffee, light breakfast, snacks and a couple meals. Starbucks needs to be contacted soon so they will be ready for April 14th.

~We are still going to use UTPB students to fill the spots first and then our parent volunteers. Katy will create a signup sheet for all sign ups after Ashley gets all the positions from Mr. Dojahn.

~UIL will run from 8am-6pm.

~Mrs. Marin volunteered the Freshman Band to go first that day.

Communications–Traci Tecero

~Traci sent out a Google Form to all the Seniors to get some information and baby/Senior pics for Band Banquet, Spring Concert, and Symphony Orchestra.

~They are also going to do a "Senior Spotlight" where they recognize one or two Seniors until the end of the year.

Uniform Committee–Shane Dockrey

~We need to order new large and x-large hats and hat wraps.

~Needs a list of all the Seniors and Inactive students so those uniforms can be checked back in.

~New bags are ordered and have been delivered. They are ready to be swapped out with the old bags after the uniforms are washed.

~Uniform Washing will happen after April 10th (the last DrumLine competition). We will have to make sure directors are available to have the uniforms picked up and dropped off–most likely on a Thursday night because Mrs. Marin said she will have a few rehearsals until Spring Concert for the Freshmen.

Pit Crew–Tom Blase not present and no report for this meeting.

Director's Reports: Mrs. Marin

~They decided to drop the monster piece they were rehearsing for UIL and swapped it with a piece that was played last year and is graded the same level.

~Mrs. Marin said she and Mr. Gonzales talked with Apryl and Shawn, of Green Light, about future trips. They are looking at Branson, Colorado or Corpus but leaning more towards Branson. April suggested that it be a 3-4 day weekend or during Intersession Week instead of Spring Break but she will do anything our band wants to do. Mrs. Marin and Mr. Gonzales have a great relationship with Apryl and Green Light Tours.

~Debbie Martinez shared the compliment given by the airline employees in Florida with how polite the LHS Band was to everyone.

Mr. Connell– not present but Ashley Blase gave an update.

~Indoor DrumLine received their uniforms after their first competition.

~Uniforms have already been fitted and their show is “My Spanish Heart”.

~Mr. Gonzales showed the Booster Board what the DrumLine and Winter Guard uniforms look like.

Mr. Gonzales

~Color Guard’s uniforms go with the show called “Animal I Become” and they are dressed like panthers.

~This past weekend they did their first dress rehearsal.

~Jennifer Henshaw, the choreographer, is very impressed with the improvement from the fall.

~Mrs. Henshaw suggested having a fundamentals camp in June so the guard will already be ahead and ready to go by the time Summer Band begins.

~Guard tryouts will take place after UIL.

~Jazz Band Concert on April 19th either on the Legacy Stage or outside in the pavilion. The concern with outside is weather.

~Mr. Gonzales is looking at bringing out Mr. Holmes to do a Master Class with the kids.

~Symphonic Band–today’s rehearsal was not great after being off for a week. No more sectionals for individuals but the whole band is still on Tuesday Nights from 4:30-6:30.

Mr. Dojahn

~Mr. Dojahn wanted to publicly thank Mrs. Marin for all the work she put into the Disney Trip and the extra night she had to stay because of missed flights. April, with Green Light Tours still needs to reimburse Mr. Gonzales for the hotel room he had to put on his credit card.

~Individual sectionals (5 more) and Monday night rehearsals (4 more) are going to continue until UIL on April 14th.

~Mr. Dojahn thanked the board for all their work and emphasized how quickly March, April and May are going to pass by. He encouraged us to enjoy every moment.

~Band Banquet Tickets will for sure be sold on Thursday for the Freshmen and then the upperclassmen can purchase them after school any day the committee is set up. Everyone needs to have a ticket (even though the Seniors are free) so we have a head count for the food.

New Business

~Stacy Pitts requested a hard deadline for the chocolate. Ashley Blase suggested we make that date March 31st. There’s about 30 boxes left. Ashley suggested we sell the left over boxes for \$40/\$45 a box to get rid of them and the money will go towards the general budget.

~Guard/DrumLine needs help getting a fundraiser going over the summer because they have a double assessment if they participate in the fall and spring activities.

~Launch the Sponsorship Fundraiser at the Junior High Parent Meeting so that students have all summer to ask for sponsors. Students may come in contact with family or businesses over the summer who might want to donate.

~Graduation for LHS is 8:30pm, Saturday, May 28th at Grande Communications Stadium. MHS is Saturday at 11am the same day.

~Graduation rehearsal is Tuesday, May 24th from 5-7pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm