



Los Gatos High School Band Boosters

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Band Booster Meeting Notes Wednesday October 9, 2008

Meeting Called to Order: 7:15p.m.

Meeting Attendance Martha Kirsten, Carolyn Dufort, Zsa Zsa Taylor, Mary Lee Cannizzaro, Mike Dufort, Lori Ingle, Alex & Adrienne Jardetzky, Skye Goshorn, Susan Hoffman, Anne Smets, Susan Flatness, Bill & Eleanor Gallmeister, Debbie Shiba, Mindy Prow, Patricia Esslinger, Marci Risoen, Catherine Moyer, Pam Ashford, Barb Riching, Meiling Lee, Ron Huang, Lisa Pan, Carolyn Flynn, Robbyn Willebeek, Nancy Lindskog, T. Himmin,

Welcome: Carolyn Dufort - Carolyn welcomed everyone and had each person introduce themselves.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report: Skye Goshorn

Skye reported that she is still collecting fees. Your payments should be complete by today, or you should have made/make arrangements for payment with Carolyn. Please do this ASAP as your child will not be able to board the bus for the first competition if their band a/c is not current.

Volunteer Tracking: Anne Smets -

Volunteer info is on line so you can check/verify your hours that you have earned

Band and Color Guard Report: Carolyn Dufort

*Mr. Fortino is having 'guest' instructors visit to help critique the band. We have had one from Valley Christian and another from Homestead High.

*Championship Finals: Our finals will be November 22nd and will be held at Cal State Hayward. Finals will be held at Diablo Valley Junior College on Sunday 11/23. If we do not make finals, the band will not stay overnight. Carolyn explained the 3 divisions that are in the section we will compete in:

A = 60 students and less AA=61-80 AAA=81-100 We're are AA this year.

*Our time is posted for the Gilroy Competition 10/18- we perform at 5:36pm.

*Color Guard Sewing: CG uniforms and flags are complete and fitted and ready for Friday's performance.

*Color Guard: Tricia Hemminger reported that the Winter guard schedule is posted and that the Guard is planning a fundraiser dinner to be held at Willow Street Pizza on Dec 3rd. Last year's expenses were high for the Guard so they are trying to offset that this year.

*Busses: Zsa Zsa and Skye are our two bus chaperones this year. Zsa Zsa discussed bus protocol such as: NO ONE should be getting dressed while the bus is driving (especially Color Guard). There is plenty of time to dress when we arrive at the competition. A suggestion was made for the Guard to dress while the band is having their snack so they would have more privacy. Another suggestion was to pack the large brass on the bus first before anything else. Contact Zsa Zsa if you want to ride on the bus to the competitions.

Field Support:

*Super Saturdays: Carolyn thanked all who have helped with Saturday snack and water for the band.

*Band Booster Shirts – Hats and shirts are on sale. Shirts are \$25 and Pit Pop hats are \$10.

*Gem Car- Has been tested and safety inspection has been done. A \$700 service fee was incurred to get the trailers road ready. Thanks to Dan Gross for loaning us the smaller aluminum trailer for towing the GEM. This has freed up space in the larger trailers for transporting pit and food supplies.

*Bench Pads- Going well...we're glad we had them at the Saturday show at Fremont High as the benches were wood and the pads kept our uniforms free of splinters.

*Pit Pops: Please arrive at 6:00pm this Friday night for the Homecoming game to take the equipment down to the field, and then be back on the track at the end of the second quarter. Suggestions were made to have the band do their performance at every football game and then be allowed to leave after half time... Potatoes and chili will be served to the kids after this performance in the quad behind the band room. There will be a work day this Saturday to install shelves in the band room. (We do not need any volunteers.)

*Food Team: Lori Ingle reported that a new Cambro was purchased. She requested 1 central location for storing all of the food supplies as it split up now in many garages. We still need a Drinks Coordinator. Some nights are already signed up for but we need someone in charge of this. (see below) Our first dinner will be Polish Sausages and Bruce Alter will be our master bar-b-quer. If you would like to join us for dinner, please **RSVP by the Tuesday before the competition** (food is purchased for exact # of diners on the list on WED.)

\$5.00 / person is collected at each dinner to help cover costs.

**We need a new Coffee/Hot drinks volunteer to replace Skye. It is preferred that you sign up for 2 or more competitions in a row.

Carolyn reported that the school is purchasing a \$3000 storage container for the band and this will alleviate the storage problem but it may not show up until the end of the season.

Committee Reports:

Flamingo Flocking: Pam Ashford reported that we have had 1 request for a flocking this month. She will be exploring ways to advertise this fundraiser.

Baked Potato Sales: Going well – we made \$1000 at the first game and \$800 at the second game.

eScrip: See Lori Ingle if you would like to purchase scrip.

Webmaster: lghsmusic.net- Questions were brought up as to why the band is not listed on the initial web page of the high school. Carolyn explained that we used to be under Sports and we are now under Activities.

New Business:

New Volunteers-in-Training Needed: We did not discuss this at the October meeting but I am leaving this info in as a reminder that these positions will need to be filled soon. New parents are needed to work alongside our 'senior' parents to learn and be trained in these soon to be open positions. We need to back fill the following positions:

Breakfast Chair for band camp (see Vicki Streeter),

End of Year Awards (see Marci Risoen) ****FILLED – Thank you Patricia Esslinger!!**

Secretary (see Martha Kirsten)

Volunteer Coordinator (See Anne Smets)

Informance Dessert Social Chair (see Martha K.)

Color Guard Sewing Chair (see Marci Risoen)

Webmaster (see Marci Risoen)

Booster Shirt Sales (see Martha K.)

Pit Pop??(See Greg Prow)

Uniform Manager (See Mindy Prow)

***Fisher / LGHS Liason–** The Fisher kids have been participating in Pep Band. Fisher needs our high schoolers to help train their band for the Christmas parade. Adrienne will let the band know (thru Christy) the exact dates and times. The fisher band will be invited to our informance on 11/20- this our last practice right before Finals.

***Dollar Candy Bars:** 53 students are participating the \$ candy bar sales this year. All of the candy has been distributed – see Inge Everly or Diane Rabago if your child did not receive their boxes or if they are unable to sell all of their candy. The sale ends 10/31. We have a second order of candy coming in soon. \$24/box sold will go to your child's band a/c.

***Christmas Tree Pick Up:** Jan 3, 2009 is the date for our Christmas Tree pick up. Mike Dufort and Dan Davis are heading this up this year - Students may earn \$300-\$600 towards their band fees for next year.

***Crab Fest 2009- Save the Date!!** The Crab Fest will be held on January 31st, 2009. Carolyn circulated a board through the group for people to sign up for open positions. We need a few parents to help with Solicitations now to secure items for our silent auction. Carolyn will be starting a full time teaching position Nov. 1st and will not be able to spend as much time doing this as she has done in the past.

***Claws for a Cause:** Rotary made more \$\$ this year than last, but we do not yet have a final \$\$ figure that the band will receive. (Supposedly \$8000...)

***Senior Dinner:** Marci reported that "it WILL happen, DON'T worry, as it is all taken care of..and that is all we can tell you." (It's a secret) Carolyn explained what the Senior Dinner is to the new parents. Don't forget to get your pictures to Alex Jardetzky.

***Slave Week:** now called Rookie Appreciation Week...Concerns were brought up about this activity and a very lively discussion followed. Carolyn asked all of the concerned parents to send an email to Mr. Fortino or, if he has time, to discuss it with him after rehearsal tonight. Carolyn explained what Slave Week is and how it usually happens the week prior to the first competition.

***Visit our Mall:** This new fund raiser idea was discussed. 3% of sales would go to the band. Marci wanted to check if our website would support this program.

***Celebration Fashions:** Carolyn Flynn has generously offered to donate all profits, from Band jewelry purchases, back to the band. She has left info and catalogs in the band room. This is a great way to shop for Christmas and Hanukkah and help the band at the same time.

***Community Service Hours:** Carolyn informed the group that there is a check off list in the info station for seniors to use to summarize their community service hours they have earned over the years with the band.

End of Years Awards: Marci asked again for a new person to volunteer for the End of Years awards – Patricia Esslinger volunteered for this.

General Information

Email: This is our only way of communicating so please inform Carolyn of any address changes.

Photos of the Band doing anything – upload yourself onto our website. Please do not email photo files.

Lost Items: Lost/damaged shoes, gloves, mallets, flag poles, school instruments, etc. will be charged to the band account. Encourage your student to be responsible!

Website: lghsmusic.net

Suggestions, Questions Contact Carolyn Dufort 356-1116, CarDufort@aol.com, or 607-1003 (cell)

Much information is ALWAYS available on our weekly website updates.

Closing Remarks: Meeting adjourned: 8:00 pm.

CALENDAR

10/18 – Gilroy Competition
10/25 – Live Oak Competition
11/1 – Independence Competition
11/7 – Pep Band
11/8 - Super Saturday
11/14 – Pep Band
11/15 – Logan Competition
11/22-11/23 - Championships

**Next Meetings: Thursday November 13th, 2008 7-8pm (in Band Room)
Thursday January 14th, 2008 7-8pm (in Band Room)**