

Liberty Blue Jay Band Booster meeting minutes

February 12th, 2024 7:00pm

Start time – 7:12 pm

Attendance and Introductions: Theresa Brier, Dianne Heil, Meghan Jansen, Angela Witt, Dennis Esser, Kimberly Moore, Chris Witt, Michelle Findlay, Natalie Shepard, Brittany True, Eddie Owen

Board Members:	President:	Michelle Findlay	Vice President:	Dianne Heil
	Co-Treasurers:	Chris Witt Kimberly Moore	Secretary:	Kelsha James

Role of Band Boosters:

- We are an all volunteer nonprofit, 501c3 organization that provides financial support to the LHS band and guard program.

Board Updates:

- Update on SFA policy and process
 - Due to some recent changes in IRS regulations, Boosters will transition from individual SFA's to all group fundraising, to maintain our 501c3 and tax exempt status.
 - All families with current balances will be notified so they can submit receipts for reimbursement, or roll balances into the general Booster fund.
 - SFA policy will be updated to reflect changes, and shared with all families.
 - Boosters are working with Directors and Fine Arts Leadership on other options to support individual fundraising for future trips, etc. More info to come
- Winter Guard fundraisers through Boosters
 - Boosters will be incorporating Fundraisers for Guard/Winter Guard into our annual fundraiser calendar.
 - Money raised will go into a Guard general account and be used to offset Guard related show/travel costs. All guard and band families are encouraged to support these events.
 - Natalie Shepard is our Guard Fundraising Liaison
- Board workshop- March 9th- 8:00-1:00
 - Business planning, budget development for next year.
 - Organization of electronic and paper files for the year, set up files for next year

Open Board Positions for next year- please contact Michelle Findlay at 816.551.1234 to discuss

- Vice President
- Co-Treasurers
- Additional support with social media/webpage/communication

Fundraising Updates:

- Bingo at Chicken and Pickle- February 17th
 - see flyer for details, proceeds go to booster general fund
- HyVee Bagging for tips- February 18th 10-6
 - proceeds will go to Winter Guard general fund
- Winter Guard Fundraisers
 - Raising Cane's (2/28), Chipotle (5/1) HyVee Bagging (2/18 & 4/28), S&E Concessions (3/21), Car Wash (6/1)
- Jazz & Java- April 13th
 - Dennis shared new online platform- GiveButter
 - Ticket Sales and Silent Auction will be available online this year, with the silent auction link going live one week prior to the event to allow people not present to still participate and donate.
 - Donations and Sponsorships in progress. 35 businesses have already donated items for our auction, with values of over \$5000.
 - Flyers and more details will be sent the week of February 19th.
- Next Booster Fundraising meeting- Thurs, February 22nd at 6:00- Withers Library

Recap of December/January Events:

- Winter Band Concert- December 5th
 - Cookies and Cocoa
- 8th grade parent night- January 4th

Upcoming Events in February/March

- Pep Band Games- February 16th
- Chicken & Pickle Bingo- February 17th
 - 10:00-noon- tickets still available- join us for some fun and prizes
- WG-HyVee bagging- February 18th
 - from 10-6 at Liberty HyVee- support our winter guard program
- Band-O-Rama- February 21st
 - 7:00 pm start- LHS, LMS and DMS
- Raising Cane's Restaurant Night- February 28th
 - 5:00-9:00
- MSHSAA large group festival- March 6th-7th
 - parent and student volunteers still needed- let directors know if you can help
 - Boosters will provide meals for all volunteers and judges
- LPS Fine Arts Kaufman performance- March 17th at 6:30
 - students will meet at LHS and be bussed to Kauffman, with parents bringing students home after the concert- more details to come
- Solo & Ensemble- March 21st (band and orchestra)
 - concessions provided by Boosters from 3-8pm

Financial Update as of January 2024:

- Balance as of January 31, 2024- \$33,215.88
- Budget review highlights-
 - SFA's- \$2971.88
 - General Fund- \$29,764.00
 - Guard Fund- \$480.00

High School Director Updates – Mr. Eddie Owen, Ms. Brittany True, Jessica Woods

- Ms True shared that the piece that was commissioned and paid for by the Boosters last fall, ***Fortune Favors the Bold: A Gladiator Story by David Marlatt***, will be played at our spring concert.

Middle School Director Updates- Mr. Mark Fangmann and Ms. Theresa Brier

- UMKC saxophone ensemble is performing at DMS this week. Boosters will provide lunch for UMKC students

Next meeting - March 18th, 7:00pm in band room (third Monday)

Meeting adjourn time – 8:34