

# South Lyon East Band Booster Meeting

## March 2, 2017 – Meeting Minutes

\*Minutes were approved by the board via email on 3/6/17\*

- I. **Open Meeting** – Joe Grima called the meeting to order at 7:42pm.
  - a. In attendance were: Matt Smith, Joe Grima (President), Jim Hill (Treasurer), Jay Blades (VP Operations), Laura Hogan, Steve McGuire, and numerous current and future band parents. (There was no sign-in sheet, since this booster meeting immediately followed the larger parent/student meeting for those interested in marching band for next year.)
  - b. Approval of previous meeting minutes – the minutes from the February meeting were approved by the board via email on February 6 and posted to the band website.
  
- II. **Director's Report** – Matt Smith
  - a. Marching Band – the interest meeting for next year just concluded, and had a good turnout.
  - b. Festival – this will be on Saturday, March 11 at Walled Lake Northern. State Solo & Ensemble will be the week after that on the 18th at SLHS.
  - c. Sponsorship ideas/letter – Mr. Smith has developed a letter to solicit potential sponsors for next year.
  
- III. **President's Report** – Joe Grima
  - a. Discussion of replacement board positions – 3 of this year's current board members will be leaving after this year, so the positions of president, treasurer, and secretary need to be filled. Also the VP of development position has been open all year and needs to be filled. Joe, Jim and Heidi described the duties of their board positions. Joe also described the duties of VP of development, with the main need being help organizing fundraising and potential sponsorship (for things like refurbishing the trailer that was donated to the band this year). At the next booster meeting, we will discuss specific fundraising ideas for next year.
  - b. If anyone is interested in filling one of the booster board positions for next year, they should contact any one of the current board members or Matt Smith or Laura Hogan.
  
- IV. **Music Department Coordinator's Report** - Laura Hogan
  - a. Trip update – every other year the band and choir take a trip. Fundraising starts during the summer with things like car washes and U of M concessions sales (incoming freshman can participate in the fundraisers, too, in order to start saving money for the next trip in two years). Most of this year's trip payments from students/parents have been collected, with just a couple kids still having outstanding payments. The trip will be to Nashville, from April 5 through the morning of April 8.
  - b. Outstanding band fee debt – only 5 kids still owe some money from this year's band fees, and Laura and Jim are working on collecting that money.
  
- V. **Treasurer's Report** – Jim Hill
  - a. Update on account – The current end-of-month amount is \$9,351.75. We've collected most of the trip fees and have to make our last payment to the travel agency soon. We track all kids' fundraising toward their trips in our account, so that comes out once they use it to pay for their trips. We had to put a deposit down for summer drum major camp already, to hold spots for our drum majors (\$500). Also, several deposits/payments are still in process. So, with all of those adjustments, we actually have about \$2,800 in the account. The board will be working on next year's proposed budget in the next month or two, so that it is ready to present at the June meeting.
  
- VI. **VP of Development** – This board position is currently open. The responsibilities include helping with fundraiser coordination, making sure member-at-large committees are functioning (food for students, uniforms, etc.), and looking into getting corporate donations. The job can be shared by more than one person, if a couple of people would like to divide the responsibilities. If anyone would like to take on this position, please let someone on the board know, or tell Laura Hogan or Mr. Smith.
  
- VII. **VP of Operations** – Jay Blades
  - a. We need to get the scaffolding out of the trailer before next Saturday, since the trailer is needed to transport instruments to Band Festival. The other trailer is currently in use by Winter Guard. The scaffolding will be stored in the fieldhouse. Laura, Jay, and Joe will figure out when/how to do this and will request volunteers to help as needed.

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- b. Jay has started gathering prices for replacing the metal siding on the donated trailer, and will provide more information when he has it.

### VIII. **New Business –**

- a. Jim Hill would like anyone with photos of this year's band events to upload them (to the band Facebook page) for inclusion in the end-of-year band slide show.
- b. Joe mentioned that the boosters will not hold a meeting in April, so the next band booster meeting will be on May 4<sup>th</sup>. We will take nominations for board positions at the May meeting, and will vote on next year's board at the June meeting.

Joe motioned to close the meeting, Jim seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

**\*\*Next Meeting: Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 7:00PM\*\***  
**ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!**