

LHSBPA General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday February 25, 2008

Officers Present: Eric Clark—President
Laura Richter—Vice President
Evonne Green—Treasurer
Allison Blazer—Secretary

Band Director: Woody Gehlert

Members Present: Jennifer Clark, Tom & Lisa Dulaney, Al Scherman, Jose Cables, Brian McCarter, Jeannette Stokes, Mary McClaskey, Carl Supersano, Louisa Randolph, Melanie Pancho, Michael DeCora, Nikki Lewis, Elinor Cunniff, Tara Snead, Jondell Ritchie, Sharon McCullough, Valerie & D.J. Johnston, Renee Fowler, Christopher Harrell, Valerie McQueen-Vance, Evan Brookman, Nedra Howard, Ike Green, Ken German, Bill Blazer, Karen Wright.

Total Present: 48

Meeting Called to Order at 6:32 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Eric Clark

- **Welcome:** Thanked everyone for coming.
- **Leave of Absence:** Eric will be attending school in Rhode Island for 2 months. Vice President, Laura Richter, will be the acting President until his return in May.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Laura Richter

- Nothing to report at this time.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Allison Blazer

- Minutes from January's meeting were presented for review. Tom Dulaney made a motion to accept the minutes. Al Scherman seconded the motion. The minutes were voted into the permanent record unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Evonne Green

- **Band Fees:** Many students are behind on their band fees. Please contact Mr. Gehlert or Evonne to make certain your child is up to date with their fees.
- **Fundraising:** We are behind in fundraising. It is very important that students and parents participate in all remaining fundraisers to the extent that they are able.

DRUM MAJOR'S REPORT: Drum Majors not present—no report.

BAND DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Woody Gehlert

- **Pre-festival Concert** was February 21st. Students did well. We received good comments from the judges which should help us at the upcoming District 2 Band Festival.
- **District 2 Band Festival** is March 7 & 8 at Cox High School. Symphonic Band performs Friday. Wind Ensemble performs Saturday. Need 4 chaperones for each day. Please contact Evonne or Mr. Gehlert if you can help chaperone.
- **All State Band:** Congratulations to Ryan C. for making 1st alternate at All State Band in Harrisonburg, VA.
- **All City Jazz Band** is March 14-15 at Plaza Middle School.
- **Band Pictures** are March 17th for Marching Band. It will be a composite picture. Information will be sent home and posted on the Band web site. Make-up pictures will be March 18 & 19.
- **Spring Break** is March 24-28.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Concessions: Jennifer Clark** will need someone to cover concessions for events held while Jennifer is in Florida on the Band Trip.
- **Uniforms: Elinor Cunniff** Nothing to report at this time.
- **Equipment: Ike Green** Nothing to report at this time.
- **Chaperones: Evonne Green /Crawford Brown** (absent) need chaperones for District 2 Band Festival March 7-8. Lisa & Tom Dulaney and Al Scherman volunteered to chaperone on Saturday March 8. Elinor Cunniff volunteered to chaperone on Friday March 7th.
- **Communications/Publicity: Eric Clark/Evonne Green** Please send information for the Newsletter to Brenda Mabry or Evonne.
- **Color Guard: Louisa Randolph** Nothing to report at this time.
- **Ways & Means: Valerie Johnston**
 - **Fundraising Meeting:** Valerie met with students after school February 12th to get input for future fundraisers. Drew tickets from previous fundraisers. Karen B. and Ryan C. both won gift cards. Students came up with idea for Carnival fundraiser with games, hot dog eating contest and chili cook-off. This is still in the planning stages. It is tentatively scheduled for May 24th. Al Scherman volunteered to help with this event. Also, during this meeting, Ryan C. volunteered to look through several brochures regarding future fundraising opportunities and report back to the group at a later date.
 - **Penny Wars:** Valerie provided labeled bottles for the ongoing penny war between different groups within the band. Results at this point are posted on the bulletin board. The winning team will be announced at the Band Banquet.
 - **Texas 21 & Talent Show Fundraisers are coming up.** More details later.
 - **Five Below Fundraiser:** Looking into fundraiser where Band gets 10% of sales on a particular day. Would like to hold it before Spring Break, so shoppers can use this opportunity to fill their Easter baskets.

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser: Participation was a little disappointing. Much less than previous Krispy Kreme sales. Tickets from this fundraiser were drawn and prizes were given out.

Grocery Store Receipts: Discussed whether the band could participate in rewards programs at Food Lion and Farm Fresh. Also discussed possibility of selling Script (grocery coupons).

WOW Fundraiser: Looking into holding a cashola night at World of Wings for a percentage of total receipts.

Holiday Fundraisers: Valerie thanked those who participated in the Holiday Lights, Holiday Parades and Gift Wrapping fundraisers. The overall participation level was low, and we did not make as much money as we could have.

Talent Show April 18: Update from Talent Show committee (Jondell Ritchie, Valerie Vance, Brenda Mabry). Have a sign-up list for students and parents. Want to hold at least 2 auditions. One in the afternoon and one in the evening. Would like to hold auditions on March 17 & 18. Will need parents to help with auditions. Need posters and flyers to advertise. Mr. German offered to help with posters and flyers.

Texas 21: Report from Al Scherman-Chairperson. Last Texas 21 we had 15 tables, we are hoping to get 20 tables and a Craps table this time. We will have a D.J. who announces all the sponsors and there will be a free-standing banner for all sponsors as well. Sponsors for tables are \$100.

Goal Ball Clinic May 3rd: Evonne explained that we would like to host a Goal Ball Clinic in conjunction with the Blind Lion's Club. This is a form of basketball that is played by the blind. We would like to host the clinic in the LHS gymnasium. We will need 3 referees, people to work concessions and someone to take tickets. We would have to pay for a police officer and a custodian. Our goal would be to break even this year in hopes of continuing this event in subsequent years to make a profit.

Carnival: Still in planning stages. Possible date May 24th. Al Scherman has agreed to look into the feasibility of this event.

Golf Tournament: Will try to schedule this for the next calendar year, possibly in August.

OLD BUSINESS:

Appointments: Nominating Committee: We need 3 non-board members to collect the names of people interested in serving on the Executive Board next year. Linda Mapp, Elinor Cunniff, and Renee Fowler volunteered to serve on this committee.

Banquet Committee: Volunteers are Mary McClaskey, Jondell Ritchie, Jennifer Clark, Al Scherman.
Date-June 2nd.

By-laws Committee: Need Chairperson, board member and 1 parent from each class. Al Scherman (Chairperson), Valerie Johnston (Sophomore), Tom Dulaney (Freshman), Louisa Randolph (Junior) and Laura Richter (board member)

volunteered. Need to ask John Gordon, who has a rising freshman, to be on this committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Next LHSBPA Meeting is Monday March 17, 2008 @ 6:30**

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Tom Dulaney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Al Scherman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

SPRING TRIP: Report from Mr. Gehlert

- Mandatory Student/Parent Meeting April 7th @ 6:30 in auditorium.
- Bus will leave LHS at 7:30 p.m. on April 23rd. Students should eat dinner before they come. Next morning, Thursday, students will eat breakfast at the world's largest MacDonald's. From there, we will go to a Disney Park- lunch and dinner coupons are provided. We will stay until closing, then go to the hotel and check in. Next day, breakfast buffet-coupon provided and then head to another Park. Lunch and Dinner coupons provided. We will try to have a concert performance if possible. Next day, breakfast buffet, check out of hotel, go to Park. Leave Florida that night and arrive back in Virginia Beach around 10-11 a.m. At this point, Mr. Gehlert is trying to determine if there are enough students going so that the band can perform. If there are not enough people, we will look into participating in the leadership seminar. (This was done by Cox High School.)
- **Deposit Collected:** Evonne Green collected the \$150.00 deposit and notarized form of intent from students.
- **Roommate Preferences:** Students filled out blue card listing their names and the names of 2 students they would like to room with.
- **Park Preferences:** Students filled out form listing the 3 parks, in rank order, that they would like to visit.