

Liberty Blue Jay Band Booster meeting minutes

March 18th, 2024 7:00pm

Start time – 7:00 pm

Attendance and Introductions: Chris Witt, Angela Witt, Kimberly Moore, Dianne Heil, Eddie Owen, Brittany True, Dennis Esser, Kelsha James, Michelle Findlay, Natalie Shepard, Blythe Heits

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

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:

- **Board workshop- March 9th**
 - Business planning, budget development for next year.
 - Organization of electronic and paper files for the year, set up files for next year
 - Finalized SFA updates and communication
 - Started Fundraising Calendar for 24-25
 - Restaurant nights 25/75 split between WG/full band
 - 25% Guard
 - 75% Full Band
 - Marching welcome kits/band camp
 - Asked Directors a list of items
 - Swap Shop
 - Remind app for parents
 - Discussed what platform we should use and why
 - Plan for water next year
 - May ask incoming freshman parents
 - Threw out a few names to ask for this task
- **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, effective May 31, 2024.
 - 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 has been updated on the website to reflect changes.
 - Boosters are working with Directors and Fine Arts Leadership on other options to support individual fundraising for future trips, etc. More info to come

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

- Vice President
 - open
- Co-Treasurers
 - Sarah Phillips, second position open
- Additional support with social media/webpage/communication
 - Meghan Jansen

Fundraising Updates:

- **Upcoming Fundraisers**
 - S&E Concessions 3/21
 - HyVee Bagging 4/28
 - Chipotle 5/1
 - Car Wash- 6/1
- **Jazz & Java- April 13th**
 - Dennis will review updates
 - Online platform- GiveButter
 - Ticket Sales and Silent Auction will be available online this year, with the silent auction link going live prior to the event to allow people not present to still participate and donate.
 - Donations and Sponsorships- updates
 - Signup genius to help with event

Recap of February Events:

- Pep Band Games- February 16th
- Chicken & Pickle Bingo- February 17th
- HyVee bagging fundraiser- February 18th
- Band-O-Rama- February 21st
- Raising Cane's Restaurant Night- February 28th
- MSHSAA large group festival- March 6th-7th
- LPS Fine Arts Kaufman performance- March 17th at 6:30

Upcoming Events:

- Solo & Ensemble- March 21st (band and orchestra)
 - concessions provided by Boosters from 3-7pm
- WG Championships in Springfield- April 6th
- Jazz & Java- April 13th from 1:00-3:00
 - Auction will open April 1st
 - Volunteers will get T-Shirts who sign up in advance
- Spring Concert- May 7th
 - Senior Night Activities
- Swap Shop Drop off
 - Coming up with dates
- Review start of 2024-2025 calendar with key fall dates

Financial Update as of February 29th, 2024:

- Balance as of February 29, 2024- \$30,732.51
- Budget review highlights-
 - SFA's- \$2,971.88
 - General Fund- \$26,697.62
 - Guard Fund- \$1,063.01
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High School Director Updates – Mr. Eddie Owen, Ms. Brittany True, Jessica Woods

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

Next meeting - April 8th, 7:00pm in band room

SAVE THE DATES:

BAND CAMP: July 22-26- 9:30-5:30, July 29-Aug 2- 5:00-9:00

DRUMLINE CAMP

COLOR GUARD CAMP:

LEADERSHIP CAMP:

Meeting adjourn time – 8:15 PM