



Los Gatos High School Band Boosters

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Band Booster Meeting Notes Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Meeting Called to Order: Bill Gallmeister called the meeting to order at **7:05pm**.

Meeting Attendance: Pam Ashford, Bill Gallmeister, Zsa Zsa Taylor, Pramila Mullan, Lois Morrison-Keffer, Meiling Lee, Robin Wu, George Chadwick, Bridget Miller, Lori Ingle, Tricia Hemminger, DeLynne O'Toole, George Hadres, Mike Dufort, Melanie Cervi, Skye Goshorn, Carolyn Dufort, Adrienne Jardezkzy, Susan Flatness, Susan Hoffman, Joey Fortino

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting: Zsa Zsa made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Pam seconded it. All voted in favor.

General Reports:

Treasurer: Skye said that Lori is busy working on the money for the Italy trip. And with the Christmas tree pick up, our funds have leveled out. We are in good standing. Bill said that Phil Levine has prepared our tax return already, and they will be filed in the next couple of days. We made a lot more money this past year (2009) than the year before. He said we are about \$20,000 ahead. Carolyn said we are making up for money that was spent the year before. On the 27th, Bill is going to the Morning Rotary meeting and will pick up the check from "Claws for a Cause." Carolyn mentioned that she is on a committee to design a singles area for the "Claws for a Cause" event, where singles can meet each other during the fundraiser. Bill said that we are not always getting mail for the boosters. It's not making its way to Joey's box, so we are considering getting a separate P.O. box at the post office in town. And our new P.O. Box is:

Los Gatos High School Band Boosters
P.O. Box 1638
Los Gatos, CA 95031-1638

(this box is for mail only, packages will still be sent to 20 High School Court)

Volunteer Coordinator: Susan Flatness reported that the numbers of volunteer hours have all been entered into the website, and that over half of the boosters have earned their full credits already. There will be a mass report on all of the hours on the website for folks to look at. Zsa Zsa said she wants to make sure the website is secure, so others won't have access to this data. Susan also said she has an ink cartridge recycling box for the band room to raise money. She also wants to put one in the teacher's lounge.

Music Program: Joey said the concert bands are in concert mode now. They are practicing some challenging pieces for the Italy trip. There will be some light pieces featuring our flutes. He also that there is a new steel drum ensemble starting after school, the 2nd short day of the week (2nd even (black) day of the week), from 2 to 3:30. Joey talked to the winds and percussion today about performing for Freshman orientation on January 28th, from about 6:30 to 7:10. This weekend at Saratoga High School, the County Honor Band will be performing. Four students from LGHS will be playing: freshman Phoebe Wu on saxophone, sophomore Ian Gallmeister on French horn, junior Diane Huang on oboe, and senior Darrin Dufort on saxophone. On Saturday, February 6th, Joey will assemble a pep band to play for a private birthday party (it's a secret, surprise party). It's a paid gig.

Winter Guard: Tricia Hemminger said that last Saturday the winter guard already had a meet at Logan in Union City. She and Pam Ashford and India's mom, Teresa all drove the kids up there. The judges gave input, and the guard did a great job.

We need volunteers to drive the winter guard and help as floor crew at these Saturday events. Most of the meets are nearby, like at Leigh or Homestead. They need drivers, floor crew, and people to help feed the kids. The next guard meet will be at Homestead on the 23rd. Meets are usually around 5 pm or later.

Middle School Liaison: Adrienne said a survey will be conducted soon at Fisher, to see what students are planning for next year.

Joey said Shauna from Fisher is giving percussion lessons here at the high school, on Mondays. Carolyn DuFort gave Pramila Mullan a DVD of the high school band, to bring to Fisher for the students there to watch.

Bill said that on the 21st, there is a Musical Careers evening at Fisher, and everyone is invited to attend. Joey said he can send the invite to all the students and parents at the high school.

Bill also said that next year's freshman band students will NOT have to take PE, that marching band will still count as PE for them. The rumor is that there's no money to hire more PE teachers.

Orchestra: Melanie Cervi said the orchestra is chugging along. Robin Wu commented that she was really impressed with the orchestra at the winter concert, especially with the quintet. Melanie said that after the concert, 2 students have asked to join the orchestra.

Committee Reports:

Collar Bar Candy Sales: Pam said Inge is working on straightening out the money for the candy sales. Just when she gets it organized, more comes in. There is more candy to sell. Not many folks are buying right now. The candy will keep cold in the storage room, so we can wait and sell it later in the spring when hopefully there will be more of a market for it.

Christmas Tree Pick-up: Mike Dufort said the tree pick-up was on January 2nd. Twenty-four students and over 72 adults participated. They collected more than 460 trees. Gary Ashford worked with his chain saw all day long at the high school. They filled six 40 square yard dumpsters. They collected \$5500 and \$1700 was mailed in, for a total of \$7200! The highlight of the day was lunch at JJ MaGoo's pizza, a treat from the boosters.

Picture Wall: Carlota Roa was not present. Carolyn said the pictures for the wall are here, framed and mounted. Joey said he selected one representative picture for each past year from the archives. Carolyn showed us a couple of the pictures. They will be mounted on the acoustic wall, under the trophies. The goal is that alumni can come and visit and reminisce when they look at the pictures. And students now can feel some connection with the past bands.

Carolyn asked if someone could take a picture of each picture and post it on a website for people to connect to on the internet.

Susan Hoffman mentioned that it would be nice to have an alumni night at one of the football games, maybe Homecoming, where we invited the band alumni to sit with the pep band.

Italy Trip: Lori Ingle said there are 121 people signed up for the trip, 120 with airfare, and 1 is land only. If anyone else wants to join, they have until February 25th to sign up.

Carolyn has 8 chaperones signed up. She would like 18, and had chaperone sign up forms at the meeting.

Carolyn said there will be T-shirts for sale. Meiling Lee's t-shirt company will provide them. There will be short and long sleeved t-shirts, and sweatshirts for sale.

Carolyn also said our students will be bringing pens imprinted with LGHS to the Italian students for a souvenir gift.

Bridget Miller asked about the performance clothes required on the trip. Joey said that as of now, the attire would be black and white concert dress. Girls have to wear dresses below the knee, not low cut, or pants. They are talking about whether the guys will wear jackets. There will be a check-in day before the trip, to make sure everyone's clothes comply. In the future, the dress code may ramp up to tuxes and dresses that the school owns.

There will be a packing list available before the trip. Carolyn said the weather there is very much like the weather in San Francisco. Venice is on a similar latitude to Oregon, and Rome is on a similar latitude to San Francisco.

Joey said that students need to know where their polo shirts are, as they will need them.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: Bill asked for 3 volunteers to come up with a slate of nominees for next year's band booster board, and next year's committee chairs. People on this committee would likely be spending time on the phone talking with those interested in these positions. They would then present the slate for the board at our next meeting in April. If someone is interested in a position on the board, they should contact the committee.

No one volunteered at the meeting. Bill asked people to think about doing this.

Winter/Spring Fundraiser Committee: Bill said there has not been enough response to doing the Crab Fest, so it has been cancelled. Ideas that the board came up with for possible fundraisers are:

Pancake Breakfast
Spring Social/Auction
Cookie Dough Sales

Last year Saratoga made \$20,000 in cookie dough sales. Adrienne mentioned that the Saratoga band has over 200 people in the marching band, so their sales would be different from ours. Someone mentioned that LGHS field hockey team does a cookie dough sale in the fall. The idea is that the money made from a cookie dough sale would go to the band as a whole, not to individual accounts, or maybe after a cut-off point, some of the money would go to individual accounts.

Another idea raised by Tricia Hemminger is a steak dinner before a football game, like the "chicks with sticks" have. She said they made about \$6,000 this past year.

Another idea that Cathy Field told Bill over the phone is a ski and snow board swap meet.

The idea of a spring auction at a winery was discussed. Susan Hoffman said that Testerosa Winery is nice, but very expensive. George Hadres said he might be able to get a good deal at the new Regale Winery on Summit.

There was some interest expressed in the pancake breakfast idea. Carolyn said that when Saratoga does their's, they have the various music kids play during the time when their parents are eating breakfast.

George Hadres agreed to call Regale Winery to get information about holding a social/auction there.

Pramila Mullan said she will look into the pancake breakfast, as long as she gets guidance. Pam Ashford said she would be willing to help with a pancake breakfast too. Bill said he will talk to the Saratoga Booster Board about how they do their pancake breakfast.

Pam Ashford said she will look into the cookie dough possibility.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

**Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 21st, Board Meeting from 6:30 to 7:00 (presentation of nominated slate of officers for next year), and
Wednesday, April 21st, General Booster Meeting, from 7:00 to 8:00
Both in the band room**

