



Los Gatos High School Band Boosters

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Band Booster Meeting Notes Wednesday October 7, 2009

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05p.m.

Meeting Attendance: Pam Ashford, Bill Gallmeister, Skip McAskill, Mike Dufort, Pramila Mullan, Lois Morrison-Keffer, Robyn Filardo, Dave Van't Hof, Inge Everly, Julie Griffin, Catherine Esser, Meiling Lee, Roger Stephens, Zsa Zsa Taylor, Debbie Sheba, Tricia Hemminger, Karen Altamirano, Adrienne Jardetzky, Carolyn Dufort, Skye Goshorn, Melanie Cervi, DeLynne O'Toole, Susan Hoffman, Susan Flatness, Jon Lindskog, Yiding Wu, Joey Fortino

Welcome: Bill Gallmeister opened the meeting at 7:05.

Opening Business:

Approval of Minutes: Bill said that the minutes from the previous meeting of September 9, 2009, were online for people to check out. Bridget Miller made a motion to approve the minutes, Dave Van't Hoff seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Booster Board Meeting Report: Bill reported that the board met last week and approved both a color guard workshop put on by Santa Clara Vanguard on Sunday, October 11th, and a seminar for the band and color guard put on by Scott Lang here at the high school on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 (today). The board voted to fund both events.

Marching Band Update: Joey Fortino said that Scott Lang is a former band director and high school teacher, with a special knack for teaching students this age. He said that Scott challenged the kids today, to go to the next level. Scott told our kids they are the best students at the school because they are music students. And they live in one of the best areas of the United States. And the US is one of the best countries in the world. He challenged our students by telling them they're setting the bar too low, it needs to be much higher.

Joey said that Scott set up leadership groups, and each leader will set up 5 things for their group to do every week, to make the band better. This model supports the students changing their culture, as opposed to Joey trying to force it.

Joey thanked the booster club for supporting this event. He would like to bring Scott in on a yearly basis. Adrienne said you can see Scott online on youtube.

Students can visit Scott Lang's website at www.scottlang.net, to ask him questions.

Treasurer's Report: Skye said she is still collecting band fees, and that we are 99% there, and the remaining fees will be collected before those students get on the bus on Saturday.

Carolyn said we spent \$1500 plus \$350 air travel today for Scott Lang to come to the school. This was an investment by the boosters taken from the new percussion and instrument accounts, as there was extra in those accounts.

Volunteer Coordinator: Bill (acting coordinator) said he put together a summary of each person's volunteer hours on the music booster's website. The "total hours" columns are filled in, but not all of the details are filled in just yet.

Bill said we have a full list of volunteers signed up for the competition this weekend. There are a couple of new jobs. A volunteer who cleans the chili roasters after the game gets one hour credit. Also, an hour credit is given to a volunteer who rolls up the bench pads after the band is done with them.

Bill mentioned that if you are volunteering for the football game, you get to go to the game for free.

However, if you are not volunteering, and you just wear the orange shirt anyway, you still have to pay to get into the game. Carolyn said if you are working at the game, to go to the service gate, not the general gate.

Bill said Susan Flatness will take over the volunteer coordinator position soon.

Safety Chairperson: Zsa Zsa Taylor is our new safety chairperson. She has a meeting with Scott Downs to go over our new safety guidelines proposal, to make sure the guidelines are in line with school policy. So far, she has received no comments from the board to change anything with the guidelines. If Scott's meeting doesn't raise any issues, then the guidelines will be put on our website for everyone to comment on.

Zsa Zsa has an emphasis on hydration, and on a cut off point in terms of how hot it is, where the students would come inside to escape the extreme heat. She said the football team is already using a temperature cut off point.

Another issue the safety guidelines address is how we track our kids once they get on the bus to competitions, and what to do if someone gets lost.

Field Show Support Reports:

Super Saturdays: Teri Fogarty is not here tonight. She told Bill everything is going well on Saturdays. Bridget Miller asked what "Zap" is? Carolyn said it's a focus event, where kids get in a big circle and say "zap" and get focused before they perform.

Color Guard Sewing: Adrienne said the sewing is done. Folks commented on the color guard uniforms, and how awesome they all look.

Competition Food: Tricia Hemminger said the food team will be serving burritos this Saturday. Volunteers need to pay \$5 to eat. Zsa Zsa said we have a list of which students have food allergies.

Pit Pops: Skip MacAskill said we are in excellent shape for Saturday's competition. We have a lot of new faces, and enough old faces to make it all work. The rehearsal last Saturday went well. He said that 16 pit pops are required for the show.

Fresno/Clovis Trip, November 21-22: Pam Ashford said that Carolyn Dufort has found the students a place to stay in Fresno, at the University Presbyterian Church, which is right next to Fresno State University. The band will be performing at 7 pm on Saturday evening. They will only stay over on Saturday night, and go home on Sunday. The dinner and awards on Saturday night will go late. Tricia Hemminger said the senior dinner at the finals on Saturday night is very nice. They decorate, use real china, have little gifts for the seniors, and all of the seniors get up to speak. There are 18 seniors this year.

Website: Tracy Young is not here tonight. There are no updates on the website.

Adrienne said it's difficult to upload pictures to our website. Bill suggested putting them on our own photo websites to share.

Zsa Zsa mentioned that when someone signs up to volunteer on the website, that this information is then available on the internet. Bill said he'd check into this, as it should not be happening.

There is now an orchestra section on the website.

Fundraiser/Activity Reports:

"Claws for a Cause" Carolyn said everyone showed up to volunteer, things went well, and the Rotary said they are happy to have us work with them.

"One Dollar Bar" Candy Sale: Pam Ashford said the kids are doing great selling the candy. They can turn in their money on Mondays and Wednesdays to Inge, in the band room. Once Halloween hits, we'll be done selling. The money the kids make goes directly into their band accounts toward next year's band fees. If someone has chocolate out that's not paid for, that money will be directly taken out of their band fees for next year. Carolyn suggested not giving the students another box, if they haven't turned in the box from before.

Booster Shirts: Deirdre is not here. She told Bill that the last wave of band jackets were passed out last week.

Los Gatos Meats: Boosters were reminded that if they purchase anything at Los Gatos Meats, to turn their receipts in to the band envelope at Los Gatos Meats.

Boosters were also reminded to turn in their Music Village receipts to the envelope for this in the band room.

Baked Potato Sales: Susan Hoffman said they're not selling as many potatoes at the games because it's been so hot, and they will cut back a little on the numbers.

Recruitment:

Italy Trip: Carolyn said the information regarding the Italy trip is the same as was reported last meeting. Everyone needs to check their passports and renew them if needed. Everyone also has to get 2 extra passport pictures for spares, and a color copy of their passport. She said the Postal Annex by Nob Hill will give us discounts on photos and on color copies.

Adrienne mentioned there's free software online that will crop your photos to the correct specs, at

www.freepassportphoto.com.

Middle Schoolers: Adrienne said middle schoolers are coming and it's going very well. She said students are now coming from Rolling Hills too. She said Fisher Color Guard tryouts are next week, and the following week, marching starts there on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Todd Ryan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 7-8 pm (in the band room)