

## Liberty Blue Jay Band Booster meeting

June 27, 2022 7:00 pm

Virtual

Meeting start 19:02

In attendance: Eddie Owen, Dan Tiefel, Michelle Findlay, Salatha Solomon, njump, Theresa Brier, Melissa Messina, Melanie Linderer, Megan caudle, Carrie Duncan, Sara Philips, Callie Bower, Chris Witt, Angela

Role of Band Boosters:

- We are a nonprofit, 501c3 organization that provides financial support to the LHS band program. There are a lot involved with the program so the Booster helps support the band and provide opportunities and resources that the district is not able to provide.

Board positions:

- Michelle Findlay- president, Maggie Smith- treasurer, Megan Caudle- vice president, Lori Rio- secretary- looking for new secretary, please let Michelle know if interested

Financial Update:

- Michelle will share report from Maggie
  - Just over \$40K in the account. This was from prior to 2020 when the band was fundraising for the trip to London which was eventually canceled due to the pandemic.

Student Accounts/scholarship development

- Michelle will share updates from Ralf
  - There is still money in the student accounts which are residual from the London trip that did not happen. Trying to reach out to the students to see if they want to be reimbursed or to donate the money to a scholarship to some of the students. Plan on around Sept/Oct 2022 for final details on the balance of the student accounts.

Annual budget and business plan:

- Will be developed once new board members in place, and share with boosters
  - Waiting on a new secretary to get in place before this is solidified.
  - Question from the group: how often are there meetings? Will meet monthly (see below)

Band Camp:

- July 25<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-5:00 and August 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-noon
- Signup genius will be sent out by June 30<sup>th</sup> for snacks at the end of camp each day. Will utilize freezer for ice cream/popsicles several days, look at pizza or chik-filet options
- Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> graders join band at 3:00, Boosters host Friday Fun Day activities from 4:00-5:00. Shaved Ice Truck will be onsite starting at 4:00. **Parent volunteers needed.**
  - Fun events: water balloon fight, games, students can break out into sections and build camaraderie

- Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>- parent performance at 6:00, with hot dog meal for students and families after.  
**Volunteers needed.**
  - From band director's perspective, they will send out an email for what students need to bring. Items such as sunscreen, hat, good sneakers, good size water jug, etc. An email will be sent out some time this week that has all the details.

#### Car Wash Fundraiser:

- Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-12:30
- 4 locations- Price Chopper North, Alexander Doniphan School, Sutherlands, Mi Hacienda
- 4 parent leaders- Dianne Heil, Matt Fuhrman, Megan Caudle- need 1 more
  - Sara Phillips can be a parent leader
- Will group by instrument section and be able to take credit card payments.
- Revenue generated will be divided equally into student accounts for all students that participate.
  - Question from the group: Will we be doing pledge cards or just donation only. Pledge cards are pledges students receive from friends and family for how many cars are washed.

#### Z-basement storage area:

- Will schedule day next week to clean out and organize

#### Band Swag

- Utilize Show Me Logos- same company band uses for show shirts. Will have a website with options for middle school and high school band students and families to order. First orders will be in July. Then, after school starts, will be a second online option that includes fleece, jackets, etc.

#### Website and Social Media updates

- Need volunteer to set up new FaceBook page and post information throughout the year
- Need volunteer to update band booster tab on band webpage. All booster meeting minutes will be posted on webpage

#### Senior Night Events

- Need volunteers to assist with the fall event (October 21<sup>st</sup> football game) and spring concert event (date TBD).
- Looking for Junior parents to help coordinate
- Ms. True is working on details for senior band photos/banners
  - Questions: Photo banners the kids need to get their pictures taken in August? The photographer who will take the band picture can also do the banner. They are roughly ~\$50 a banner
  - Carrie Duncan would like to volunteer for senior events

#### Water:

- Price Chopper will donate bottled water for all events again this year- thank you Callie for coordinating.
- Matt Fuhrman will coordinate pick up, ice, and transporting to all events
- Need volunteer to assist

- Will need help with getting water iced and to the events. Someone with a truck would be helpful. Please let Michelle know if you can help
- Chris Witt can help

Items already approved for boosters to purchase:

- Games/prizes/shaved ice truck for band camp Friday Fun Day event
- Meal for parent performance night
- Meal for LHS/LNHS clinic
- Frontline Instructor
- Sound Designer
- Brass Ensemble Commissioned Piece
- Show Shirts for students
- Recruiting merchandise
- Goodie bag snacks throughout the year

Items we will request some parent donations for:

- Daily snacks for band camp
- Snacks after Fall Fest Parade
- Assistance with meals at competitions, All District, and Solo & Ensemble
  - food for the judges and volunteers

Director Updates: Mr. Eddie Owen and Ms. Brittany True

Stormworks is the name of the show this year. The kids are excited and enthusiastic to start the season. Marching band is top of mind. In May all-district music and jazz music is up and students can start working on them. Reach out to the directors if the students need help. Low brass and woodland specialist available this year to help out. Students can reach out to the specialist. Be in the lookout for an email update.

Michelle Findlay information. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.  
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Upcoming events:

#### Blue Jay Nation Kick Off Night

- Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> -band performs at 7:00 pm
- Parent teacher association for the high school and the band will perform that night.

Football games:

- September 2<sup>nd</sup>
- September 23<sup>rd</sup>
- September 30<sup>th</sup>
- October 7<sup>th</sup>
- October 21<sup>st</sup> (senior night)
- Playoff dates as needed (10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, and 12/3 or 12/10- State)

LHS Band Competitions:

- October 8<sup>th</sup> (Lee's Summit North)
- October 15<sup>th</sup> (Cameron)

Fall Festival weekend:

- Parade- September 24<sup>th</sup> am
- LHS/LNHS clinic- September 24<sup>th</sup> in afternoon/evening. Will need volunteers to help with dinner

All District Competition

- November 5<sup>th</sup>
- Hosted at LHS- need volunteers for check-in, room monitors, and food for judges' lounge

Orlando Trip:

- March 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>
- Currently 73 students and 12 adults signed up
- Evaluate options to transport equipment/uniforms/luggage
  - if anyone has any ideas on how to do this would be helpful
- Possible truck rental? Have someone drive it to Florida?

Solo and Ensemble

- March 31<sup>st</sup>- April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Hosted at LHS- need volunteers for check-in, room monitors, and food for judges' lounge

Jazz & Java- annual fundraiser event

- Save the Date- Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Black Box and The View spaces at LHS reserved for use
- Megan Caudle and Mayella Esser will coordinate

Next meeting:

- Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- Starting in August- meetings will be held second Monday of the month at 7:00 in band room.