

Liberty High School Band Booster General Meeting
May 4, 2010
Jennifer Peck called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Jennifer pointed out that the presentation given tonight will be on the Liberty Band Boosters website and any updates/changes will be added to the calendar. She encouraged parents to always check the website for the latest information and tell other parents as well. Dan Van Wijk does a great job keeping it updated.

Treasurer Report by Paul Pabich

Paul pointed out the areas/accounts that we have our money:

- School Account-already under the charitable account with the IRS
- Integrity Account-waiting on 5013c to become a charitable organization-getting closer every day.
- Petty Cash/Scrip: We have several hundreds of dollars in Scrip Cards in stock

Budget

- Financially healthy. One of the main reasons is that Principal Thimmig gave us \$10,000 for buses this year that we were not counting on. We anticipated spending \$18,000 but only spent \$1400.
- We continue to spend less than we budgeted in major areas which allow us to support the band in other areas beyond the original budget. (Instrument maintenance and equipment rental/supplies).
- Corporate contributions are running 2 1/2 times higher than what we thought we would be able to bring in this year. Thanks to Panda Express & Verizon.
- Air Force Concessions-doing very well. We are running 20% higher (\$1000 above budget) and we still have graduation week to work. Last year we made \$2675 during graduation week.
- Jazz band brought in \$1400 more than expected which will be helpful because we are looking to bring in a special event clinic for the jazz band since they were not able to go to Greeley.
- We are about \$729 above on Scrip. We are receiving about \$400 every other month from just the King Soopers reloadable cards which only represents about 20 families.
- We have paid clinicians as well as competition entry fees but will recoup that money when we start to get marching band dues later this year.
- Sales Tax-We still need to charge sales tax on hoodies/shirts and send it in to the county/state.
- Use Tax: We had to pay this tax for things we should have spent sales tax on but we didn't. We had inadvertently used the schools account number but paid for the items with the Integrity account. Hopefully knowing what we know now, this will not happen again.

5013C Status

- IRS has acknowledged that they have received our forms and cashed our check.
- They are several months behind so it may be awhile before we hear from them but when we do we will have three weeks to respond. We need to check the mail box frequently to make sure we don't miss anything from them.

Spring Break/Band Student Accounts

- Paul had a print out on the back table for parents to be able to review their student's accounts. Most of the students that went on the band trip are at zero. The information has been updated for those who sold frozen foods.

Fundraising

Sherry thanked those who volunteered this year and making her job as easy as possible. She added that we had a very successful year and we are leaving it in "good" shape. There are a few things left:

- Air Force Academy Concessions- we are working during the high school graduations 5/19-21. The Air Force Academy asked if we would work the AFA graduation 5/26/10. Sign-up sheets were posted in the back for all dates. The AFA graduation will be an early slot. We will have to be there by 6:30 am but we will be done by 3:00. We will need to staff 3 trailers as well as people in the stands. We will need 12-15

people each day to make it as easy and successful as possible. With all four days, we have the potential of making around \$4000. It is definitely worth our while. We are really gearing toward concessions, scrip, and march-a-thon and moving away from the kids having to sell things.

- Scrip Cards- available for purchase at the meeting. Sherri explained the Scrip program briefly and fliers were made available to new parents.
- Petrie's Family Games - Vonda explained that it is the 2nd Saturday of the month, 10% of your purchase price will be donated to LHS Band Boosters. A coupon is available on the LBB website.

Questions:

Sherry McManus asked: *Can graduated seniors work the AFA concessions?*

Sherri Stoltzfus replied: *Yes, they can as well as the other two days of graduation that don't conflict with their own.*

Susie Taggart asked: *Are we going to start a relationship with Noodles in addition to or in lieu of Panda?*

Sherri Stoltzfus replied: *We have to wait on Noodles because they will only pay by direct deposit and the school will not work with us on direct deposit. So we will not be able to work with them until our 5013c is approved and we can direct deposit those funds into the Integrity account.*

New Business

Introduction of the New Board for 2010-2011- all running unopposed

President: Michelle VanWijk
First Vice President-Administration: Pam Bower
Second Vice President-Programming: Diana Cecilliani
Third Vice President-Ways and Means: Shaun Hines
Secretary: Sandy Kenyon
Treasurer: Vonda McEachern
Communications: Marilyn Lauffer
Appointed Bookkeeper: Sherri Stoltzfus

Jennifer made a motion to the floor to accept the slate as presented. Darlene Hoff made a motion and Debbie Cloe seconded. The new board was approved with no exception.

Golf Tournament-Jeff Cloe

- The goal is 100 golfers which equates to around \$3300.00
- Spread the word-if anyone knows of businesses or sponsorships to donate gifts so that we could possibly support a raffle or use the gifts as prizes to enhance the event (\$50-100 range)
- Food-Jeff suggested Panda to provide food for lunch (buffet style). **Diana said she would ask Panda what they could do.**
- Looking for volunteers (5-6 people) to help keep track of corporate sponsors, sponsors gifts and registration.
- Other ideas-a putting green contest where a prize is offered (2 putts for \$5.00 with a max of 2 tries). This could generate some extra money.
- Need 4-6 people the day of the event
- Sign-up sheets were posted at the meeting
- Fliers available for parents to take and hand out

Questions:

Susie Taggart asked if there are any legal or tax implications because it is being held a military base with regard to gifts. Steave replied: *No, we host 100 tournaments like this a year.*

Genice suggested that we change the fliers a bit for those who just want to play and not be a corporate sponsor and also include our mailing address. **Sherri said she could make those changes and run more fliers.**

Sherrri suggested that we collect the money ahead of time rather than the day of the tournament as people have a tendency to not show up.

Diana suggested since it is a band fund raising event that maybe we could have a small ensemble there playing. Steave suggested the morning while the participants are practicing but not during the day as it would be disruptive to the participants.

Paul asked Genice if the students who wish to letter during next year are already eligible to start earning their hours by volunteering this spring and summer.

Genice replied: *We need to keep the school years separate. All hours earned after June 2nd (last day of school) would apply toward next year's hours.*

Band Banquet-Diana

- 264 people signed up so far
- Final number needed by tomorrow
- Starts at 6:00 pm and wear name tags to get to know other parents
- Dancing 8-11 pm (Same DJ that played at prom and had a lot of favorable reviews)
- Awards and Senior recognition
- Someone will be there taking pictures
- Dress up affair and alcohol free

Band Directors Comments

- Things are going really well and we are growing by leaps and bounds
- We are in need of some instruments. Looking at borrowing instruments from middle school and other high schools.
- We just bought a new drum set and a new portable sound system through the school budget
- We will get around \$7000 for buses again next year which is down from this year
- Two guest artists coming: a student from UNC will solo at our last Wind Ensemble concert and the other is internationally known trumpet player Bobby Shew. He will play with our Jazz I Band at the May 15 concert.
- We would like to depend on 3-4 really big fund raisers a year - March-a-Thon, Scrip Cards, Concessions and a Golf Tournament
- Reviewed the accomplishments that the various bands made this year
- More kids need to participate in Solo/Ensemble
- West Side Story-the pit was amazing.
- Scheduling has been done for next year
- Great job to the outgoing board for great accomplishments

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm