



Los Gatos High School Band

Boosters

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Band Booster Meeting Notes Wednesday Sept. 9, 2009

Meeting Called to Order: 7:07p.m.

Meeting Attendance: Bill Gallmeister, Pam Ashford, Skye Goshorn, Bridget Miller, Carlota Roa, Lois Morrison-Keffer, Tom Keffer, Ellen Sathe, Jeanne MacAskill, Skip MacAskill, Ed Noskowski, Melanie Cervi, Pramila Mullan, DeLynne O'Toole, Lisa Pan, Katerina Hadres, George Hadres, Zsa Zsa Taylor, David Van't Hof, Janet Patton, Meiling Lee, Susan Hoffman, Deirdre Hanford, Carolyn Flynn, Teri Fogarty, Lori Ingle, Karen Berry, Julie Griffin, Mike Dufort, Carolyn Dufort, Laura Steger, Debbie Shiba, Pamela Maker, Barbara Riching, Alison Nugent, Robin Wu, Anita Beahm, Ben Lawler, Nancy Lindskog, Susan Flatness, Dave Everly, Donna Hastings, Cathy Field, George Chadwick, Karen Aetameran, Alex Jardetzky, Adrienne Jardetzky, Tahmina Helal, Muhammed Helal, Susan Ng, Jenne Tien, Sivia Van Gundy, Catherine Esser

Welcome: Bill Gallmeister - Bill welcomed everyone and introduced each person on the board. Co-Presidents are Bill Gallmeister and Pam Ashford; Co-Vice Presidents are Adrienne Jardetzky and Zsa Zsa Taylor; Treasurer is Skye Goshorn and Secretary is Lois Morrison-Keffer. President Emeritus and CFO is Carolyn Dufort. He said minutes would be published on the website to review before the next meeting.

Opening Business:

Marching Band: Joey Fortino

Mr. Fortino said this year's field show is a challenging show. There will be 2 months of hard work, then the fun will start with the competitions.

Practice times are from 5 to 8 on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 9-5.

It's important to hydrate at practices, and to eat lunch. The band practices in hot weather to condition for the finals in Fresno, as it is always hot down there.

The first 2 football games, the pep band will play. They wear polo shirts, black pants and shoes, and their band jackets. Black tennis shoes are okay for comfort.

Mr. Fortino stays until all students are picked up at the bandroom. The band is usually done by 10 or 10:30. **Do not pick up at the field.**

When dropping off or picking up students at the bandroom, **do not park in the cul de sac**, as it is a firelane. Someone recently left a parked car there, and it was in the way of an emergency vehicle.

Please park in the parking lot.

There is a big Lost and Found Box in the bandroom. Please come by and see if anything belongs to you.

Contact info for Mr. Fortino:

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Treasurer's Report: Skye Goshorn and Carolyn Dufort

Skye reported that this year we should be collecting \$67,791 in band members' dues. So far all but \$4500 has been collected. She said normally we have about \$35,000 in our account, and said that Carolyn Dufort has overseen our finances quite well.

Carolyn mentioned that the finances need to be in order before the season starts. A student can't march if they haven't paid their dues. She also mentioned that we have \$50,000 in a savings CD, that is collecting interest. This is a cushion for things like new uniforms if needed.

Volunteer Coordinator: Bill Gallmeister (acting)

Bill said Anne Smets set up a fantastic system for volunteers to sign up online. We need a coordinator to monitor that website and to put out a volunteer hours report at the end of the season (this is done manually). Susan Flatness volunteered to take over this position in a few weeks.

We also need a script person, and Susan Flatness also agreed to take this position.

More volunteers are needed to join Catherine Esser on the Uniform Team, especially before competitions. Pam Ashford and Inger Everly signed up to cochair the Candy Sales. Zsa Zsa Taylor signed up to chair a Safety/Preparedness Team, that will make sure the band is drinking water and taking care to stay safe during competitions. Susan Ng asked how we can keep track of our volunteer hours online. We basically can keep track manually ourselves. There's no way to track it online. At the end of the season, we are issued a report of total hours.

Color Guard: Tricia Hemminger couldn't make it tonight. Carolyn said that Color Guard is doing great. Half are old members, half are new. Half will graduate this year, so we need to recruit new members. The new coaches, Danny and Ricky, are doing well. Adrienne Jardetzky showed the new flags. She said the guard will wear their color guard polo shirts, and black pants and shoes to the football games. For the field show, the girls will wear grey dresses with glitter, and a red pleat. The guy will also wear grey and white, with a red tie. This is to mimic the black and white movie theme, with a little splash of color. Adrienne then talked about the Color Guard Sewing committee. The Saturday before last they had a full house and made tremendous progress. All the flags were cut out and assembled. The uniforms were cut out. This weekend they will trim the flags, and press and topstitch them. They have another full house signed up this weekend. Adrienne mentioned that we save a fortune by sewing the flags ourselves. This all takes place in Home Ec Room 100. Adrienne also said that she has contacted Fisher, and our Color Guard will visit them at lunch, to help Fisher get their Color Guard started.

Season/Year Overview:

Marching Band Season and Competitions: Bill Gallmeister

Bill said that Lori Ingle is in charge of the band buddies program, and to make sure to call your band buddy if you have any questions.

He also said to use the website. The calendar on the website is updated almost daily. Be sure to note that the November 6th football game has been added to the calendar.

He said the football games are a lot of fun. And the competitions are cool. Get involved. If you volunteer for a competition, you can sign up to get a dinner for \$5.

The season is done after the finals which are November 21st and 22nd in Fresno/Clovis.

Then the band will be preparing for its **winter concert**.

CMEA Solo and Small Ensemble requests are due to Mr. Fortino on October 2nd.

State Honor Band recorded auditions are due by November 30th. Students buy their own music. Go to the CBDA website to see a list of scales and audition pieces that are required.

On December 11th, there will be auditions at San Jose State for the **County Honor Band**. The audition fee is \$5.

The band marches in the **December Holiday Parade**. There will be a December holiday party for the boosters. We are looking for someone to volunteer to host the party.

Fundraising Reports: Bill Gallmeister and Pam Ashford

Our two biggest fundraisers are Claws for a Cause, where we bring in \$8,000, and the Crabfest in January or February. There is some talk of changing Crabfest to something else, but unless someone comes up with a new idea, we will be having Crabfest as planned.

The students can earn a lot of money by selling Dollar Candy Bars, and collecting Christmas trees.

Susan Ng mentioned that last year there were not enough candy bars, that we ran out quickly. Pam Ashford said they made sure there will be enough this year.

We also get some money from escrip.

If you buy anything at Los Gatos Meats, tell them you're with the band, and a portion of the money goes to the band.

If you buy anything at Music Village, bring your receipt to the bandroom, and we accumulate credit toward purchases there.

Italy Trip: Carolyn Dufort

Lori Ingle is collecting the money for the Italy trip. A payment of \$650 per person is due on October 10th. Another payment of \$650 is due on November 10th. A payment of \$200 is due on December 10th. And the final balance will be due on January 10th.

Carolyn handed out itineraries of the trip after the meeting.

Our first **mandatory parent/student meeting** is on December 2nd.

Important items to check off your list are:

- 1) Pay for the trip.

- 2) Update passports. Passports must be valid through October 18, 2010.
- 3) Everyone must also turn in **2 extra passport photos and a color copy of your passport** at the December 2nd meeting, or before to Lori Ingle. The 2 extra passport photos do not need to match the photos on your actual passport.
- 4) If your passport is foreign, you must check to see if you also need a visa.
- 5) Attend the mandatory parent/student meetings on December 2nd, March 3rd, April 5th, Wednesday, April 7th.

Lori Ingle said 110 people are going so far and there is room for more who want to sign up. She handed out statements to people who have made payments after the meeting.

Band Camp Photos: Carolyn mentioned there are portraits from band camp available for sale. They are posted in the bandroom. Orders are due by October 1st.

Committee Reports:

Band Camp: Carolyn thanked all the volunteers for making band camp run smoothly.

Field Show Support: Teri Fogarty said that Super Saturdays are going well.

Booster Shirt Sales: Deidre Hanford showed our booster polo shirts and said tonight is the last night to order shirts and hats. If there are spelling errors on the band jackets, contact Deidre. New jackets will be here in 2-3 weeks. If your student doesn't have a jacket yet, there are some spare jackets in the bandroom.

Competition Food: Lori Ingle said there will be a hot buffet at all of the 5 competitions. There will also be hot drinks, cold drinks, and dessert. The food will be available to all students, staff, and volunteers who are volunteering at the competition. Volunteers pay \$5. Students and staff eat free.

There is a change this year, that if you are not signed up to volunteer for the competition, you need to either buy food at the competition, at a nearby restaurant, or bring food with you. This is due to the fact that the food committee is already feeding about 150 people per competition, just with students, staff, and competition volunteers. And in the past, reservation lists did not work out well.

However, in November, at the senior dinner in Fresno/Clovis, there will be a reservation list so other folks can sign up for dinner for \$5.

The food committee still needs a lot of help for dessert and cleanup, so please check the website and sign up.

Trailer and GEM Car: Mike Dufort said the GEM car is all set for competitions. Janet Patton and David Van't Hof will be towing the trailers to the competitions.

Janet asked for information to be sent to parents on how the competitions work. Bill agreed that is a good idea.

Pit Pops: Skip MacAskill

The Pit Pops are like the maintenance crew at competitions. They have a project list they are working on. There will be 2 rehearsals scheduled to pack and unpack the trailers. More details will be coming.

Bench Pad Installer: Dan Rabago is the bench pad installer for the home football games.

Fresno/Clovis Trip: Pam Ashford is looking for lodging at a church or a school that has a flat social hall for sleeping, and a kitchen.

Website: Tracy Young

The website is kept up to date. Please use it at www.lghsmusic.net

Escrip: After the meeting, there are Quality of Life cards to pick up. These can be used at Nob Hill.

Potato Sales: Susan Hoffman said that if you are on the potato committee, you can pick up all the supplies and potatoes on Wednesday evenings in the bandroom.

Outreach: Adrienne Jardetzky said that middle school students can start joining the band at home football games on September 18th.

In the past, middle schoolers have been invited to ride to competitions with us, and work in the pit. This year we are not sure if there is room on the bus for this.

New Business:

Photo Wall: Carlota Roa volunteered to put up a photo wall in the bandroom.

Rehearsal Mirror: We need a 6 x 10 feet shatterproof rehearsal mirror for the drummers. Pramila Mullan said she got one like this for about \$50 from Home Depot, and she will look into this.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 7th, 7-8 pm (in bandroom)