



Los Gatos High School Band Boosters

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Band Booster Meeting Notes Wednesday November 4, 2009

Meeting Called to Order: Bill Gallmeister called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Meeting Attendance: Lois Morrison-Keffer, Pramila Mullan, Carlota Roa, Bill Gallmeister, Eleanor Gallmeister, Pamela Maker, Lisa Pan, Pam Ashford, Barbara Riching, Inge Everly, Mike Dufort, Robyn Filardo, Catherine Moyer, Bruce Ingle, Meiling Lee, Susan Flatness, Cathy Field, Karen Altamirano, Adrienne Jardetzky, Susan Hoffman, Teri Fogarty, Diana Knight, John O'Toole, David Van't Hof, Jon Lindskog, Mike Nugent

Opening Business:

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Keffer): Mike Dufort made a motion to approve last meeting's minutes, it was seconded, and unanimously approved.

Marching Band Update (Fortino): Mr. Fortino was very busy on the field with the marching band, and didn't get a chance to come up for the meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Carolyn Dufort, Skye Goshorn): Both Skye and Carolyn could not make tonight's meeting. Bill said he talked to Skye and everything is fine. A couple of families are finishing paying off their dues.

Volunteer Coordinator (Susan Flatness): We have a new volunteer coordinator, Susan Flatness. Yay! She is getting up to speed with the volunteer sign up process on the website.

Safety Chairperson (Zsa Zsa): Zsa Zsa also couldn't make tonight's meeting. Bill has talked to her and said she had a good meeting with Vice Principal Scott Downs about our safety plan. Our plan is leading the high school in developing safety regulations for student activities. Zsa Zsa will edit the plan and get it out for our review.

Upcoming Events:

LG Christmas Tree Lighting, Friday, December 4th: There was some discussion about how early the high school band performs for the tree lighting. By the time most people show up to watch the tree lighting, the band is long gone. Barbara Riching will call the Chamber of Commerce to include the band in their printed flyer, and to see if they can play later so people can hear them. The band marches up to the plaza from the high school.

Holiday Parade and Post-Parade Hannegan's Ensembles, Saturday, December 5th: The day after the tree lighting is the Los Gatos Holiday parade. After the parade, small ensembles can play at Hannegan's, so we need to line up some small groups for this venue.

State Honor Band Audition Tapes – Due Monday, November 30th: Recorded CDs for the All-Northern California Honor Band, and the State Honor Band are due on November 30th, with the required paperwork and fees. These are turned in to Mr. Fortino, and he sends them on. It is recommended that students try out. If they get in to one or both of the honor bands, it is a good experience for them to play with other musicians of that caliber. The process of trying out is a good experience in and of itself, for the students to practice preselected music, and record it for audition.

County Honor Band Auditions – Friday, December 11th: The county honor band auditions are live, on Friday, December 11th. Each student plays a solo that is required.

Winter Concert (Orchestra, Band, Jazz Band) – Thursday, December 10th: Our winter concert will be on Thursday, December 10th.

December Meeting/Holiday Party (adults only): We need someone to volunteer their home on a Saturday evening in December, for the booster's holiday party. Whoever volunteers gets to pick the date.

Winter Guard/ Winter Percussion Signups – November/December: Students need to sign up for winter guard and winter percussion. Last year the fee for winter guard was \$350, and that included competitions. Winter percussion would probably be approximately the same.

Italy 2010 (Carolyn Dufort, Lori Ingle): Both Carolyn and Lori were home sick tonight. Mike Dufort reminded us of the "to do" list for Italy, that is on the website. He said the 3rd payment of \$650 per person is due on November 10th, to Lori Ingle. He reminded us that we need a valid passport through October 17, 2010. We need to bring to the mandatory student/parent meeting on December 3rd, the following: 2

extra passport photos and a color copy of each passport. The mandatory meeting will be in the library. A representative from the travel company will be there.

There was some discussion about how students can help pay for their trip. Fundraisers such as selling the dollar candy bars, and the Christmas tree pick-ups put money directly in the students' accounts, and defray band costs for next year, which frees up money for the trip this year.

Recent and Upcoming Fundraiser Reports:

Escrip: (Susan Flatness): Susan said she has paper script for Lunardi's, which has a better return than just escrip from shopping at Lunardi's. She is close to getting paper scrip for Whole Foods also. She still has Nob Hill cards for folks who shop at Nob Hill. She said www.escrip.com has their own online mall on their website. If we buy holiday gifts, etc. on their website, the money goes to the band, then Skye credits half to your account. Some of the featured stores are Amazon, EBay, and Barnes and Noble. Bill asked if anyone at the meeting was opposed to putting a button on our music website that would open up the escrip website. No one was opposed.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up: (Jon Lindskog, Mike Dufort): Mike has secured 5 dumpsters from West Valley for this fundraiser. The actual tree pick-up will be on Saturday, January 2nd. There are sign ups in the bandroom. If you don't own a truck, and you want to participate in this fundraiser, you can rent a truck, or rent a trailer if you have a vehicle big enough to tow a trailer. The kids enjoy this day, jumping in the dumpster on the woodchips.

Crab Fest: (Committee members needed): The tentative date for the Crab Fest is on Saturday, February 6th, at the Methodist Church. Pam Ashford said she would chair this event, if she gets help and guidance from boosters who have already done it. There will be a call put out for volunteers for the event. There was discussion about how to make the event better. Susan Hoffman volunteered to make sure there are no other crab dinners the same evening. She also volunteered to check with the Los Gatos History Club to see if their building is available. This was following a discussion over how nice it would be to serve wine, which we can't do at the church. Susan Flatness said we made only \$5,000 in profits last year, as opposed to around \$8,000 other years. Alternative ideas were proposed for making \$5,000, such as each family contributing more money for band fees, and having an appetizer only event with a silent auction. So far, we are sticking with the crab fest.

"One Dollar Bar" Candy Sale: We have more cases of candy to sell. Kids were selling a lot, then all of a sudden the selling slowed way down. We cannot return the candy. Pam suggested we sell it in March and April, for a spring fundraiser. Eleanor Gallmeister suggested we sell it at the Christmas Tree Lighting. Someone else mentioned that we might be able to sell it at the parade.

Baked Potato Sales: At past games, we have not sold as many potatoes as usual. Bill said that now that it's getting cold, we should be able to sell more. He also mentioned that if you are baking potatoes, be sure to rotate them in the oven.

Support Committee Reports:

Super Saturdays: Teri Fogarty said things are going great with super Saturdays.

Competition Food: Most of the food team was out sick tonight. Three of them have the flu.

Pit Pops (Skip MacAskill): Skip was not present. Bill Gallmeister said the pit pops are having a great time at the competitions.

Senior Dinner (Tricia Hemminger): Tricia wasn't present.

Website (Tracy Young): Tracy wasn't here. Bill asked if people are using the website, and people are.

Fresno/Clovis Trip, November 21-22 (Pam Ashford): Pam doesn't think we'll make the finals on Sunday, but we will still be staying overnight. You can Google the Western Band Associations website to see the schedule. Pam talked about the senior dinner. There will be a slideshow, so if you have a senior, give Zsa Zsa a CD with 10-12 pictures on it. The seniors get to eat off of real dishes instead of paper plates. They each make a speech. Everyone is welcome to the senior dinner. Bring warm clothes. The Presbyterian Church where the band is sleeping is 20 minutes from the stadium where the kids perform. Some folks are staying at the Radisson in Fresno. Bill reminded people to make reservations. He also extended an invitation from the Hadres family, who have a house in Fresno, for anyone who wants to stay there can bring a sleeping bag and camp out with them..

We still need a volunteer to put together a bag lunch for the band for Saturday lunch. It will be a sandwich bar, where the kids make their own sandwiches.

Bill said he will find the notes about finals from last year, and send pertinent information out in an email. Mike DuFort said the volunteers who are with the kids Sunday morning get Starbucks or Pete's coffee for a treat.

Recruitment:

Middle Schoolers (Adrienne Jardetzky): Adrienne said there were 17 middle schoolers from Rolling Hills and Fisher, at the last pep band/football game.

Barbara Riching pointed out that it's valuable for higher schoolers to volunteer to help out the Fisher marching band at their practices. There is a sign up sheet in the band room. Todd Ryan prefers 3-5 high schoolers. If there are more, they goof off too much. High schoolers get community service for their help.

New Business:

Susan flatness said we need volunteers to sign up for uniforms for the parade. Bill said that slot is on the website now.

Someone suggested that there is an opportunity for the high school band to play Christmas carols with Fisher after the parade, at 2 pm, at the high school lawn. This would be coordinated with Biret Aiden and Maria West from Fisher. There are no firm plans for this yet. It might conflict with the small ensembles at Hannegan's.

Pam Ashford asked that parents pick their kids up after competitions. Have your kid call you.

Bill Gallmeister mentioned that at the Gilroy awards last Saturday, our 4 students who accepted the awards, Sheighlin, Hubert, Mariah, and India, did a zombie salute since it was Halloween. The crowd loved it.

Bill also said that there will be no tripods or monopods of any kind allowed in the stadium in Fresno.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Next meeting will be an adults only holiday party in December, date and location TBA