



## Los Gatos High School Band Boosters

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### Band Booster Meeting Notes Wednesday Sept. 3, 2008

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

**Meeting Attendance** Martha Kirsten, Carolyn & Mike Dufort, Zsa Zsa Taylor, Mary Lee Cannizzaro, Lori and Bruce Ingle, Alex & Adrienne Jardetzky, Skye Goshorn, Susan Hoffman, Vicki Streeter, Denise Carey, Anne Smets, Melanie Cervi, Michelle Noskowski, Susan Flatness, Bill & Eleanor Gallmeister, Debbie Shiba, Diane & Dan Rabago, Greg & Mindy Prow, Jamie & Dean Bobrowski, Patricia Esslinger, Marci & Alan Risoen, Catherine Moyer, Dave Davis, Susan Ng, Robert & Karen Berry, Mary Buxton, Karen Orrante, Scott & Sivia VanGundy, Pam Ashford, Kitty Dowgart, Barb Riching, Dave Everly, Inge Everly Meiling Lee, Walter Shen, Mike Knight, Sun Lee, Ron Huang & Tracy Young Teri Fogarty, Laura Stephens, Baozhi Pan, Liz Herman.

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

#### **Old Business**

**Treasurer's Report:** Skye Goshorn

Skye has been working diligently to learn our system and is still collecting fees. Budget/expense accounts will be set up and our financial statement is almost complete. The budget was informally reviewed by Carolyn; last year we had \$78,000 in expenses and \$75,000 in income showing a \$3000 loss. However, we have \$59,000 in the bank to use when needed and for future expenses such as new uniforms. This loss will most likely be made up this year as we have more students to cover roughly the same expenses. (one of our biggest expenses is the cost of the busses for our competitions) Mr. Fortino has spent \$9000 on new instruments but the Castellano Family Foundation donated \$3400 which covers the cost of our new Marimba. (Thank You) Also, new rifles and 2 snare drums were purchased. Please contact Carolyn if you need to set up a payment plan or will be late in making your final payment. Carolyn reviewed what the school district pays for in the band:

Mr. Fortino (salary as a teacher) + the district pays a stipend for him as a coach, also, two stipends are allotted for instructors for the band. The boosters pay for instructor costs above and beyond this stipend. The school purchased an orange observation tower that we share with other teams during band practice.

**Volunteer Tracking:** Anne Smets - On line volunteering is running smoothly. Make sure to enter your email address correctly to avoid errors. Anne reviewed how to confirm your volunteer position. She will be updating the volunteer credit hours soon. Marci brought a lap top so parents could practice using the volunteer program if they were having trouble at home. Volunteer positions are posted on line through the Crab Fest in February 2009. Types of Volunteer hours were discussed (band camp/fund raising/competitions) – call Carolyn if not all of your hours fit exactly into each category.

#### **Band and Color Guard Report: Carolyn Dufort**

Mr. Fortino could not make it as he was at the SCCBDA band/music meeting in Santa Clara. Carolyn reported that things are running smoothly so far and that the band is already playing the second movement of the program. Carolyn discussed pick up times after competitions (generally 11:30-12:30am) and to try to carpool with other families in your neighborhood. Tricia Hemminger was not present and Carolyn had nothing new to report for Guard except that the first Sewing Clinic is this Saturday 9/6. 9:30-3:30pm

**\*Color Guard Sewing:** **Marci and Adrienne** brought in samples of the 3 flags (designed by the instructors) to be used in the program – and Marci reported that they are ahead of schedule as she has already cut all of the silk and assembled the flags. We may not need as many sewing clinics this year – she is still waiting on the uniform design though from Eli. You do not need to know how to sew to help out at the sewing clinics – we have lots of ironing to do; please bring your own iron and board. Lunch is provided – Marci explained that if we were to purchase the flags, our cost would be \$75/flag and would take a minimum of 6 weeks to get in.... vs. when we sew our own flags our cost is \$9/flag and we have them ready for our first competition. Please come help out as it is a lot of fun and this saves the band a lot of money.....

Carolyn reported that **Band Camp** ran very smoothly and that the kids were great. Alex J. took a lot of pictures which can be found on the website. Suggestions were made to keep the earlier shower hour at night (Zsa Zsa said this was much better this year) and don't serve a snack right before dinner. Carolyn thanked Vicki Streeter for her help with the breakfasts (this year and for running it for the last 7 years) and also thanked the Food Team for the wonderful dinners- everything turned out great even under the

nomadic kitchen conditions that we had this year. Marylee reminded everyone that when they purchase anything at LG Meats to let them know that you are with the Band – we earn points towards discounts for future purchases.

### **Field Support:**

\*Super Saturdays: Be prepared for a flexible schedule but generally practice runs from 8am – 4pm. Mr. Fortino will notify the band of changes prior to the Saturday practice.

\*\*MORNING SNACK CHAIR PERSON NEEDED for 6 Super Saturdays\*\* Please consider overseeing this position. Contact Carolyn if interested or sign up online.

\*Band Booster Shirts – Martha will be selling shirts after the meeting- we have extra shirts on hand so please call or email if you need to purchase a shirt later in the season.

Shirts are \$25 and Pit Pop hats are \$10.

\*GEM Car- Is being maintained by Mike Dufort and everything is status quo.

\*Bench Pads- Thanks to Dan Rabago for being our **Bench Pad Dad** again this year. If you come to the football games, please help Dan out at the end of the game by rolling up the pads and putting them into the bags.

\*Pit Pops: Greg Prow - Greg explained what Pit Pops do and why they are so awesome. This year, there are 19 pieces that need to be moved on to the field and there are 9 Pit students so we'll need a minimum of 10 pit pops per show. We are having our traditional kick off **work day at school this year 9/13/08 from 10am to 4pm**. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up online as we need a lot of people to help complete all of the work that needs to get done. Our 1<sup>st</sup> competition is actually the Homecoming show this year and we need more volunteers for this event.

\*Food Team: Lori Ingle explained how they prepare the dinners and serve them at the band competitions. 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.

\*Championship/Finals: To be held in the Pleasant Hill area but exact location is not determined yet. The band will be sleeping over on Saturday night at the Presbyterian church in Concord.

\*Towing- If you have a SUV/truck available, please sign up to help tow our trailers to the competitions.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Flamingo Flocking:** \*Pam Ashford is the new chairperson\* No business to report.

**Baked Potato Sales:** We have 4 chair people this year to run the potato sales at the Football games. Please sign up for sales or baking or chili prep.

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

**Webmaster:** [lghsmusic.net](http://lghsmusic.net)- You do not need to use a password to be able to sign up for volunteer positions.

### **New Business:**

**New Volunteers-in-Training Needed:** 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)

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– Dave Davis and Kitty Dowgert volunteered for this. (Thank you)

\*International / National Trip 2010: Carolyn had the parents (excluding senior parents) vote for an international, national, or it doesn't matter trip location.

International (20), Domestic (1), Don't Care (13)

International (16), Domestic (9) NOTE: This was the vote to see the selection if they HAD to choose

The international trip received the most votes. (FYI - Mr. Fortino did not take an international trip with his previous school's band. He is waiting to see how the kids do and how the band does before he can commit to a certain type of trip in the future) Discussion followed regarding the cost increase for a European trip (2006 Austria trip was \$1900/student – initial bids for a 2010 Italy trip would be approx. \$2800/student). The question of scholarships for this trip was brought up and it was explained that this is

an optional trip so there is no scholarship available. However, the students can sell candy and participate in the tree pick up to earn \$\$ towards their trip fees before and after the trip. The Boosters only provide funds to help cover the cost of shipping the extra instruments. A parent wanted a trip to Asia to be considered as the \$ is worth more there.

\*Dollar Candy Bars: Inge Everly and Diane Rabago volunteered to head up this fund raiser. (Thank You) This is a way for the students to help pay for their band fees/trips. For every bar sold, .50 is returned to the students a/c. More info to follow.

\*Christmas Tree Pick Up: Mike Dufort and Dave Davis explained this program and how this is another way for the kids to earn \$\$ to help pay for band fees or trips. Last year we did not have enough people sign up and it was a lot more work for those who did participate. This is a band tradition and the locals look forward to and save their trees for the band year after year. In order for this program to survive, we need to work the areas every year with a lot of kids participating in it. Exact dates and info will be given out when we receive it from the Town.

\*Crab Fest 2009- Save the Date!! The Crab Fest will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

\*The band received an unexpected \$250 donation from Chelsea Court Design – Thank You.

\*Pep Band: Pep band attire is black pants, Field Show Shirt or black band polo shirt (will be distributed to the new students) band jacket and black shoes. This is the same 'uniform' that is worn after the band competes .

### **General Information**

**Email:** This is our main 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](mailto:CarDufort@aol.com), or 607-1003 (cell)

Much information is ALWAYS available on our weekly website updates.

**Closing Remarks:** Meeting adjourned: 9:00 pm. – a senior parent meeting was held afterwards to discuss the senior dinner held at Championships.

**Next Meeting: Thursday October 9th, 2008 7-8pm**